



Burnet County Elections

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Statistics from May 9, 2009 Elections

Total Number of Voters Who Voted: 3,404
 Total Number of Registered Voters: 25,986
 Percentage of people that voted: 13.10%
 (9.44% voted in the May 2008 Local Elections)

100% of provisional ballots were counted (at least part of the ballot, based on jurisdictions the voters were eligible to vote in)

49 Ballots by Mail

In the Marble Falls school district election, 1,315 people voted early and 907 voted on election day.
 59%/ 41% split for EV/ ED.

In the Burnet school district election, 549 people voted early and 632 voted on election day.
 46%/ 54% split for EV/ ED.

On the Horizon General Election: November 3, 2009
 Early Voting: October 19-30, 2009

Well, we did it - eleven elections on May 9, 2009.

Thanks to all who worked the county, city and school district elections.



May elections are usually a little complicated, so we appreciate your diligence in getting the right ballots to voters, a very important part of what we do.

RECOUNT - We had a "first" since electronic voting came to Burnet County - a Recount. On Wednesday, May 27, we conducted a recount of the votes cast in the Burnet School District election, Place 6. There were 1,170 electronic votes to count and 11 paper ballots to count. The petitioner asked for a manual recount, so the votes were tallied similar to the Partial Manual Count after a November general election. Cast Vote Records are obtained from the JBCs and a page is printed for each ballot which represents how each voter voted electronically. The recount took all day, but in the end the results yielded exactly the same results as were provided to the school district for their canvass. No votes were added or changed due to the recount.

CLOSE RACES - The Burnet school district was not the only close race decided in this election. Other contests decided by less than 10 vote margins include:

City of Highland Haven	2 votes
City of Meadowlakes Place 4	3 votes
Burnet County ESD #7	4 votes
City of Bertram Full Term	6 votes
City of Cottonwood Shores Mayor	6 votes
Burnet CISD Place 2	8 votes



Notes from the Judges Powwow on May 21:

A. Positive Election Tools:

- ❖ New "I Voted" stickers
- ❖ Ballot Explanation sheets to help get the right ballots to voters
- ❖ New room layout for Marble Falls Early Voting
- ❖ Use of gray Standard Affidavit sheets for voters and election workers
- ❖ Concise information for election workers

B. Improvements Suggested:

- ❖ Barb and Karen get the times right on the JBCs
- ❖ Signs for the polling places: "Start Here" and "Machines are Not Touch Screens"
I know, you have asked for this before.....maybe by November☺
- ❖ Training Refreshers: course on paperwork, and always Voter Assistance; voters continue to need help, plus improving our assistance with disabled voters
- ❖ Table outside the check-in room at the elections office for election workers to prepare for check-in when they bring supplies back on election night
- ❖ Extra staff on standby for election night work and a smile when you arrive at the end of a long day!

Our sympathy is extended to faithful Burnet County election workers Marsha Neel and Angie Whitfield. Marsha recently lost her husband Mike Neel and Angie Whitfield lost her mother Angie Ogilvie, both during the May election season.

We are so thankful for all of you! Barb, Karen & Kellye

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