

Convenience Vote Centers

Voters in 2020 were introduced to convenient vote centers for the first time in Wilson County. Our goal of continually improving the voting experience was achieved yet again with this innovation. Voters, until now, have been required to vote at their assigned polling place on Election Day. The convenient vote centers allows Wilson County voters the opportunity to choose the most convenient polling place on Election Day.

The introduction of convenience vote centers expanded the benefits of Early voting to Election Day voters. 83% of the Wilson County voters that voted in the presidential election last year voted at one of the five Early Voting locations. Taking advantage of Early Voting has become a tradition for voters and expanding those advantages to Election Day make voting more accessible than ever before.

The advantages are not confined to the voters alone. As a poll official, you enjoyed the benefits, also. The ability for voters to change their address, update their registration and cast their vote at the most convenient polling place was a tremendous improvement over the former assigned polling place system.

With fewer polling locations for Election Day, we were able to streamline the set up of the polls making your early morning chores less stressful and more efficient. Allowing you and your team the ability to prepare for opening of the polls with more ease you were ready for serving voters at 7:00.

Part of our mission is to "...exceed the expectations of voters and taxpayers in Wilson County". Vote centers and the procedural changes accompanying them not only achieved the mission but proved invaluable in the aftermath of the March 3rd Election Day tornado and response to the pandemic that challenged us all in August and November elections.

Over the past 10 years you have embraced our passion for making each election better than the last one. The innovations introduced with each election have been eagerly accepted. It is hard to believe that 10 years ago registrars checked voters in with paper poll books, wrote out applications and machine operators needed a code sheet to manually set the voting machines.

In 2020 voters were checked in on laptops, their applications printed and ballot cards provided by registrars. The ballot markers were accurately activated with the correct ballot style for each voter by inserting their ballot card. Voters had the responsibility to mark their ballot, review their choices and print a ballot with their choices clearly typed for their approval before casting their vote. You and your fellow poll officials made these leaps in accessibility, convenience and voter confidence possible.

Vote Centers were the great innovation for 2020 and you made them successful. Our goal, with your support, is to continue this tradition of improving the voting experience for Wilson County voters and Wilson County poll officials.