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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 14, 2026

DATE: Thursday, April 02, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Andrew McDonald, Registrar of Voters
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THROUGH: Kate Thomas, County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners acknowledge receipt of the Registrar of Voters' selection of Early Voting and Election Day polling locations and schedule for the 2026 Primary Election, pursuant to NRS 293.3561(2)(b). Voters. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

Nevada law requires the Registrar of Voters to establish polling places for in-person Early Voting and Election Day voting (NRS 293.2731). The Registrar of Voters must also inform the Board of County Commissioners of the sites selected as polling places for early voting by personal appearance (NRS 293.3561(2)(b)).

Early voting begins on Saturday, May 23, and continues through Friday, June 5, 2026. During this period, there will be 22 early voting locations available, as well as 3 locations designated exclusively for mail ballot drop-box voting.

On Election Day, Tuesday, June 9, 2026, voters may cast their ballots at any of the 50 polling locations, as well as 2 locations designated exclusively for mail ballot drop-box voting throughout Washoe County.

Each of these polling places will operate as Vote Centers, meaning any registered voter in Washoe County may vote at the location of their choosing. At each location, voters will be able to either drop off their mail ballot or vote in person using ballot marking devices (BMDs).

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Stewardship of our community

PREVIOUS ACTION

April 23, 2024 – Board of County Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the Registrar of Voters' selection of the Early Voting and Election Day polling place locations and schedule for the 2024 Primary Election.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

BACKGROUND

Each election cycle, the Registrar of Voters seeks to meet the demand for early voting and Election Day voting by providing an adequate number of locations to ensure voters in each geographic area of the community have access to a voting location near their home or place of work.

Election Day polling locations are distributed throughout the county to provide broad access to voting opportunities for all eligible registered voters in Washoe County.

FISCAL IMPACT

Early voting for the 2026 Primary Election is estimated to cost approximately \$366,500. These costs include poll worker compensation, enhanced security and safety measures, and other miscellaneous operational expenses necessary to support early voting and ballot drop-off locations during the two-week early voting period.

There is sufficient budget authority in the FY26 Budget in Elections Administration (112210).

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners acknowledge receipt of the Registrar of Voters' selection of early voting and Election Day polling place locations and schedule for the 2026 Primary Election, as required by NRS 293.3561(2)(b).

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *“Move to acknowledge receipt of the Registrar of Voters' selection of Early Voting and Election Day polling locations and schedule for the 2026 Primary Election, pursuant to NRS 293.3561(2)(b).”*