

Proposed Precinct Changes Before County Commissioners on Tuesday

County Clerk Cliff Hayes announced that he will be recommending precinct changes to the Board of County Commissioners next week.

“We’re proposing 44 precincts, with each one containing between 799 and 2,397 registered voters”, Hayes said. The County has been using 71 precincts for the last few years.

The new Legislative District boundaries (L87) began the revised recommendation process. “The Commissioners gave our staff some specific guidelines”, said Hayes. “They wanted a voter’s potential drive time to the polling place to be no more than 30 minutes, and suggested about 40 overall precincts to save costs for taxpayers. Elections staff wanted precincts aligned with newly revised school district trustee zones to ensure ballot integrity. I’m pleased that the recommendations we’ll be making accommodate all these factors.”

Additional poll workers at each precinct will minimize voter wait times, and some new locations were chosen for enlarged parking and other access issues. “Bad weather and hazardous road conditions in the more rural parts of the County will still make absentee voting the most convenient method,” Hayes acknowledged.

The precinct proposal is on the Board of County Commissioners’ 2PM Business Meeting agenda on Tuesday, December 20.