

Supporting Election Administration in your County

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Topics

- Role of County Judge
- Role of County Commissioners
- Preparing for 2024 Elections
- Securing 2024 Election
- Promoting Voter Confidence in 2024



Texas Elections

- Decentralized System
- Elections are run by the County.
- The Role of the Texas Secretary of State
 - State maintains statewide election management system
 - Voter registration
 - Candidate filings
 - Election night returns
 - Advice and assistance, uniformity, official forms, training and education, certification of election technology.
- Data is provided to the state by the counties, but all official election records and data are maintained locally.



Role of County Judge



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- County Election Commission
- County Election Board
- Ordering the Election
- Possession of Ballot Box keys when Sheriff is on the Ballot
- Candidate Filings (Write-in and Independent Candidates)



Role of County Commissioner



Role of County Commissioners

- Many decisions related to elections go through commissioners court
 - Election Workers
 - Polling Places
 - Voting System Equipment
 - Canvassing the Election



Preparing for our 2024 Elections



Transparency in our 2024 Elections

- Open Meetings
- Access to Election Records
- Access to Election Offices



Accessibility in our 2024 Elections

- Polling Places
- Equipment
- Websites
- Litigation



Accuracy of our 2024 Elections

- Voting System Testing
- Canvass of Election – Ministerial Duty!
- Reconciliation of Election Results
- Post Election Auditing



Securing our 2024 Elections

- Securing your offices, polling places, and voters
- Election Security Taskforce
 - County Judge/Commissioners
 - Sheriff
 - Local Law Enforcement
 - Emergency Management Coordinator
 - County of District Attorney
- Incidence Response Planning
- Budget Concerns
- Preparing for Misinformation/Disinformation



Promoting Voter Confidence in 2024

- Community Leadership
- Budget Considerations
- Establishing Trusted Sources – Your County Election Officials
- Supporting Your County Election Office



Questions?

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