

Public Comments Before Commissioner's Court, July 11, 2023

Good morning, gentlemen. Claire Nybro, Burnet County resident and voter.

Two weeks ago I informed the Commissioner's Court that a public election integrity event will take place in Kerr County, on August 22, 2023. I have additional information: US Representative Chip Roy, TX Senator Bob Hall, and former Mesa County, CO, County Clerk Tina Peters will be in attendance, and there will be a demonstration of the Ch 65 hand count tally method, the only legal hand count system in Texas which has been on the books since at least 1879.

Another public election integrity event will be held in Fredericksburg on Sunday, July 23rd, at 5:30 PM. Tina Peters will also be in attendance at this event, & Mark Cook, the cyber security expert, will be there as well.

Yesterday, Uvalde County Commissioners, after being petitioned to adopt a paper ballot method, voted to retain their current voting system, despite being publicly advised that the Hart electronic voting machines used in their elections are not legally certified as required by the federal Election Assistance Commission. Did you catch that? Uvalde County commissioners are IGNORING the fact that their machines do not comply with the law. One of their commissioners actually made a motion to deny the use of manual counting, which is wholly illegal. Thankfully, that motion died for lack of a second. All recorded on YouTube for eternal posterity, much to their future chagrin.

The movement to return to paper ballots and hand counts is growing. Please read the recent Resolution and Press Release from the Florida Public Assembly, copies of which I have included in the materials I would like entered into the public record today. That assembly is urging the Florida Governor and State Legislature to replace electronic voting systems with paper ballots and hand counts.

Chapter 65 of the Texas Election Code can be adopted by you, the Burnet County Commissioners, at any time. Chapter 65 is legal, it's been around since at least 1879, no laws need to change, it's much cheaper to use than the machines, and the Secretary of State has all the required forms and provides support. All we need to stop the spread of tyranny is your vote to adopt Chapter 65.

Gentlemen, what are you waiting for?



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PRESS RELEASE

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FLORIDA REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY URGES GOVERNOR DESANTIS AND STATE LEGISLATURE TO REPLACE ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS WITH PAPER BALLOTS AND HAND COUNTS.

The Florida Republican Assembly (FRA) is deeply concerned that the state's electronic voting system is being managed by a single vendor without sufficient oversight, transparency, or proper authorization. There is a growing sentiment among Floridians who have lost trust in this system and are calling for a return to paper ballots and manual hand counts.

FRA President Peter Kouracos stated, "It is disheartening to learn that our elections seem to have evolved into a selection process lacking necessary oversight."

We emphasize that this is **not** a partisan issue, but rather an issue regarding the sanctity of our democratic right to vote. This right is a cornerstone of our democracy and must be protected diligently by every American.

However, there is hope. The FRA Voter Integrity Team, led by Vice President Kris Jurski, has been working to develop a comprehensive "The People's Audit" grassroots voter integrity system. This system is more advanced than the current technology used by election supervisors. It enables analysis of the entire Florida voter database within 5 hours, identifying inaccuracies such as incorrect addresses, voters who have relocated out of state, deceased individuals, and other anomalies. For instance, our records indicate over 400,000 incorrect addresses and 220,000 individuals who have moved out of state yet remain on the voter rolls.

Kris Jurski said, "As Vice President, my main duty is to scrutinize and analyze voter data across the state, and then communicate my findings and recommendations to FRA leadership, election supervisors, and the public. The FRA is committed to truth and transparency, irrespective of where the evidence leads. We are grateful that almost 75% of election supervisors have been exceptionally professional and collaborative."

As part of our commitment to voter integrity and in compliance with the United States Constitution, the Florida Republican Assembly is advocating for legislation that bans electronic voting systems in Florida and reinstates paper ballots and manual hand counts.

By a unanimous decision of its directors and the endorsement of fifteen-chapter Presidents, the FRA supports Governor DeSantis and the Florida State Legislature in their efforts to pass legislation that bans electronic voting systems. We strongly encourage the adoption of paper ballots and the establishment of manual hand count procedures in time for the 2024 elections.

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THE FLORIDA REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY, IN ALIGNMENT WITH OUR COMMITMENT TO VOTER INTEGRITY, AND ADHERENCE TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION CALLS FOR THE ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION THAT PROHIBITS ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND THAT REINSTATES THE USE OF PAPER BALLOTS AND MANUAL HAND COUNTS.

WHEREAS, ensuring an accurate count of votes cast by eligible voters is essential for the functioning of a Republic;

WHEREAS, the Federal Help America Vote Act has established the Election Assistance Commission to set standards for election system certification and provides funding to states adopting qualified systems.

WHEREAS, Florida has received \$148,633,048.00 in funding under Section 251 of this Act;

WHEREAS, the Election Assistance Commission's latest certification standards (VVG 2.0) issued on February 10, 2021, state that devices with internet connections are not permissible as part of the voting system and cannot be certified;

WHEREAS, Florida Law 101.015 (4)(a) mandates the Florida Department of State to establish minimum security standards for voting systems;

WHEREAS, Florida Statute 101.5605 (4) allows the Department of State to reexamine any previously approved voting system to update its certification;

WHEREAS, Florida Statute 101.015 (7) requires the development of methods to gauge public opinion regarding voting systems;

WHEREAS, the two currently approved systems, are not only cost-prohibitive but have become controversial and face credibility issues due to the companies' lack of transparency regarding financials and ownership;

WHEREAS, several countries have ceased using internet-connected voting systems to mitigate the risk of cyberattacks and fraud, and have successfully transitioned back to manual counting systems;

WHEREAS, elected officials in Florida have outsourced the election process to a single vendor without sufficient oversight, transparency, or proper authorization;

WHEREAS, a significant number of Floridians have expressed a loss of trust in the current electronic voting system and are calling for the ban of such systems, advocating for the adoption of paper ballots similar to the French voting system.

WHEREAS, within the United States it is incumbent that only United States citizens with valid identification maybe permitted to vote. Therefore, the Florida Republican Assembly demands inclusion of such law within our Florida statutes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Florida Republican Assembly, through a unanimous vote by its directors, and fifteen (15) chapter President's support Governor DeSantis and Florida State Legislators in passing legislation that prohibits electronic voting systems in Florida. We strongly urge the adoption of paper ballots and manual counting systems prior to 2024 elections.

WITNESS, my hand and seal verifying the forgoing resolution and unanimous vote, this 7th day of June, in the year of our Lord 2023.

Peter Kouracos

Peter Kouracos,
Chairman of the Board of Directors,
Florida Republican Assembly

ATTEST

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