

CONVENIENT VOTING

MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

It is with great pleasure to report to you that our county election commission is continuing to be an innovative leader for the great state of Tennessee. Monroe County is one of four counties approved to implement a project called Convenient Vote Centers. The purpose of this change in voting for Election Day is to make voting more accessible to voters and increase voter participation.

The convenient vote center concept provides greater access as it allows voters to vote at any one of the polling locations and not at one assigned location based on your residential address. Starting March 3, 2020, you will be able to vote at locations that are close in proximity to where you live, work or attend school.

This process offers many benefits to voters and to our election staff. The ability to vote at any one of the polling locations in Monroe County provides many voters who commute out of the county the opportunity to cast their vote before the polls close. These voters can now stop at the nearest polling location they come to in Monroe County and cast their vote. This eliminates the risk of not making it back to their assigned polling location before the polls close at 8:00 P.M. on election night.

Thank you, Senator Mike Bell, State Representative Mark Cochran and State Representative Lowell Russell, for the time and effort that you and your staff contributed to advancing this bill. Thank you to the 111th TN General Assembly, Secretary of State, and Coordinator of Elections Office for giving Monroe County the opportunity to participate in the pilot project in 2020. A special thank you for the leadership of our Election Commissioners in their support of this project. Thank you to the Monroe County Commission for their approval of funding for this project. Convenient voting has been a great success in Monroe County and we've received many compliments on how well this has improved the voting process.

Sincerely,



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