

**October 12, 2024**

Hey all,

I hope you all have had a productive week. I have had a great week meeting many people in District 10, hearing what they have to say and sharing my ideas for the future of Williamson County.

Early voting starts next Wednesday and election day is November 5th. If you want good information about voting in Williamson County, go to [Williamson County Citizens](#).

Have a great weekend.

Blessings and keep the faith.

Bill

### **Williamson County School Board**

There were no meetings this week. Next week is the monthly **work session** that is scheduled for **Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup>** at Williamson County School Support Services Building 1761 West Main Street Franklin TN 37064 [Agenda video](#) (Click on livestream at 6:00 pm to watch live or click on it anytime after that to watch the recorded video).

**If you would like to speak at the October 21, 2024, meeting, sign up will begin at 12 pm on Thursday, October 17, 2024 through Monday, October 21, 2024 at 12 pm.** After the district receives your email request to speak and the items listed below, you will receive a confirmation email. That email must be brought with you to the meeting.

To be considered to speak we will need the following items:

**Your First and Last Name**  
**Complete Address**  
**Your Topic of Comment**  
**Any Organization You Represent**

### **Williamson County Election Commission**

The Williamson County Election Commission (WCEC) held an open house on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> for candidates in the upcoming November 5<sup>th</sup> election and citizens to view the ES&S voting machines used in our elections and ask questions.

- Two candidates and one citizen were at the opening of the two-hour open house.

- They were welcomed by WCEC Chairman Jonathan Duda and he introduced the two IT technicians who set up the machines and oversee them during the election. John Brake and Tony Clifford.
- Duda showed the first candidate the process at the ballot marking device, and that device promptly jammed. Twice. A new ballot had to be issued.
  - (We wouldn't have machine jamming problems if we used hand-marked paper ballots!)
- The open house was to shut down at 4 p.m.

The founder of the [Tennessee Voters for Election Integrity](#), Frank Limpus, attended the event and offered the following in comment:

- While we have voiced major concerns about the voting machines and election processes in Williamson County for several years now, the Williamson County Election Commission has done little to address concerns, especially the top five that we currently have documented.
- Were we able to rebut what the WCEC was telling candidates and citizens in this open house, here's what we would have affirmed:
  - **The machines can be hacked or mis-perform.**
    - This has occurred in elections across the nation and, in the October 2021 election, here in Franklin.
    - Here are several cybersecurity experts affirming this: [Here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#), to start.
    - The senior vice president of security for ES&S admits the machines can be hacked. [Here](#).
    - These machines are tested by the [US Election Assistance Commission](#) (EAC) against [standards that are abysmally weak](#).
    - [Ballot marking devices](#) are one of the most vulnerable machines.
    - Vulnerable voting machines can definitely produce incorrect election results. [Here](#) and [here](#).
    - So, why are citizens forced to use them despite this evidence? Why won't the WCEC listen to their customers, the citizens, and change the process?
  - **Neither the state nor Williamson County are allowed to inspect the inside of the machines or the software for nefarious components.**
    - [Disguised wireless components](#) and [components from China](#) have been found in the voting machines, especially ES&S machines.
    - Software/hardware changes can manipulate how the voting machine performs.
    - There are no cyber security experts who inspect every machine as it enters Tennessee or a county from a vendor to ensure that we have received machines that do not have wireless capabilities. This critical issue is not verified.
  - **Our ballots are NOT voter-verifiable despite WCEC claims that they are.**
    - The voter's vote selections on the ballot are [encased in a bar code](#), made by the ballot marking device we're forced to use.
    - The tabulator that counts the ballots reads the bar code, NOT the text on the ballot.

