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DATE: August 12, 2024

TO: Commissioners Court

FROM: Bruce Sherbet

RE: Purchase of Sequentially Numbered Ballot Stock

On June 24, 2024, the Secretary of State's Office issued Election Advisory 2024-21 alerting all election officials in Texas that counties are no longer permitted to apply randomized sequence numbers to ballots "using electronic pollbook systems or using peripheral devices that directly connect to electronic pollbook systems." Election Advisory 2024-21 removes the ability to apply randomized sequence numbers in the method that was previously allowed under Election Advisory 2019-23.

In order to comply with Election Advisory 2024-21, Collin County will need to order 1,200,000 sequentially pre-numbered ballots for the November 5, 2024 General Election. The ballots will need to be received no later than September 2024 so that election kits can be prepared for the election. The cost and shipping charges for ordering 1,200,000 pre-numbered ballots is \$262,474.00.

Request Commissioners Court approval to move funds in the amount of \$262,474.00 from the 1033 Elections Contract Fund into Line Item 1033-05020-0001-41-30-0000-626401.