



BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS
SCHEDULED MEETING

August 3, 2026

12:00 PM

Memorial Drive Auditorium

DCTV's UStream channel: <https://video.ibm.com/channel/xUJgKs6n2VW>

- 1. ROLL CALL**
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- 9. ADJOURNMENT**



DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections Regular Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2026

Start Time: 4:38 PM || End Time: 6:02 PM

Board Attendees: Vasu Abhiraman
Travis Bowden
Gail Lee
Dele Lowman
Karli Swift (Virtual)

Other Attendees: Keisha L. Smith, Executive Director
Michael Petty, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Tristen N. Waite, Assistant County Attorney

ROLL CALL

Ms. Austin conducted the roll call and confirmed the presence of the Board members by name. A quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Abhiraman called for a motion to approve the agenda.

Mr. Bowden moved to approve the agenda, and the motion was seconded by Chair Swift.

Ms. Lee moved to amend the agenda to add a Resolution for Decision titled "Pledge of Allegiance."

Vice Chair Abhiraman called for a vote on the motion to amend the agenda. The motion failed by a vote of 2 yeas (Bowden, Lee) and 2 nays (Abhiraman, Swift). Ms. Lowman was absent for the vote.

Vice Chair Abhiraman then called for a vote on the original motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Vice Chair Abhiraman called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes.

Ms. Lee moved to approve the May 22, 2026 Special Called Meeting Minutes, June 18, 2026 Special Called Meeting Minutes, and the June 23, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bowden and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Austin read the Public Comment Policy into the record.

Public Comment Speakers:

Cheryl Dudley
Janet Grant
Michael Beach
Betsy Shackelford
Bethann Frillman
Liz Troop



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ITEMS FOR DECISION

A. Early Voting Times and Locations for the November 2026 General Election

Executive Director Smith presented the staff recommendation for the proposed early voting schedule, including 20 early voting locations, dates, and hours of operation. She requested Board approval of the recommendation as presented and authorization to add additional locations, if identified.

Vice Chair Abhiraman called for a motion.

Ms. Lowman moved to approve the proposed early voting dates, times, and locations for the November 3, 2026 General Election and to authorize the Executive Director to add locations as they become available.

Ms. Lee offered a friendly amendment to modify Sunday voting hours to 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The motion, as amended, was seconded by Ms. Lee and passed unanimously.

B. Vendor Agreement

Vice Chair Abhiraman called for a motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreement.

Chair Swift moved to approve the agreement, contingent upon approval by the Board of Commissioners, and to authorize the Executive Director to execute the contract in a form acceptable to the County Attorney. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lowman.

The motion passed 4-1, with yeas: Abhiraman, Bowden, Lowman, and Swift; nay: Lee.

C. Special Elections

Vice Chair Abhiraman called for a motion to authorize the Executive Director to conduct the special elections and execute all necessary documents.

Ms. Lowman moved to approve the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lee and passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A) Risk Management Update

Finance Department Deputy Director Larry Jacobs presented an overview of the methodology used to calculate the County's workers' compensation budget allocation.



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B) Director's Report

Executive Director Smith presented the Board with a comprehensive General Operations Update, including voter registration totals and processing status, an overview of the operating budget, and updates on stakeholder engagement and public affairs initiatives.

C) Legislative Update

Senior Assistant County Attorney Petty provided an update on the Special Legislative Session and Senate Bill 189 (SB 189). He reported that the General Assembly passed legislation delaying implementation of the QR code requirement until January 1, 2028.

Vice Chair Abhiraman requested that the Board schedule the July 28, 2026 Special Election Pre-Certification Meeting for Thursday, July 30, 2026, at 4:30 p.m., with Friday, July 31, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. identified as an alternate date, subject to DCTV scheduling availability.

BOARD COMMENTS

Chair Swift offered no comments.

Mr. Bowden provided comments.

Ms. Lowman provided comments.

Ms. Lee provided comments.

Vice Chair Abhiraman provided comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Assistant County Attorney Petty determined that an Executive Session was not necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business of the Board, Mr. Bowden moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lee and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.



DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections Special Called Meeting Minutes

July 30, 2026

Start Time: 4:34 PM || End Time: 4:40 PM

Board Attendees: Vasu Abhiraman (Virtual)
Travis Bowden
Gail Lee
Karli Swift

Other Attendees: Keisha L. Smith, Executive Director
Michael Petty, Senior Assistant County Attorney

ROLL CALL

Ms. Austin conducted the roll call and confirmed the presence of the Board members by name. A quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Swift called for a motion to approve the agenda.

Mr. Bowden moved to approve the agenda, and the motion was seconded by Ms. Lee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Austin read the Public Comment Policy into the record.

There were no members of the public for comment.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A) Pre-Certification Report | July 28, 2026 Congressional District 13 Special Election

Executive Director Smith read State Election Board Rule 183-1-12-.12 and purpose of the meeting into the record and presented the report.

BOARD COMMENTS

Chair Swift offered no comments.

Mr. Bowden provided comments.

Ms. Lee provided comments.

Vice Chair Abhiraman offered no comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Assistant County Attorney Petty determined that an Executive Session was not necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business of the Board, Mr. Bowden moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lee and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.



DeKalb County Voter Registration & Elections

Board of Registration and Elections
August 3, 2026

Keisha L. Smith, MPA
VRE Executive Director

Key Priorities



Our key priorities center on enhancing the voter experience for all eligible voters in DeKalb County. We will work to ensure the integrity of our elections, improve operational efficiencies, enhance staff training for full-time and seasonal employees and integrate technology and innovation to better our processes and upgrade our voter experience.