- There is no way a voter can confirm that his vote selections are reflected in the bar code... because no human reads bar code!
- Thus, you can't verify your vote no matter what the election commission tries to tell you.
- **Citizens have been crying out for hand-marked paper ballots as a hedge against the dangers of the ballot marking devices.**
  - [70% of US voters vote on hand-marked paper ballots](#), not on ballot marking devices. Yes, even California, New York and Chicago!
  - So, what does a majority of the nation know about the use of hand-marked paper that the Williamson County Election Commission doesn't?
  - In 2023, the WCEC promised the County Commission and citizens to study how we might bring hand-marked paper ballots into our voting process. But once they secured the money to purchase the voting machines, they quietly dropped the promise of this study earlier this year.
  - Another reason we've found it difficult to trust the election commission.
- **We have been forced to vote in vulnerable vote centers, instead of precincts, in which we were successfully voting for decades.**
  - Vote centers are actually illegal according to the [Tennessee State Constitution \(Article IV Section 1\)](#).
  - But the state is pushing [vote centers](#) to save money (it hasn't happened) and increase turnout (that hasn't happened either).
  - We used to vote in 43 precinct locations before moving to 25 vote centers in 2020. A reduction in voting locations of 42%.
    - (No wonder there are long lines at times when you vote – they're squeezing more people into fewer voting locations).
  - Problem: The internet is now piped into every voting location (it wasn't there before) to prevent vote hopping.
    - Why: They have to eliminate a voter from the election voter list once he/she votes at the first voting center. That can happen because all vote centers and the election office are now connected via the internet.
  - So, now you have the [internet near machines that can't prove they don't have wireless capabilities](#). The [ExpressLink system/ExpressVote](#) printers aren't even certified, so election officials have no idea whatsoever is contained in the equipment.
  - Election officials say the internet is protected by a VPN, but read [here about the documented weaknesses of VPNs](#).
  - And did you know that Cisco, the company that manufactures the VPN we use, was hacked in 2022? They couldn't even protect their own company, yet they're supposed to protect our election?
  - And [read here about the number of companies worldwide](#) that are spending billions of dollars to protect their data, yet are still being hacked. In comparison, Williamson County is spending less than pennies on the security of our voting process.
- Now do you see why we have been so vocal about our research into these issues and the dangers they pose to our elections? And why it baffles us that the WCEC does next to

nothing to address the concerns? And why they simply love machines in the voting process? Unless, of course, there is an alternative reason why they don't want to address them.....?

- There are many more issues that we have documented with our research... available at our website: [www.TennesseeElectionIntegrity.com](http://www.TennesseeElectionIntegrity.com) .
- Citizens must get involved in speaking up about these highly questionable machines and processes before the WCEC will begin to make changes that will return safe, secure and trustworthy elections to us. Plus, citizens MUST vote into office grassroots candidates who are vocal and committed to better securing our elections and turning our county around before we lose our Republic.
- Please join us: [Tennessee Voters for Election Integrity](http://TennesseeVotersforElectionIntegrity) [info@tennesseeelectionintegrity.com](mailto:info@tennesseeelectionintegrity.com)

There are no scheduled meetings for next week, but early voting starts on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> and here are the locations:

### Williamson County Early Voting Sites

<b>Polling Location Name:</b>	County Election Commission
<b>Address:</b>	405 Downs Boulevard
	Franklin, TN 37064 ( <a href="#">Map</a> )
<b>Hours:</b>	
October 16th through 31st	
Monday through Friday (8:00 am to 6:30 pm)	
Saturday (8:00 am - 2:00 pm)	
<b>Polling Location Name:</b>	Franklin Recreation Complex
<b>Address:</b>	1120 Hillsboro Road
	Franklin, TN 37064 ( <a href="#">Map</a> )
<b>Hours:</b>	
October 16th through 31st	
Monday through Friday (8:00 am to 6:30 pm)	
Saturday (9:00 am - 2:00 pm)	
<b>Polling Location Name:</b>	The John P. Holt Brentwood Library
<b>Address:</b>	8109 Concord Road
	Brentwood, TN 37027 ( <a href="#">Map</a> )
<b>Hours:</b>	
October 16th through 31st	
Monday through Friday (8:00 am to 6:30 pm)	
Saturday (9:00 am - 2:00 pm)	

