

April 20, 2021

Melinda Mata
County Judges Office
1000 Houston St.
Laredo, Texas 78040

Dear Melinda,

Please include the following items in the Commissioners Court agenda for their special meeting of April 26, 2021:

Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution that Webb County agrees to implement Help America Vote Act that will As authorized under Section 101 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-252) (HAVA) and provided for in the Consolidated Appropriations Acts, 2018 (Public Law 115-141) and 2020 (Public Law 116-93), the purpose of this award is to “improve the administration of elections for Federal office, including to enhance election technology and make election security improvements” to the systems, equipment and processes used in federal elections in an amount of \$120,000, and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents and act as the Authorized Representative in all matters pertaining to the County's funding award. This grant award requires a \$16,000 cash match from General Fund 1001-1160-001-463903-080. All required documents were sent for review through the Economic Development Department and the solicitation is compliant with the Webb County Single Point of Contact (SPOC) procedures. **[This item is requested by Jose Salvador Tellez, Webb County Elections Director]**

Issue: Election Security has been an issue for the last few years, and the Elections office has taken the initiative of implementing new voting equipment as well as cyber security training to help combat this issue.

Solution: Through the acceptance of this award, Webb County will expend funds from the EAC awarded to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Cyber-attacks, domestically and internationally for the 2021 Elections cycle.

Result: The Webb County Elections Office will have additional resources to protect the 2021 elections from the effects of the Cyber-attacks

Thank you,

Jose Salvador Tellez
Elections Administrator