



Blount County Budget Committee Memo

TO: Blount County Commissioners

FROM: Election Commission

RE: Over Budget for Election Workers

DATE: December 19, 2024

The Election Worker budget line is over budget by approximately \$55,000 due to underestimating the initial fiscal year 2025 budget.

The history of actual spending for Elections varies. One fiscal year contains two elections while the next contains one. Therefore, actual spending is significantly different every two-year period. Below is the actual spending over the past 7 fiscal years.

Year	Actual Spending
2025	\$ 236,121
2024	\$ 90,950
2023	\$ 193,207
2022	\$ 91,337
2021	\$ 188,444
2020	\$ 91,323
2019	\$ 186,062

In April 2024, the Election Commission was granted an additional \$55,625 to increase Early Voting Poll Workers hourly pay.

For fiscal year 2025, the Election Worker budget line should have been calculated based on a "2-election" fiscal year ($\$190,000 + \$55,625 = \$245,625$). The budget line was actually calculated based on a "1-election" fiscal year ($\$90,500 + \$55,625 = \$146,125$).

Between the timing of transitioning to the Administrator of Elections position and not fully discerning the cyclical nature of the budget, the Election Worker line was not initially funded to the correct level.

Administrator of Elections