TENNESSEE VOTERS
FOR ELECTION INTEGRITY

THE TOP FIVE VULNERABILITIES IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY'S ELECTIONS

Citizens have probably heard the tall tale that Williamson County is an oasis of election integrity. Actually, it's a swamp of highly risky election processes, machinery and bureaucrats that the Williamson County Election Commission (WCEC) and county elitists want you to believe is perfectly safe. They refuse to listen to citizens who have uncovered obvious problems. Here are just five truths they're ignoring… proving our elections are anything but secure.

1. First, **voting machines can and have been hacked**. This has been documented across the nation (here, here, here, here and here) and, in October 2021, here in Williamson County. With and without election day internet access. The SVP of Security for our current vendor even admits so. And **vulnerable machines can produce incorrect results**: Here and here. So why do our election officials continue to force citizens to vote on these machines when there are safer, more secure options available?

2. Second, neither the county nor the state **is allowed by the vendors to inspect the inside components of these machines with a cybersecurity expert by their side**. In fact, no one inspects these machines as they enter the state or county. So there is absolutely no way citizens can know if there are disguised wireless components or components from China – our nation's arch enemy -- inside these machines **that can and will affect how the machines perform**. Here's just one type of chip found on some voting machines.

3. Third, because the current ES&S machine-produced ballots encase the voter's candidate selections in a Bar Code, citizens have been **asking for hand-marked paper ballots (HMPBs)** as an alternative to the ballot marking devices to guard against some of these vulnerabilities. Since it's the Bar Code that the tabulator reads, NOT the printed names underneath the QR Code – and who can read QR Code? -- voters truly don't currently have a VOTER-VERIFYABLE PAPER AUDIT TRAIL. So, how can voters verify their vote by looking at the ballot? They can't!

4. Fourth, in June 2023, the Williamson County Election Commission promised the Williamson County Commission that they would perform a study in **how to bring hand-marked paper ballots (HMPBs) into the county's voting system** if the Commission would only approve the purchase of ES&S voting machines. Despite an overwhelming number of citizen complaints against them, machines were approved. Less than a year later, after the WCEC was denied $100k to bring in a leftist Chicago firm to develop that HMPB process, the WCEC sheepishly and quietly dropped their promise to the Commission and citizens for HMPBs. By the way, at least 70% of Americans vote on hand-marked paper ballots. What does most of the nation know about ballot security that Williamson County officials don't?

5. Fifth, in Williamson County **we vote in vote centers, a process that citizens did not approve, nor were asked to approve**. (They're also illegal according to the Tennessee Constitution.) This concept, introduced in 2020, immediately cut the number of voting locations in the county by 42%, from 43 to 25, but allowed voters to vote in any of these now 27 locations. The problem? In addition to increased wait times now to vote at most all election day locations, all 27 polls – as well as the main election office -- must now have the internet piped in to ensure voters don't

go vote hoping. On top of that, the VPN that protects that internet connection? The company that makes that VPN, Cisco, was hacked in 2022 and current research demonstrates VPNs are exceptionally weak at best in protecting against intrusions. So now our voting locations have a weakly protected internet in each and every poll and at least one computer system – the Dell registration computers – with installed wireless components called iDRAC chips. Companies that spend billions of dollars on security to protect their data are getting hacked daily. Williamson County is comparatively spending pennies to protect its citizens' votes. While the WCEC still wants us to believe that our voting machines can't connect to the internet and be hacked.

Frightening? You bet. Even worse, it's not all new information. Citizens have been crying out to the Williamson County Election Commission and the Tennessee State Election Commission (SEC) about these facts for almost four years now. We simply need to help other citizens understand what has been scientifically uncovered and join the chorus to address these realities. Because the WCEC and SEC simply ignore us despite our documentation and presentations. And until the people voice concerns, these bureaucrats will completely disregard the problems, leaving us with risky elections.

What can you do?

First, **vote! And get others to vote**. Do not let these aforementioned facts stop you from voting. These are the cards we've been dealt, and we have to play them. To back out of the game is not an option. Early voting (starts October 16) or election day voting (November 5). We have GOT to turn out in overwhelming numbers.

Second, **ask questions about these issues** to better understand their ramifications. We're delighted to talk with anyone at any time in any way to discuss these concerns.

Third, **communicate** with the WCEC, the Tennessee SEC and your state rep and senators that both organizations are cavalierly ignoring the proven, factual problems of these machines and processes. Here's how you can contact them. Demand these problems be removed and our voting process returned to something we know works -- hand-marked paper ballots counted by hand with tabulator backup… until the vulnerable tabulators can be removed, as well.

Third, **become a poll watcher to more closely monitor the election from inside**. Poll watch shifts are short, and they are one of the best ways to counter any nefarious activity at the polls. Contact Poll Watchers of Williamson County at: tn.pwatch@protonmail.com .

Elections are run for the people, not the politicians. Its time "We the People" tell our elected officials and bureaucrats how we want to vote… in a process that is legal, has been proven to be far safer, more secure and more accurate than vulnerable machines can ever be.

And while we're at it, let's vote for legislators who will actually listen to citizens. There are more of us than there are of them!

For more information: Tennessee Voters for Election Integrity and

[Documentation and Chain of Custody Concerns Found in the March 5, 2024 election that need to be addressed](#).

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