

County Executive Committee Agenda

May 24, 2021 6:00 PM

Via Zoom at: Zoom CEC Meeting

6:00 PM

Call to Order - Terry Casparis, Blanco County Democratic (BCD) Chair

- Welcome to guests
- Conduct of meeting

6:05 PM

Review of Minutes from March 2021 CEC Meeting – Susan Hamm, BCD Secretary

6:10 PM

Treasury Report – J.B. Chimene, BCD Treasurer

6:15 PM

Communications Team – Pam Baggett-Wallis, Kelsey McClure, John Wilson Presentation

- BCD Newsletter Pam
- Social Media Kelsey
- Website John

6:40 PM

Chairman's Report

- 2021 Local Elections
- Mike Collier Town Hall
- BCD Issues & Interest Survey
- Filling Precinct Chair positions in P1, P2, P304
- Hybrid in-person / virtual meetings
- Retainer for VAN and Voter Outreach supporter
- Party Like a Democrat

7:10 PM

New Business

- CEC Officers Items
- Guest Comments

7:30 PM Adjourn

Next Meetings BCD Meeting is July 13 BCD Meeting is July 14

Chairman's Goals for 2021 and 2022

Continue to achieve incremental electoral results

YEAR	Total Voters	Dem Voters	Dem %	
Mid-Term Elections				
2014	3608	874	24.2%	
2018	5808	1570	27.0%	
Growth	60.98%	79.63%	2.81%	

Presidential Elections				
2016	5685	1244	21.9%	
2020	7477	1911	25.6%	
Growth	31.52%	53.62%	3.68%	

How:

- ✓ Commitment to voter outreach: continue to find Dems and motivate them to vote
- ✓ Support and promote our candidates
- ✓ Identify and develop new candidates
- ✓ Continue outstanding communications
- ✓ Communicate the benefits of the Democratic agenda

Chairman's Goals for 2021 and 2022

Continue to grow our financial position

Growth Trend

Capital Growth

Cash on Hand as of:				
01/01/2018	\$1,970			
01/01/2019	\$13,998	Pre-Presidential*		
01/01/2020	\$14,610	Pre-Presidential		
07/01/2020	\$16,760	Pre-Presidential		
01/01/2021	\$6,488	Post-Presidential		
Outlook				
01/01/2022	\$17,000	Pre-Mid Term (Governor!)		

^{*}Began Sustaining Membership program after 2018 Mid-Tern

Goal: have \$20,000 available in the spring of 2022 to spend on Gubernatorial election.

Chairman's Goals for 2021 and 2022

Support Erin's 2021 legislative agenda

As of today, Erin has introduced 28 bills, including:

- Environment, 9 bills including provision of HB2350 to provide state funding for local water quality projects, and HB1821 requiring the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to issue a climate impact analysis every four years.
- Property Taxes 3 bills including HB186 (and HJR17) that would remove the cost of rainwater collection systems from property tax valuations
- County Authority 3 bills including HB2345 to allow creation of a Hotel Occupancy Tax in Blanco County
- Voting rights, 2 bills including HB1822 that would allow delivery of Early Vote by Mail ballot in person to an Early Voting polling location.
- Criminal justice and policing 2 bills including HB441 that would decriminalize possession of small amounts of marijuana.
- Education 2 bills including HB2344 addressing assessment of student writing performance.
- Property Rights HB1506 addressing the rights of landowners of condemned property.
- Sexual Harassment HB48 to prohibit sexual harassment in the workplace.
- Dark Skies HB298 to regulate lighting near astronomical observatories.