



WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

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WHITE COUNTY COST ESTIMATE

100% Hand Marked & Hand Counted Paper Ballot Election

Note: State Law does not allow counties to conduct elections using “Hand Marked and Hand Counted Paper Ballots.”

Facts & Assumptions:

- 1) This is an estimate. This is based on an estimate initially created by Ware County, GA and used the test run by Mohave County Arizona as a basis. (Link to article below):

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/elections/arizona-republicans-hand-count-ballots-price-tag-errors-mojave-county-rcna97769>

- 2) White County has approximately 24,000 registered voters.
- 3) Approximately 13,000 electors voted in the 2020 General Election Elections.
- 4) We used our 2020 GE turnout as our base. During that year’s Risk Limiting Audit, we “tallied” one contest. Elections with many contests, will take additional time to tally because each contested race will have to be a tallied separately to ensure accuracy.
- 5) This estimate does not include what we currently budget for early voting and Election Day.
- 6) There will be a need to have additional poll workers at each precinct to assist voters with the hand marked ballots. The cost for additional poll workers is not included in this estimate but we feel we will need two (2) additional poll workers for small precincts and up to four (4) additional poll workers for the large precincts.

Cost Estimate:

- **Ballots for Voting:** In 2020, we purchased 2,200 (plus) ballots for the General Election at a cost of \$1,550.00, to handle absentee by-mail; spoiled and provisional ballots. For a 100% paper ballot election, we estimate we will need 35,000 ballots. This will cover the 22,000 active/inactive voters, plus enough to handle spoiled ballots, etc. **(Cost: \$25,000)**
- **Poll Workers:** According to estimates from the Arizona test run, Mohave County estimated counting times to be three minutes per ballot. In 2020, White Co had approx. 13,000 ballots cast. 3 minutes per ballot x 13,000 ballots, (39,000 minutes) for a complete election count. A county our size will need a minimum of eight (8) ballot teams (2 person team). White County

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will need 16 additional poll workers. (Average pay per poll worker is \$12/hour x 7 hours a day = \$84 a day).

- Using an estimated 39,000 minutes, (one (1) ballot team to count ALL ballots will take an estimated 93 days. Using eight (8) ballot teams will take approximately 12 days to complete the counting. **(Cost: \$16,128)**
- Two (2) poll workers to staff the ballot storage area. **(Cost: \$2,016)**

- **Supervisors:** Four (4) supervisors (Staff) to oversee the operation of the ballot teams; plus one (1) supervisor (BOER) for the adjudication team; and one (1) supervisor (BOER) for the ballot check-in/out area. (Total: 4 Supervisors @ \$80.50/hour x 8 hours a day = \$644 a day) + Two BOER Members @ \$280/day). **(Total Cost: \$11,088)**

- **Security:** 24-hour security for 12 days at \$35/hour = **\$12,480**

- **Misc. Expense:** Unforeseen costs (e.g. supplies, recount hours). **(Cost: \$5,300)**

Estimated Cost: \$72,000

Ballot Paper:	\$25,000
Poll Workers:	
Ballot Teams - \$16,128	
Check-in/out - <u>\$ 2,016</u>	
Total:	\$18,144
Supervisors:	\$11,088
Security:	\$12,480
<u>Misc.:</u>	<u>\$ 5,300</u>
Estimated:	\$72,012/Election.

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