Voter
Experience



Elections
Integrity



Technology &
Innovation



Staff
Training



Operational
Efficiency

Post-Election Report

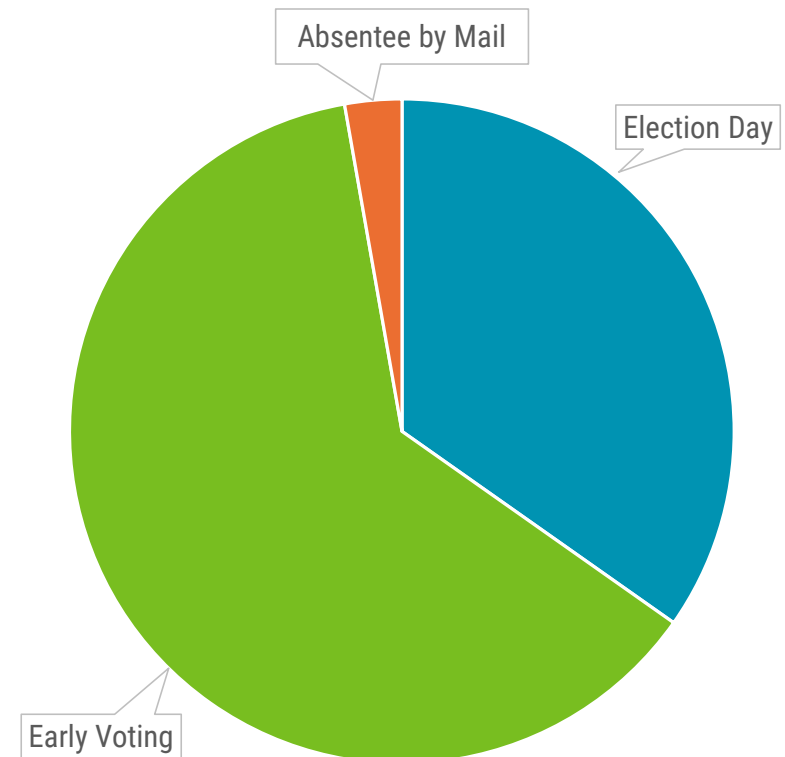
July 28, 2026 Special Election

TURNOUT

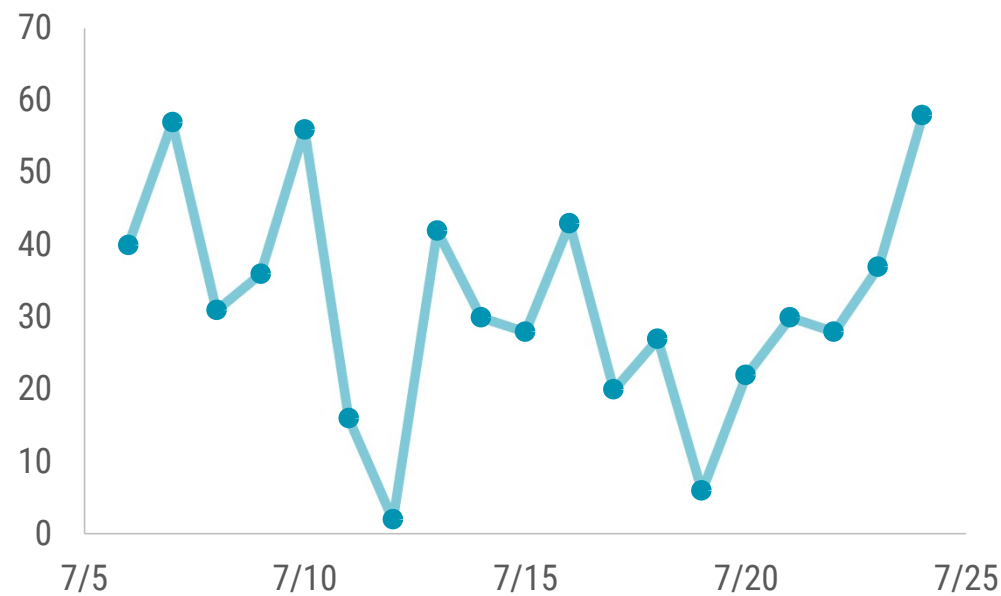
Voter Registration & Elections
DeKalb County, Georgia

Registered Voters	14,547	(Active)
Ballots Cast	975	
Overall Turnout	6.70%	

Election Day	339	34.77%
Early Voting	609	62.46%
Absentee by Mail	27	2.77%
Provisional	0	0.00%
Total	975	100.00%



Voters Per Day



County Line-Ellenwood
Library was the only
Early Voting Location.

ABSENTEE BY MAIL

Voter Registration & Elections
DeKalb County, Georgia

Ballots Accepted	27
Domestic	27
Overseas	0
Rejected/Spoiled	0
Total Received	27

ABSENTEE BY MAIL

Voter Registration & Elections
DeKalb County, Georgia

Provisional Absentee Ballots

Electronic Signature	0
Missing Signature	1
Incorrect DOB	0
Missing DOB	0
Incorrect ID	0
Missing ID	0
Total	1

Cured Provisional	1
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Rejected Absentee Ballots

Missing Signature	0
Incorrect ID	0
Missing ID	0
Total	0

Cured Rejected	0
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Precincts	4
Polling Places	4
Poll Workers	25
Equipment Tested & Deployed	
Poll Pads	28
Touchscreens	40
Scanners	12

	Accepted	Rejected	Total
Out of Precinct		0	0
Registration in C		0	0
Missing ID		0	0
Other		0	0
Total	0	0	0

**No In-Person
provisional ballots
were cast.**

A huge thank you to our county partners
who worked alongside us to facilitate
another successful election!



Election Summary Report

General Election

DeKalb

July 28, 2026

Summary for: All Contests, Congressional 13, All Tabulators, All Counting Groups

Unofficial and Incomplete

Elector Group	Counting Group	Ballots	Voters	Registered Voters	Turnout
Total	Election Day	339	339	14,547	2.33%
	Advance Voting	609	609		4.19%
	Absentee by Mail	27	27		0.19%
	Provisional	0	0		0.00%
	Total	975	975		6.70%

Precincts Reported: 4 of 4 (100.00%)

Registered Voters: 975 of 14,547 (6.70%)

Ballots Cast: 975

US House of Representatives - District 13 (Vote for 1)

