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TO: Commissioner's Court

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RE: Elections Cell Phones

Request Commissioner's Court consideration and approval to upgrade the 10 existing elections flip phones to iPhones, and to purchase 120 new iPhones, to be utilized starting with the November 3, 2020 General & Special Elections. Cell phones will be assigned to election judges to use for official election purposes and emergency communication in the polling place, and assigned to elections field technicians who provide support to the polling locations. Phones will be checked out with election supplies and returned after the election.

Funding for the upgrade, purchase of new phones and phone line costs for October 2020 and November 2020 will be provided from the Elections CARES Grant Funds. Current phone line costs are \$20/month for the flip phones and would increase to \$40/month. Request Court's approval to fund the ongoing phone line costs from the Contract Elections Fund when the CARES Grant Funds expire on November 30, 2020. Service for all cell phones are activated and deactivated per election.