

Resolution of Support of Election Administrator Lory Harle and of Her Administration of the Election Administrator Office

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Whereas, Recently, several citizens of Upshur County have made Public Information requests of the Upshur County Election Administrator (EA), claiming that the voting equipment used for the 2020 Presidential election was connected to the Internet; that interference had taken place in the voting; and that there was a discrepancy between what the Secretary of State (SOS) showed as the number of cast ballots compared to the numbers canvassed and recorded by the Commissioners Court. Clearly, the inference is that EA Lory Harle has not protected the integrity of elections, and specifically the 2020 Presidential election in Upshur County.

Whereas, The claim that voting itself was connected to the Internet is simply a false claim, which is easy to prove. This is prohibited in Texas law [Texas Election Code 129.054], and carefully implemented by Election Administrator Lory Harle. Voter Registration lists are public information, so the various voting places in Upshur County are connected to the list of registered voters; preventing a voter from voting again at a different polling location, after an Election Clerk has verified registration and noted on the list that the person has voted, either in person or by a mail request. However, the Registration list is NOT connected to the machines used in casting a ballot.

Whereas, Both the Democratic Party and the Republican Party are involved in the conduct of our elections in Upshur County and are knowledgeable of how our elections are conducted. Except for the Election Administrator office, our political parties provide the election judges, alternate judges, and election clerks. We who work the elections are appreciative of the professional manner in which our Election Administrator office functions.

Whereas, Seemingly, one goal of these Public Information requests is to return to the use of paper ballots to prevent fraud. A history of voting in both Texas and the United States reveals many examples of outright theft of elections when only paper ballots, hand counted, were used. Paper ballots and hand counting provide a number of ways for devious minds to invent methods of fraud.

Whereas, Since EA Lory Harle purchased electronic voting machines from Hart Inter Civic in 2021, Upshur County voters now check on the screen how they voted before casting the ballot, make changes if needed, and when sure their vote is what they want, tell the machine to print their ballot. Previously the voter was handed a blank paper ballot to place in the machine. Now the ballot is printed and if the voter is satisfied, he inserts that paper ballot into the counting machine. This counting machine is most definitely NOT connected to the Internet, yet there is a printed paper ballot that can be recounted in a contested race. This is the best of both worlds—paper ballots and electronic voting. We commend EA Harle for recommending the purchase of these machines. In addition, we recognize that she prepared a well-timed request that enabled the maximum amount of federal subsidy in the cost. We also note that Mrs. Harle’s efficiency in programming the voting machines herself for each election saves County taxpayers significant costs of hiring Hart.

Resolved, Therefore, the Democratic Party of Upshur County publicly supports Election Administrator Lory Harle. We also commend a previous Commissioners Court for creating the office of Election Administrator. Further, we commend the Election Committee for hiring Lory Harle as Election Administrator and its continued

support of Lory Harle. The Election Committee is composed of the Republican County Chairman, the Democratic County Chairman, the County Judge, the County Clerk, and the Tax Assessor/Collector.

Adopted this 1st day of September, 2022


Winifred Jackson, County Chairman

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Regarding the claim of a discrepancy between the SOS numbers and the canvassed return, the SOS numbers do NOT include 39 Provisional Ballots and 3 Mail Ballots that were received on Election Day that were included in the Canvassed Ballots that were recorded by the Commissioners Court. There is no problem in this area.

The claim that voting itself was connected to the Internet is simply a false claim, which is easy to prove. It may be true that some voting across the United States was connected to the Internet, but this is prohibited in Texas law [Texas Election Code 129.054], and carefully implemented by EA Harle. Voter Registration lists are public information, so the various voting places in Upshur County are connected to the list of registered voters; preventing a voter from voting again at a different polling location, after an Election Clerk has verified registration and noted on the list that the person has voted, either in person or by a mail request. However, the Registration list is NOT connected to the machines used in casting a ballot.

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Therefore, the Republican Party of Upshur County Executive Committee publicly supports Election Administrator Lory Harle. We also commend a previous Commissioners Court for creating the office of Election Administrator. Further, we commend the Election Committee for hiring Lory Harle as

Election Administrator and its continued support of Lory Harle. The Election Committee is composed of the Republican County Chairman, the Democratic County Chairman, the County Judge, the County Clerk, and the Tax Assessor/Collector.

Adopted this 10 day of September, 2022

Carl Byers
Carl Byers, County Chairman

Melvin Dodd
Melvin Dodd, Vice Chairman

Jackie Oliver
Jackie Oliver, Secretary/Pct. 6 Chairman

Madison Barrett
Madison Barrett, Parliamentarian/Pct. 17 Chairman

John Lee Ussury
John Lee Ussury, Treasurer/Pct. 16 Chairman

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Jesse Loffer, Chaplain/Pct. 2 Chairman

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Lanette Crittenden, Pct. 1 Chairman

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