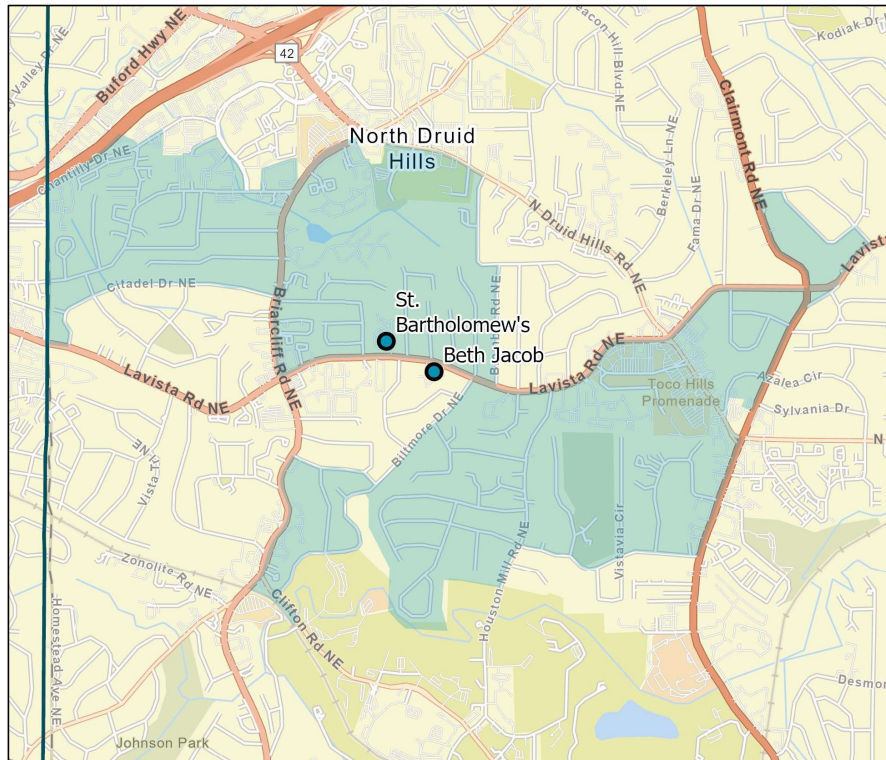
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	Election Day	Advance Voti	Absentee by	Provisional	Total	
Times Cast	339	609	27	0	975 / 14,547	6.70%

Candidate	Party	Election Day	Advance Voting	Absentee by Mail	Provisional	Total	
Everton "EJ" Blair (Dem)		106	128	6	0	240	25.83%
Caesar Gonzales (Rep)		3	5	0	0	8	0.86%
Carlos Moore (Dem)		15	23	3	0	41	4.41%
Fayth Park (Rep)		3	5	0	0	8	0.86%
Marcy Scott (Dem)		204	410	18	0	632	68.03%
Total Votes		331	571	27	0	929	

	Election Day	Advance Voting	Absentee by Mail	Provisional	Total	
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Lavista / Lavista Road



Move the Lavista (LC) and Lavista Road (LB) precincts to St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church.

Current Polling Place: Congregation Beth Jacob 1855 Lavista Rd NE	Change in Distance: 0.2 mi
	Voters After Move: 4,832
Proposed Polling Place: St. Bartholomew's Episcopal 1790 Lavista Rd NE	Other Precincts at Proposed Polling Place: None



PUBLIC NOTICE

DEKALB COUNTY
BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS
4380 MEMORIAL DRIVE, SUITE 300
DECATUR, GEORGIA 30032

POLLING PLACE CHANGES NOTICE

The DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections (the BRE) hereby gives notice to the voters of DeKalb County that it is considering the following polling place changes for the November 3, 2026 General Election. These changes will become effective following the second publication of this notice unless the BRE receives public comment in opposition to such changes, in which case the BRE will hold a special called meeting to consider public comments received and further action on the proposed changes.

The Board proposes the following permanent relocations:

- Lavista (LC) and Lavista Road (LB) precincts from Congregation Beth Jacob to St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 1790 Lavista Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30329.

A complete list of polling locations can be found at <https://www.dekalbcountyga.gov/voter-registration-elections/>. Any comments on the proposed changes may be directed to the DeKalb County Board of Registration & Elections at 4380 Memorial Drive, Suite 300, Decatur, GA 30032-1239 or via email at Voterreg@dekalbcountyga.gov.

This 30th day of July 2026,

Keisha L. Smith, Executive Director
DeKalb County Voter Registration & Elections



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The Board proposes the following locations:

Cross Keys High (CO) and Woodward (WJ) precincts, which had been temporarily relocated to Woodward Elementary School for the summer, will remain at Woodward Elementary School (3034 Curtis Dr, Atlanta, GA 30319) until further notice due to the continuation of construction at their permanent location.

