



RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2025 HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT (HAVA) ELECTION SECURITY SUBGRANT

WHEREAS, the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) provides federal funds to states and local jurisdictions to support and improve election systems and the administration of elections; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas, acting through the Texas Secretary of State, has awarded a 2025 HAVA Election Security Subgrant to Atascosa County, Texas, to support enhancements to the county's election systems and security; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Subgrant provides state funds in the amount of \$42,500 and requires a 20% local match; and

WHEREAS, Commissioners Court agrees that the expenditure of the funds will be in accordance with applicable federal and state law and any agreement between Atascosa County and the State of Texas, Office of the Secretary of State as authorized under Section 101 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 and in consultation and agreement with the county election official(s) as defined in Sections 12.001 and 31.091 of the Texas Election Code.

WHEREAS, the funds will be used for the purpose of improving election security, including but not limited to cybersecurity enhancements, secure election equipment, improvements to physical election security, and related training; and

WHEREAS, Commissioners Court agrees to assign a single point of contact (SPOC) to act on behalf of the county in communicating with the Office of the Secretary of State, including the submission of reimbursement requests and any other required reports.

WHEREAS, Commissioners Court agrees claims against the fund shall be audited and approved in the same manner as other claims against the county before they are paid.

WHEREAS, Commissioners Court agrees that it will not consider the availability of the funds in adopting the county budget.

WHEREAS, Commissioners Court agrees that in the event of loss, misuse, or noncompliance pursuant to any grant award agreement with the Secretary of State, the Commissioners Court assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Secretary of State in full.

WHEREAS, the Texas Secretary of State requires formal acceptance of the Subgrant and authorization for the County Judge to execute all related documents and amendments.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ATASCOSA COUNTY, TEXAS.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2025, by a vote of ____ in favor and ____ opposed.

WELDON CUDE
COUNTY JUDGE

MARK GILLESPIE
COMMISSIONER PCT #1

MARK BOWEN
COMMISSIONER PCT #2

GEORGE "BUTCH" PAWELEK
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ATTEST:

THERESA CARRASCO
COUNTY CLERK