

Benefits of Vote Centers: Election Day

- VOTER CONVENIENCE
 - Voters vote wherever they choose (near home or work) which has shown an increased voter turnout in other counties.
 - No polling place changes for voters who have moved – voters often times give up – too much trouble.
 - Contingency Plan for Power outages – voters go to another location.
 - Increased convenience equals increased voter turnout.
- FINANCIAL SAVINGS
 - Fewer locations – less rental fees at churches and community club houses – approx. \$1k per year.
 - Fewer poll workers required to appoint and train reducing labor and training expenses estimated at \$26,500 per election or \$79,500 per year.
 - Truck rental expenses for delivery – 1 truck vs 2 trucks – approx. \$1500 per year.
 - Postage to send notices to all active voters regarding redistricting – inclusion of voting centers in same mailing saves Blount County approx. \$33,750.

REQUIREMENTS

- Approved by TN House, TN Senate, County Commission, and Coordinator of Elections.
- Use 1st and 2nd tier locations (schools, libraries) which keeps last minute cancellations from occurring (i.e. item on ballot, COVID, etc.)
- Secure Election Connection at each center
 - Via hard-wired Virtual Private Network (VPN) into Voter Registration system.
 - Internet speed of 20 mbs needed.
 - Voting information processed by a computer to be immediately accessible (real-time) to all other voting centers in the county. (VPN prevents any voter from voting more than once and prevents unauthorized access to the computerized registration).
- Site Requirements – ADA Compliance, hard-wired fiber lines, adequate space for 8 – 12 voting machines, and ample parking.
- Number of voting Centers required by law is 1 per 10,000 registered voters.

Potential Voting Centers with hard-wired Fiber already in place

Foothills Mall	Prospect Elementary
Alcoa High School	Rockford Elementary
Pellissippi State	Townsend Elementary
Eagleton Middle School	Middlesettlements Elementary
Montvale Elementary	Louisville Town Hall
Blount County Library	
William Blount High School	
Carpenters Middle	
Lanier Elementary	
Heritage Middle	