NYE COUNTY AGENDA INFORMATION FORM

Department: Nye County Clerk  
Category: Regular Agenda Item  
Agenda Date: September 20, 2022

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Continued from meeting of: 

Return to: Kelly L. Sidman  
Location: Tonopah Clerk’s Office  
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Action requested: (Include what, with whom, when, where, why, how much ($) and terms)

Presentation regarding the paper ballot and hand-count process to be implemented for the Nye County General Election in November 2022.

Complete description of requested action: (Include, if applicable, background, impact, long-term commitment, existing county policy, future goals, obtained by competitive bid, accountability measures)

This will be a 10-15 minute presentation to brief the commission on the process being developed and to inform the public in attendance. Time will depend on questions from the board.

Expenditure Impact by FY(s): (Provide detail on Financial Form)

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Nye County – 2022 General Election Process

March 15, 2022, BOCC Meeting Agenda Item:

- "Nye County Clerk to consider administering the 2022 Primary and General elections using only paper ballots and hand-counting the paper ballots submitted by Nye County voters to ensure accuracy and transparency of the democratic voting process"

- Voted 5-0 to support this request

- Will be implemented with the 2022 General Election
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Implementation Plan Overview

• Use paper ballots at polls instead of touch screens
• One ADA touch screen at each poll for special needs
• Tabulators (vote counters) used for all ballots
• Parallel Hand Count process
• Transparency
• Strengthen check-in, signature and ballot controls
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Paper Ballots

• Mail-in ballots same as previously
• Identical paper ballot completed by the voter at the polls
• Voters will drop ballot in the secure box at polls
• Registration process like prior method
• Voter will sign a signature card and the signature screen.
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ADA Compliance

- Touch screens with ADA compliant accessibility
- Limited to those with special needs
- Stop gap measure while researching alternative solutions
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Tabulation

- Same tabulation process for in-person paper ballots as currently for the mail-in ballots
- In-person ballots sent to Tabulation daily
- 50 ballot batch control log starts with the poll box and the mail receipt
- Stop gap measure while researching alternative solutions
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Hand Count Overview

From Tabulator → 50 Ballot Batch By Precinct

Tally Team Counts Votes 3-way Match

Tally Sheet & Batch

Precinct Batch Total
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Hand Count Team

All three Talliers votes by contest must match and be verified by Reader and Verifier
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The Math

- 32,855 Active Voters
- 26,000 at 80% Voter Turnout (74.84% in 2020 General)
- 520 Batches at 50 Ballots per Batch
- Approximately 40 Batches Per Day (worse case scenario)
- Minimum 8 Teams at 5 Batches per Day Per Team
- Test counts indicate significantly more throughput
- Finish November 10th - remainder November 14th
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Transparency

- Video camera live streaming Hand Count
- Citizens become poll watchers at home
Strengthening Controls

• Stringent signature verification
• No prompting of voter verification information
• Require identification if signature or verification fail
• All ballot handoffs to include ballot control documents with signatures required
• Adjudication to be consistent with State standards and between tabulation and hand-count
Questions