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Election Supervisor Report

July 21, 2026

1. Legislative Update.

- a. The Legislature passed SB3EX, which provides for the following:
 - i. Creates a committee to study and recommend standards
 - ii. Pushes the requirements regarding the QR code to 2028.
 - iii. Creates the situation where "the difference between the number of votes received by a candidate who has been declared elected... and the number of votes received by any other candidate or candidates... **shall not be more than one-half of 1 percent...**"
 1. This situation implies that a candidate cannot be declared the winner if the difference is >1% which has been the threshold for an automatic recount.
 2. This will have to be resolve via a court ruling or law change.

2. State Board of Elections update

- i. Has implemented a new rule where: **"The voter's name shall then be recorded in ink and entered on the appropriate numbered list of voters. "Numbered list of voters" means one or more sheets of uniform size containing consecutively numbered blank spaces for the insertion of voters' names at the time of and in the order of receiving their ballots".**
 1. The counties have been relying on the electronic system for decades and now suddenly the SEB has passed a rule that we are to manually create this list.
 2. The way it is worded, someone could potentially link the image of a ballot back to a voter; especially in a small precinct during low voter turnout elections.
- ii. Has Proposed a new rule for Ballot Secrecy.
 1. This is troubling in the fact that it is changing from maintaining secrecy to "protect the absolute secrecy".
 2. Implies that BMD's are only for handicapped and to have be arranged to have the "the ability to communicate in private with authorized persons providing assistance"
 3. If we need to rescan the ballots we are required to reshuffle them to "randomize the order"; which are already shuffled.
 4. Orders the SOS to updated the software. Likely not happening



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3. Registration Stats for June.

a. During the elections periods, we do not process voter registrations

JUNE	
Total Number of Registered Voters	16,264
Number of New Registered Voters	0
Number of Voters who transferred Into Pike	0
Number of Cancelled Registrations (Vitals, Felon, Mentally Incompetent, Voter requested, moved out of state)	11
Totals per Category of Registration:	
DDS Tile	0
MVP Tile	0
OLVR Tile	0
Mail/ Walk in Applications	0
Vital Records	7
Felon Records (40 Day clock)	0
Transfers out of County	47

4. Advance Voting at the Library.

a. This was a huge success.

i. The comments that have been received have been very positive:

1. Everyone liked the easy parking.
2. Ease of access.
3. The larger voting area.

b. The new voting cabinets helped make the setting up and removal of equipment easier, especially on the night that the Library had the Untamed Zoo using the same room that we were using for Advance Voting.

5. Thank you for your support.



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