

# 6/2/20 Primary Election Preliminary Plan

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

4/28/20

# June 2, 2020 Primary Election Concerns due to Pandemic

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Social Distancing Guidelines



Polling Places

Currently 144

Numerous places have expressed concern due to exposure and contamination



Poll Workers

Many will not serve or are reluctant to serve

Many are of advanced age and are “at risk” population



Voting machines utilize touch screens

# Preliminary Plan Step 1



## Mail in Ballot

Change in law for 2020  
Safest and recommended  
option for 6/2/20 election



Mail application for Mail in Ballot to every registered Republican and Democrat in County with self addressed, stamped return envelope (utilizing recently released State Funds). Mail set for Friday, May 1, 2020.



Currently approximately 20,000 applications received. Ballots are beginning to be mailed to voters on April 27, 2020

# Preliminary Plan Step 2

## Consolidation of Polling Places

- Act 12 of 2020 authorizes Counties to consolidate up to 60% of its polling places without Court Order
- Consolidating 144 polling places to approx. 58 well ventilated, larger buildings
  - 32 locations currently utilized
  - 5 locations currently utilized will be expanded to accommodate additional wards
  - 21 new polling locations containing multiple precincts
  - Schools identified as potential locations
- Places may be added/removed based on needs

Alleviates Polling Place/Poll Worker/Social Distancing Concerns

## NOTIFICATION/VOTING

### May 6, 2020 Election Board Meeting

#### New Polling Places

- Advertised/Posted in accordance with Act 12 of 2020

#### Voting

- Utilizing new Dominion Touch Screen Machines for Handicap/ADA only (cleaned after every use)
- Utilizing Paper Ballots and Dominion Scanners for majority of voters (keep the pen!)
- State/Federal money identified as funding source

Alleviates touch screen concern

# Consultation

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Department of State, other Counties, Superintendents of School Districts, Mayors of Cities, State Legislators, Individual Election Board Members and now . . . County Council!

May 6, 2020 – Finalized plan

- Legal – consolidation not less than 20 days before election
- Posting – not less than 15 days before election