

Subject: Collin County Public Information Request on 9/7/2022 11:48:56 AM
Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 5:21:06 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: publicrelations@collincountytx.gov
To: publicrelations@collincountytx.gov, AO Records
Attachments: RE_ Congratulations and few questions.pdf

EXTERNAL SENDER

Ms. Lewis,

Attached is the sole email thread that came back from our email server on your request #0939, regarding Bruce Sherbet et al.

Regards,

T. Wyatt, PIO

From: [Scott Britton](#)
To: [Bruce Sherbet](#)
Subject: RE: Congratulations and few questions
Date: Thursday, April 14, 2022 2:58:42 PM

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Bruce, can I get her contact information?

Thanks!

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From: Bruce Sherbet [mailto:bsherbet@co.collin.tx.us]
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2022 2:56 PM
To: 'sbritton@iwcsolutions.com' <sbritton@iwcsolutions.com>
Subject: RE: Congratulations and few questions

No, Christina Adkins specifically said to me the ballot images are not available until the retention period has lapsed. I believe she had some other statutes that she was referring to.

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From: Scott Britton <sbritton@iwcsolutions.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2022 2:08 PM
To: Bruce Sherbet <bsherbet@co.collin.tx.us>
Subject: RE: Congratulations and few questions

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Bruce, hello. Hey does this TX election statute 125.064 fit into my request here?

<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/EL/htm/EL.125.htm?msclkid=e5080be8bc0f11eca9b7d3f1257c97e4>

Sec. 125.064. RECORDS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION. Any documents or

records used in the preparation of or prepared for use in an electronic voting system for the operation of the system for a particular election and any documents or records generated by the system in that election shall be made available for public inspection in the office of the general custodian of election records for the period for preserving the precinct election records.

It would seem like cast vote record and ballot electronic images would fall under this statute for being a piece of information document/record generated by the voting system in the election. (and available for PIA).

Thanks!

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From: Bruce Sherbet [<mailto:bsherbet@co.collin.tx.us>]

Sent: Friday, March 25, 2022 11:00 AM

To: 'sbritton@iwcsolutions.com' <sbritton@iwcsolutions.com>

Subject: RE: Congratulations and few questions

Hi Scott,

Either way will work but here is the Collin County link that can be used for submitting your request:

<https://apps.collincountytx.gov/Forms/PublicInfoRequestProd>

Thanks,

Bruce

Bruce Sherbet

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From: Scott Britton [<mailto:sbritton@iwcsolutions.com>]

Sent: Friday, March 25, 2022 8:56 AM

To: Bruce Sherbet <bsherbet@co.collin.tx.us>

Subject: RE: Congratulations and few questions

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Bruce, that sounds good. Is there a certain form to fill out? On other counties I usually just do it in an email. But a form seems more legal and professional.

Thanks!

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From: Bruce Sherbet [<mailto:bsherbet@co.collin.tx.us>]

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2022 5:08 PM

To: 'sbritton@iwcsolutions.com' <sbritton@iwcsolutions.com>

Subject: RE: Congratulations and few questions

All you need to do is send a PIA request to me for access to them. I will make sure they are not destroyed after the retention period.

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From: Scott Britton [<mailto:sbritton@iwcsolutions.com>]

Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2022 4:27 PM

To: Bruce Sherbet <bsherbet@co.collin.tx.us>

Subject: RE: Congratulations and few questions

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Bruce, what do I need to do to make sure these records (and possibly paper ballots) are not destroyed at the beginning of that 23rd month (and that I would be able to have access to them)?

Thanks!

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From: Bruce Sherbet [<mailto:bsherbet@co.collin.tx.us>]
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2022 10:31 AM
To: 'sbritton@iwcsolutions.com' <sbritton@iwcsolutions.com>
Subject: RE: Congratulations and few questions

Good morning, Scott,

I checked with Cristina Adkins, Director of Legal Division, Secretary of State's Office, and she confirmed that the images are public information, but only after the 22 month retention period has passed. On a related issue, we do not have the ballot images from the November 2016 election because that was our old paperless DRE voting system plus the retention period for that election ended several years ago.

