



# Blount County Government

TO: Blount County Commissioners

FROM: Randy Vineyard

RE: New Election Commission Space Renovation

DATE: May 6, 2021

The Purchasing Department has identified space that meets the needs of the Election Commission to relocate them from the Courthouse to Midland Center.

Based on those needs, modifications to the layout that is attached can be accomplished within a budget of \$300K. This would provide expanded space from what is allocated currently in the Courthouse, provide better public parking, new signage, much needed secured storage, loading dock, and proximity to the Courthouse and other public offices.

This recommendation addresses the need for the space given the upcoming elections cycle.

The funding of these improvements is from the General County 101 fund balance and is reflected in the Capital Project Fund 189. The associated amendment to the Capital Priority resolution is included for your consideration.

As you know, current challenges exist in securing building materials and labor to perform work. We hope the scope of this work does not evolve into unnecessary delays.