

Expanded Comment Section

Scurry County – Aaron Rathbun – 3rd March 2020 Primary Election

- (1) YES. Spaces were available that could accommodate vehicles designed for individuals with disabilities. No parking space was specifically designated as a parking place for individuals with disabilities.
- (2) YES. The distance marker was posted approximately 30' outside the building's entrance. I discussed this with the Judge and the marker was promptly moved.
- (3) YES. The distance marker was placed approximately 20' outside the building's entrance. I discussed this with the Judge and the marker was promptly moved.
- (4) YES. The distance marker was placed approximately 40' from the building's entrance. I discussed this matter with the Judge.
- (5) Most of the voting locations received only one distance marker sign despite having multiple routes (sidewalks, parking lot entrances) by which voters could approach the building entrance to the polling place.
- (6) Most of the voting locations placed their distance markers on weighted, free-standing stanchions that were located less than 100' from the voting location building entrance(s). Despite being closer than 100' the markers were located to maximize noticeability for voters arriving at the location without obstructing either human or vehicular traffic. For most locations a distance of 100' would have placed the markers in sub-optimal areas such as active streets or parking lots beyond where voters were parking.
- (7) D. One voter loitered near the voting area while her companion continued to cast his ballot. This voter was approached by two acquaintances who had just finished casting their own ballots and they engaged her in conversation. The Judge addressed these voters and they politely removed themselves from the voting area.
- (8) Primary voter registration was maintained electronically. Each location kept a printed list of registered voters on-hand.
- (9) YES. One ballot was started but interrupted to provide assistance for the voter's physical needs. While the Judge aided the voter an Election Clerk observed that the voting machine remained secure. By the time the voter had accommodations the ballot machine began to beep. The Judge cancelled this ballot and prepared a new ballot. The Judge documented this instance and said she would inform the County Clerk about the situation.
- (10) NO. One voter left the polling location without casting her vote. One of the Clerks noticed this when the voting machine began beeping. The Clerk asked the Judge for instruction and the Judge told her to cast the ballot for the voter.

- (11) NO. One voter received assistance from his daughter for the duration of casting his ballot. Afterwards his daughter, also a registered voter, proceeded to cast her own ballot. The daughter neither received nor was asked to take the Oath of Assistance.
- (12) NO. No bilingual assistant was available on-site. The Judge said that if assistance was needed she would contact the County Clerk and assistance would be forthcoming. Distance between this location and the County Clerk's office is about two city blocks, or ~5 minutes travel time.
- (13) YES. A bilingual clerk was not present at the room where ballots were being cast. The Judge stated that multiple people in the building are bilingual and could be called upon to assist if needed.