

AGENDA ITEM 50

Consider approving locations, dates, and times for early voting in the April 13 Runoff Election.

John Willingham, Lisa Birkman, Charlie Culpepper, and Tom McDaniel addressed the Court.

Moved: **Commissioner Curlee**

Seconded: **Commissioner Hays**

Motion: To approve locations, dates, and times for early voting in the April 13 Runoff Election, subject to changing the status of the Brushy Creek Community Center from 'part-time to be opened part-time' to 'part-time to be opened for four (4) days' (Monday, April 5 through Thursday, April 8).

Vote: 5 – 0

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RECOMMENDED EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS AND TIMES, RUNOFF, 2004**FULL-TIME LOCATIONS, DATES AND TIMES: April 5-8, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.**Main Location: Georgetown Courthouse, 710 Main, Georgetown 3Branch Locations:

Round Rock Library, 216 E Main, Round Rock 1

Round Rock ISD Admin. Building (Red River Room), 1311 Round Rock Ave, Round Rock 1

Anderson Mill Municipal Utility District, 11500 El Salido Parkway, Austin, TX 2

Williamson County Annex, 350 Discovery Blvd., Cedar Park, TX 2

Celebrations, 3010 Williams Drive, Georgetown (formerly known as Brookshire Brothers) 3

Sun City Social Center, 2 Texas Drive, Georgetown 3

Clay-Madsen Recreation Center, 1600 Gattis School Road, Round Rock 4

Williamson County Taylor Annex, 412 Vance, Taylor 4

~~Part-time~~ ^{Full time} Location, Dates and Times: April 5-8, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Brushy Creek MUD Office, 16318 Great Oaks Dr., Round Rock

Rural Mobile Locations: None (same as last Runoff, 2002).

Explanation: In the 2002 Primary Election, the Sun City Social Center was a part-time location for both the Primary and Runoff, just as the Brushy Creek MUD Office is now. In the 2002 Runoff election, Sun City was open only the last two days of the early voting period. The recommendation is for that precedent to be applied to the 2004 Runoff. In elections administration, departing from established practices must be done with great care in order to avoid the appearance of favoritism. Opening the MUD for all four days of early voting in the Runoff could be construed to favor the candidacies of some persons involved in the Runoff. If the Court decides to open the MUD for all four days of early voting in the Runoff, I strongly recommend that the Court obtain the approval of all candidates in the Runoff before doing so. The same principle applies to the rural locations. Using them in this year's Runoff would be a departure from precedent and should be done only with the approval of all candidates involved in the Runoff.

approved 3-23-04
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