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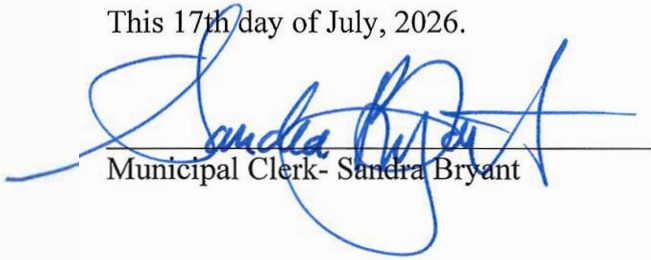
Keisha L. Smith, Executive Director
DeKalb County Voter Registration & Elections

PUBLISH ON: 7/30 and 8/6

EXHIBIT A

As per the Agreement executed on May 5, 2014, THE CITY OF BROOKHAVEN hereby requests that DeKalb County conduct its General Municipal Election on November 3, 2026 and Run-off, if necessary, December 1, 2026. The last day to register to vote in this election is October 05, 2026. All Advance Voting (Absentee in person) will be held at 4380 Memorial Drive, Decatur, Georgia, 30032.

This 17th day of July, 2026.


Municipal Clerk- Sandra Bryant



The DeKalb County Board of Registrations and Elections agrees to conduct the CITY OF BROOKHAVEN General Municipal Election on November 3, 2026.

This _____ day of _____, 20____.

(SEAL)
Elections Supervisor
DeKalb County Board of Registrations and
Elections

EXHIBIT A

As per the Agreement previously approved, THE CITY OF DORAVILLE, hereby requests that DeKalb County conduct its Special Municipal Election on November 3, 2026. The last day to register to vote in this election is October 5, 2026. The Absentee/Advance Voting Poll will be located at 4380 Memorial Drive, Decatur, GA 30032

This 30th day of July 2026


Municipal Clerk



The DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections agrees to conduct the CITY OF _____ Election on _____, 20__.

This _____ day of _____, 20__.

Election Supervisor
DeKalb County Board of Registrations and Elections

(SEAL)

Director's Report

August 3, 2026

Keisha L. Smith, MPA

Executive Director

Voter Registration and Elections (VRE)

Topic 1: General Operations Updates

❖ Registration Updates

- Total number of Registered Voters as of Jul 31: **572,547**
 - Total number of Active Registered Voters: 501,106
 - Total number of Inactive Registered Voters: 71,441
- Total applications left to be processed as of Jul 31: **11,208**
 - DDS: 9,816
 - OLVR: 141
 - MVP: 338
 - Handwritten: 913
- Manual Voter Registration Cancellations for 2026: **3,037**

❖ Election Activities

Notes:

Topic 2: Administrative/Finance Updates

❖ Personnel

❖ Budget Activities

Notes:

Topic 3: Stakeholder Engagement Updates

❖ Key Stakeholder Meetings

❖ General Communications

Notes:

DEKALB COUNTY
VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS (VRE)
BUDGET SUMMARY

COST CENTER	(All)
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VRE BUDGET SUMMARY REPORT JULY 2026

