



## COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE: 07/18/2023

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF CENTRAL COUNTING STATION FOR THE  
NOVEMBER 7, 2023 ELECTION**

### **COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve the following appointments to the Central Counting Station for the November 7, 2023, Uniform Elections:

Counting Station Manager	Clint Ludwig, Elections Administrator
Presiding Judge, Counting Station	David Lambertsen (R)
Alternate Judge, Counting Station	Katherine Cano (D)
Tabulation Supervisor	Stacey Behymer, Technology Resource Coordinator
Assistant Tabulation Supervisor	Paul Benavides, Voting Systems Analyst

### **BACKGROUND**

Chapter 127 of the Texas Election Code provides for the establishment and organization of a Central Counting Station and the appointment of various counting station personnel by the authority conducting the election if the voting system is designed to have ballots counted or accumulated at a central location. This routine action is requested for each election to allow the Elections Administrator to serve as Counting Station Manager, appointees of the Republican and Democratic Parties to serve as Presiding Judge and Alternate Judge of the counting station; and to allow the appropriate Elections Department staff to facilitate the tabulation of election results. The County Chairs of the political parties submitted lists to the Elections Administrator of persons who are eligible for appointment as Presiding or Alternate Judges. The Presiding Judge and Alternate Judge must be affiliated or aligned with different political parties (Sec. 32.001-32.002). In those lists, the County Chairs expressed their preference for appointments to the positions of Central Counting Station Presiding Judge and Alternate Judge.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

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