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DATE: June 24, 2024

TO: Commissioners Court

FROM: Bruce Sherbet

RE: Additional Voting Equipment Required for the November 5, 2024 General

Election

During the 88th Texas Legislative Session in 2023, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 924 which amended Section 42.051 of the Texas Election Code. A last minute amendment to SB924 eliminated the option to combine voting precincts in counties with a population of less than 1.2 million that are participating in the countywide polling place program (i.e. vote centers). As a result of the legislation, Collin County will be required to increase from 105 Election Day polling places to 126 polling places for the November 5, 2024 General Election. This new law only impacts the number of polling places required in even-year general elections. Collin County does not have enough election equipment to accommodate the required 20% increase in polling places. Specifically, the items needed to equip the 20 additional polling places are DS200 Ballot Scanner/Tabulators, ExpressVote Printers, and Pollbook laptops.

Lease Voting Equipment from ES&S

75 DS200 Ballot Scanner/Tabulators (\$1,412 ea. X 75) = **\$105,900** 100 ExpressVote Printers (\$110 ea. X 100) = **\$11,000**

Purchase

100 Pollbook Laptops, licenses and peripherals (\$3000 X 100) = \$300,000

Funding source for the above requested items is 033 Contract Elections Fund.