

## WHY WE'VE BECOME CYNICAL ABOUT BRINGING ISSUES BEFORE THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

## Taking issues before the WCEC in the past has proven to be futile.

- In March 2021 when our organization took a myriad of questions about elections to the Williamson County Election Commission (WCEC), Chairman Bob Brown quickly shut down answering those questions. They were never fully addressed.
- While the WCEC has improved under Chairman Jonathan Duda, overall, the WCEC is still heavily resistant
  to citizen recommendations, despite the fact that these citizens are far more informed in election
  processes and equipment than some of the commissioners.
- Neither the WCEC, the Tennessee State Election Commission (SEC), Election Coordinator Mark Goins nor Secretary of State did a thing regarding evidence we brought to all of them in 2021 and 2022 of severe, documented vulnerabilities in the election process and machines. Despite definitive problems already experienced with voting machines, they all refused to consider the factual logic we presented from experts (here, here, h
- The WCEC, the State Election Office and the SEC all refused to answer questions about the process of addressing the <u>"Tennessee Error,"</u> the outcome of the October 2021 election. They were anything but transparent or responsive with the issue that affected citizens and their votes.
- After developing two white papers detailing the poor documentation of Williamson County elections
   (here and here), the WCEC has done little to nothing with our recommendations that are based on factual
   research.
- The WCEC has done nothing about the fact that the <u>ES&S election management system (EMS) has a back door, just as the Dominion EMS did,</u> where election data can be removed and different election data inserted. This was confirmed by the WCEC. And they continue to believe this issue contains no risk at all.
- In the May 2022 primary, election documentation approved/signed by six poll observers and commissioners show an 11-vote deficit that a County Commission candidate pointed to as cause to contest his election, which he had lost by 11 votes. The WCEC later had to admit the issue was a series of poll worker math errors that were approved without checking by poll officials. This is what passes for "a good job" by the election commission.
- In March 2023, a County Commissioner held an open Town Hall meeting for citizens to voice their election-related concerns to Commissioners. Every speaker had a legitimate election concern, but no speaker spoke in support of the WCEC's current processes or machinery. None of the WCEC members who attended the meeting did anything about the public's suggestions. They didn't ask for clarification, more documentation or implied they would make changes.
- Since May 2023, the WCEC has decided to stop listening to poll watchers who detail issues they see during elections with the intent of improving the security of elections.
- Despite citizens in 2023 <u>documenting</u> in their <u>Truth Review</u> the deceptions County Commissioners were told by the WCEC about voting machines, the WCEC has never denied these statements. Probably because citizens were accurate in their assessment and the Review.
- There is no question..... at this point were we to present any concern directly to the WCEC, we believe our documentation will be totally ignored.

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