

# **BENEFITS OF VOTE CENTERS vs. PRECINCT LOCATION VOTING**

## **ANTICIPATED BENEFITS**

- **Fewer poll workers** – better selection
- **Monetary savings** – equipment/poll workers/delivery service
- **Less office staff** – 2 full time/2 part time reduced to 1 full time/2 part time
- **Fewer phone calls on Election Day**
- **Less voter confusion** – voting/precinct location after moving
- **Less wear and tear on equipment** – rotate equipment for longer use
- **Savings when purchasing new equipment** – fewer machines needed
- **Savings on delivery and set up** – fewer locations/staff set up
- **Increase voter turnout** – due to convenience and choice
- **Training is more efficient and less costly**
- **Satellite voting is INSTRUMENTAL IN THE SUCCESS OF VOTE CENTERS**
- **Less stress on staff due to several days of voting prior to Election Day.**
- **Fewer voters choose in-house absentee voting which allows more efficient use of staff time**
- **Increase of voter turnout as a result of offering convenience and choice.**

## **UNEXPECTED BENEFITS**

- **Savings of time and money when purchasing and gathering supplies for 58 precincts.**
- **Earlier results** – not waiting for 58 people to take down equipment and return to courthouse.
- **Satellite voting permits us to address and correct any issues prior to Election Day.**
- **Fewer provisional ballots**
- **Post cards offer a means of keeping voter lists up to date**
- **Savings of staff time and money preparing paper poll books and scanning results into SVRS after the election**
- **Security/handling of equipment** – we found equipment would be delivered to precincts and left out doors if no one was there to receive it.
- **Overall election process is less stressful for everyone**
- **Voters and poll workers are the strongest advocates for vote centers.**
- **Equipment issues** – more voting machines are at each location, which eliminates lines or back ups if there is an issue with a voting machine.

## **CONCERN'S OR OBSTACLE'S**

- **Internet connectivity** – set up and the ability to address issues/loss. Availability of technology staff
- **Locations** – choose carefully and change if necessary
  1. Church usage – require us to tear down equipment on weekends.