<b>Polling Location Name:</b>	Fairview Recreation Center
<b>Address:</b>	2714 Fairview Boulevard
	Fairview, TN 37062 ( <a href="#">Map</a> )
<b>Hours:</b>	
October 16th through 31st	
Monday through Friday (8:00 am to 6:30 pm)	
Saturday (9:00 am - 2:00 pm)	

<b>Polling Location Name:</b>	Longview Recreation Center at Spring Hill
<b>Address:</b>	2909 Commonwealth Drive
	Spring Hill, TN 37174 ( <a href="#">Map</a> )
<b>Hours:</b>	
October 16th through 31st	
Monday through Friday (8:00 am to 6:30 pm)	
Saturday (9:00 am - 2:00 pm)	

<b>Polling Location Name:</b>	Nolensville Recreation Center
<b>Address:</b>	7250 Nolensville Road
	Nolensville, TN 37135 ( <a href="#">Map</a> )
<b>Hours:</b>	
October 16th through 31st	
Monday through Friday (8:00 am to 6:30 pm)	
Saturday (9:00 am - 2:00 pm)	

<b>Polling Location Name:</b>	College Grove Community Center
<b>Address:</b>	8607 Horton Highway
	College Grove, TN 37046 ( <a href="#">Map</a> )
<b>Hours:</b>	
October 16th through 31st	
Monday through Friday (8:00 am to 6:30 pm)	
Saturday (9:00 am - 2:00 pm)	

## **Williamson County Commission**

The budget committee met on Monday [Packet](#) ( to see what was discussed during the budget committee meeting, scroll to appropriations page 3 to see the a thumb nail and page 99 for the full resolutions) [video](#) .

The Budget Committee can only make recommendations to the Commission. In their meeting on Monday, they voted to recommend passage of all resolutions considered. As you can see, some are large and some are small. Some are grants, which are no brainers, and some have costs. The biggest one was resolution 10-24-10 which is a loan from the county to the school district for \$13m. This is a temporary loan that has more to do with cash flow than anything else. The school district needs funds now to pay their bills but the tax money hasn't come it yet. What you will see, if you watch how things work, is that money is constantly being moved from one bucket to another depending on cash needs. The full commission will be voting on this on Monday.

Next week, the full **commission will meet on Monday** at 7:00 pm at 1320 W. Main in the main auditorium [agenda](#) for video, go to Williamson County Commission video 10/14/24 to watch live or a recording after the 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA)**

On Tuesday, BOMA held their **work session** [agenda video](#) and board meeting. During the work session, they discussed the Armistead project that I mentioned last week. It is 192 acres across from West Haven that proposes to include 837 new homes. Many people have asked about impact fees that the developers pay per home and in this case, the developers will be charged \$3,602,448.00 which comes to \$4,304 per home. There is no mention of the 75-room motel. Another interesting discussion was the new rules for assessing impact fees and how much money they will generate over the next 10 years. It's worth watching if you want to understand the magnitude of development that has been approved and what is actually being built. The Glovercroft annexation is also worth watching as well.

Actually, the whole meeting is worth watching if you have two hours of time.

The work session was followed by the board meeting [agenda](#) The video portion is not available. Since there is no video, I don't have much to say about this meeting.

The Budget/finance committee met on Thursday [agenda](#) There is no video for this.

Next week looks like [this](#).

## **On a personal note**

As many of you know, I am running for the District 10 seat on the Williamson County Commission. If you are interested in learning more about me, my race and the key issues, please check out this special link for an immersive message: <https://freedominteractiveprint.webar.host/a/m3fa17535> Next week, the full slate of videos will be available.

If not me, who?  
If not now, when?

***“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen  
(Heb. 11:1)***