COST CENTER PARENT	OBJECT CL/ OBJECT CODE	OBJECT CODE DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	REQUISITIONS	PURCHASE ORDERS	ACTUALS	AVAILABLE SUM		
02900	51	511101	SALARIES	\$2,353,069.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,228,025.80	\$1,125,043.20	
		511102	SALARIES - PART TIME	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200,000.00	
		511200	SALARIES - TEMPORARY	\$4,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,205,024.78	\$1,794,975.22	
		511300	SALARIES - OVERTIME	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$117,014.07	\$82,985.93	
		512100	COUNTY MATCH - GROUP INSURANCE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$181,265.23	-\$181,265.23	
		512101	COUNTY MATCH - GRP INS - REVERSAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$150,242.44	\$150,242.44	
		512102	COUNTY MATCH - GRP INS - ALLOCATED	\$504,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$252,000.00	\$252,000.00	
		512200	COUNTY MATCH - FICA	\$185,493.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$208,353.54	-\$22,860.54	
		512400	COUNTY MATCH - PENSION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,273.73	-\$40,273.73	
		512402	401(a) EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION	\$68,291.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,893.44	\$33,397.56	
		512700	WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$51,871.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,936.00	\$25,935.00	
		512904	ALLOWANCE - AUTOMOBILE	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	
	51 Total			\$7,568,724.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,142,544.15	\$3,426,179.85	
	52	521101	BOARD MEMBER SERVICES	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$5,000.00	
		521104	TEMPORARY PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$2,786,272.66	\$0.00	\$167,467.91	\$335,335.58	\$2,283,469.17	
		521105	SECURITY SERVICES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
		521209	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$873,300.26	\$1,388.10	\$420,506.66	\$383,072.36	\$68,333.14	
		522201	MAINTENANCE & REPAIR SERVICES	\$175,000.00	\$0.00	\$17,597.15	\$13,274.95	\$144,127.90	
		522311	RENTAL OF REAL ESTATE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
		522321	RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,285.15	\$2,714.85	
		522322	LEASE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT	\$37,910.79	\$0.00	\$469.58	\$20,759.30	\$16,681.91	
		522329	OTHER RENTALS	\$147,800.94	\$0.00	\$16,432.02	\$5,425.59	\$125,943.33	
		523201	POSTAGE	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,324.00	\$293,676.00	
		523202	POSTAGE - CENTRAL SERVICES	\$27,552.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,552.00	
		523204	TELEPHONE - LONG DISTANCE	\$1,101.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$111.87	\$989.76	
		523206	INTERNET SERVICES	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
		523207	TELEPHONE - WIRELESS	\$194,998.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75,160.07	\$119,838.30	
		523301	ADVERTISING SERVICES	\$1,100,000.00	\$0.00	\$364,753.03	\$17,570.39	\$717,676.58	
		523401	PRINTING SERVICES	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,965.93	\$179,034.07	
		523501	MILEAGE - PERSONAL VEHICLE	\$2,296.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,561.45	-\$3,264.48	
		523504	TRAVEL - ACCOMMODATIONS / HOTEL	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,800.06	\$18,199.94	
		523505	TRAVEL - PER DIEM	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$341.25	\$2,228.83	\$9,429.92	
		523601	DUES	\$5,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$3,400.00	
		523701	TRAINING & CONFERENCE FEES - EXTERNAL	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,999.00	\$6,789.00	\$41,212.00	
		523702	TRAINING & CONFERENCE FEES - INTERNAL	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,372.58	\$1,627.42	
		523906	ELECTION EXPENSES	\$960,000.00	\$12,665.55	\$79,211.98	\$322,717.11	\$545,405.36	
		52 Total			\$6,945,433.62	\$14,053.65	\$1,068,778.58	\$1,256,554.22	\$4,606,047.17
		53	531101	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$683,309.94	\$0.00	\$103,298.13	\$180,927.67	\$399,084.14
			531199	FREIGHT	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.03	\$4,984.97
		53 Total			\$688,309.94	\$0.00	\$103,298.13	\$180,942.70	\$404,069.11
		54	542201	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	\$43,381.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,381.10	\$40,000.00
	542202		COMPUTER SOFTWARE and TECHNOLOGY	\$63,727.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41,052.34	\$22,675.00	
	542309		OTHER EQUIPMENT > \$5,000	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$772.23	\$4,227.77	
	54 Total			\$112,108.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45,205.67	\$66,902.77	
	55	551104	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE CHARGE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
		551105	VEHICLE REPLACEMENT CHARGE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
		551107	VEHICLE INSURANCE CHARGE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
		551116	SANITATION SERVICE CHARGE	\$3,660.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,660.00	
		551141	VEHICLE MAINT - FUEL	\$3,534.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,702.05	\$831.95	
		551142	VEHICLE MAINT - PREV MAINT	\$66.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225.27	-\$159.27	
		551143	VEHICLE MAINT - REPAIRS	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,233.33	-\$3,183.33	
		551144	VEHICLE MAINT - OVERHEAD	\$9,957.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,979.00	\$4,978.00	
	55 Total			\$17,267.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,139.65	\$6,127.35	
	70	707009	COUNTY PENSION ALLOCATION	\$401,083.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200,542.00	\$200,541.00	
	70 Total			\$401,083.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200,542.00	\$200,541.00	
	Grand Total			\$15,732,926.00	\$14,053.65	\$1,172,076.71	\$5,836,928.39	\$8,709,867.25	