Thanks,

Bruce

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From: Scott Britton [<mailto:sbritton@iwcsolutions.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2022 2:12 PM
To: Bruce Sherbet <bsherbet@co.collin.tx.us>
Subject: RE: Congratulations and few questions

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Bruce, that's great news. I'm glad you choose to retain this electronic data information (ballot images) because some election administrators in TX do not deem electronic media to even be part of the 'records' that need to be retained for the 22 MO preservation period.

Given these electronic ballot images do not have any type of identifying number that could be traced back to a voter, could I do a PIA request to look at these ballot electronic images for a given election? Nov 2016? Nov 2020? March 2022?

Thanks!
Scott Britton

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From: Bruce Sherbet [<mailto:bsherbet@co.collin.tx.us>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:03 AM
To: 'sbritton@iwcsolutions.com' <sbritton@iwcsolutions.com>
Subject: RE: Congratulations and few questions

Hi Scott,

I verified that the ballot images are backed up and secured for the retention of election records.

Thanks,

Bruce

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From: Scott Britton [<mailto:sbritton@iwcsolutions.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 4:07 PM
To: Bruce Sherbet <bsherbet@co.collin.tx.us>
Subject: RE: Congratulations and few questions

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Bruce, hello. Did you ever find out on #2 where those ballot images are stored?

Thanks!
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From: Bruce Sherbet [<mailto:bsherbet@co.collin.tx.us>]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2022 4:36 PM
To: 'sbritton@iwcsolutions.com' <sbritton@iwcsolutions.com>
Subject: RE: Congratulations and few questions

Hi Scott,

I hope all is well with you too!

Glad to be finished with the primary. No rest on this end though because we started voting on the Frisco runoff election yesterday and will be mailing out ballots for the May 7 city/school elections later this month.

Please see my below responses :

Thank you,

Bruce

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From: Scott Britton [<mailto:sbritton@iwcsolutions.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2022 3:14 PM
To: Bruce Sherbet <bsherbet@co.collin.tx.us>
Cc: terrywade3@verizon.net
Subject: Congratulations and few questions

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Bruce, hello! I hope all is going well and want to congratulate you on a well-run primary election as compared to many other counties in the state that had enormous issues. We had that little issue with the 3G and poll books but other than that, all seemed to go very well. I'm also so glad we do joint primaries in Collin County as other counties that hold separate primaries had a ton of issues (Tarrant, Harris, etc.).

I have a few questions for you if you would not mind.

1. Do you have a report of any people that were able to vote in multiple locations due to the 'off-line' status of the e-Poll Books for the March 1 primary election? Is there a way you can

check if this happened? There were no reports of people voting in multiple locations while the poll books were offline or otherwise. It would have been detected when voter history from the poll books updated. All voter history records have been updated and there were no alerts of a double voting situation in the primary election.

2. How long do you maintain the electronic scanned images of ballots? (for in-person votes and mail in ballots) 22 months? Longer? Do you maintain these scanned ballot images on the election management servers in your office? All voting records are required to be maintained for 22 months. I will need to inquire about if scanned ballot images are on the election management servers in this office.
3. Are there any identifying numbers or codes on a printed ballot that can be traced back to a voter? Like voter ID, SOS voter ID, etc. No, there are no identifying numbers or codes on the printed ballot that can be traced back to the voter.
4. I heard a rumor that the ES&S rep (I forget his name) is the person actually responsible in elections for collecting the thumb drives out of scanners and uploading them into the election management servers. Is this correct or is this handled by your personnel? No, the rumor is not correct. Only election department employees (Brian Griesbach and Billy Pratt) upload the thumb drives into the election management servers. The ballot board is responsible for collecting the thumb drives out of the scanners.
5. Do you know what is happening now with the TX SOS 4-county audit in terms of looking into things further in Collin County? I heard from John Scott that this spring the audit moves into the election office to look at more things. I just have not heard any more on this. I have not been provided additional details regarding the schedule or processes the state will be performing regarding their audit. The last I heard the state was still in the process of hiring people for the SOS audit division.

I went through election training at your office but unfortunately was not able to participate in the last election but I really want to work in the next upcoming election to learn more about how it all works. I look forward to hearing back when you can work one. There are plenty of elections to choose from this year 😊.

Thank you for your time.

Thanks!
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