

Public Comment — Burnet County Commissioners Court**Monday, August 17, 2026****General Public Comments from Patty Cope, Voter**

I want to bring two things to your attention about the March third Republican Primary — both from Burnet County's own election records.

The 1st issue is a number: 537.

Form 10-6, the Ballot Transmittal Form signed by the Elections Administrator, reports **8,021** in-person early voting ballots cast.

Four independent contemporaneous records — the tabulation machines, the pollbook, the March 4th Cumulative Results Report, and the March 5th Results by Category — all show **7,484** voters checked in.

Every voter who checks in gets a ballot. Every ballot cast came from a voter who checked in. Ballots cast and voters checked in should closely equal each other.

They don't. 8,021 ballots claimed, minus 7,484 voters checked in, equals **537** ballots on a signed official form with no voter check-ins behind them.

Either the Form 10-6 is wrong, and a signed official form overstates ballots cast by **537**. Or the check-in records are wrong, and **537** voters cast ballots without ever being checked in. Voters deserve an answer.

The 2nd issue is also a number: 641.

The county mailed **641** absentee ballots to voters across both parties for the March 2026 primary — 408 Republican, 233 Democratic.

Chapter 87 of the Texas Election Code requires notice of when the Early Voting Ballot Board convenes, and accept-reject records for each mail ballot. Chapter 66 requires chain-of-custody records. These are not optional. The statute requires them.

Through the Texas Public Information Act, the county responded that no such records exist. For **641** mail ballots.

I am not accusing anyone of misconduct. I am asking questions the records themselves raise.

This Commissioners Court has spoken publicly in support of election integrity. Election integrity begins with reconciled records for elections we've already held. My questions are about the March 3, 2026 primary — the election behind us, upon which the November election is built:

1. How does the county reconcile a signed official form that overstates ballots cast by **537** compared to voters who actually checked in?
2. Where are the statutory records for the **641** absentee mail ballots?
3. What action will this Court take to require the elections office to produce reconciled records and account for the missing ones — for the March 3, 2026 Republican Primary?

4. Did the county breach its contracts with the parties to diligently administer the election in compliance with all applicable statutes?

Please let me know.

This Commissioners Court has oversight over elections administration.

Thank you for your interest in election integrity.

Patty

Encl: Form 10-6 (undated)

BALLOT TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR EARLY VOTED BALLOTS

03/03/2026

Primary

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Type of Election

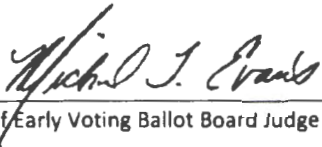
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3. Total number of early voted ballots delivered to the early voting ballot board judge (add lines 1 and 2): 8582



Signature of Early Voting Clerk

4. Number of ballots voted by mail and accepted by board: 561
5. Total number of early ballots counted by the early voting ballot board or delivered to the central counting station for automatic tabulation (add lines 1 and 4):
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6. Number of mail ballots rejected by board: 0

The information provided by the early voting clerk in lines 1 and 2 is true and correct.



Signature of Early Voting Ballot Board Judge

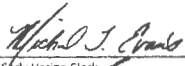
INSTRUCTIONS

The early voting clerk completes the first half of the form prior to delivering the early voting materials to the early voting ballot board judge. The judge completes the remainder of the form after the ballots have been qualified. The form is returned to the custodian of election records with other early voting records.

Line 4 + line 6 = line 2.

Line 3 - line 6 = line 5. If ballots are counted automatically at the central counting station, the number of ballots recorded on the ballot and seal certificate is the same as line 5.

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Name of Form:

Ballot Transmittal Form for Early Voted Ballots.

Purpose:

To account for number of ballots delivered to Early Voting Ballot Board and then to account for the number of ballots counted and rejected or delivered to the Central Counting Station.

Number of Copies Required:

One.

Completed by:

First half of the form is completed by the Early Voting Clerk. After the ballots have been qualified by the Early Voting Board Judge, he/she will complete the rest of the form.

Filing Date:

Completed by Early Voting Clerk prior to delivery of voted ballots to the Early Ballot Board. Completed by Early Voting Ballot Board Judge prior to delivery of election records to the custodian of election records or the Central Counting Station.

Filed with:

Custodian of election records.

Version:

Current form is dated 9/2023*.

*Previous version of the form dated 3/2007 may still be used.