



ROCKDALE COUNTY PRESS RELEASE

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Rockdale County Board of Elections Will Use Grant Funds to Cover The Expense Of Additional Ballot Drop Boxes at Fire Stations

ROCKDALE COUNTY, Ga. – The Rockdale County Board of Elections was recently awarded a grant from the Center for Tech and Civic Life in the amount of \$276,681.25. The Board of Commissioners approved acceptance of the Grant at the October 13th meeting. The purpose of the grant is to help make voting in 2020 Elections more convenient and accessible for voters to cast their ballot amidst the Covid-19 Pandemic that continues to plague our community.

A portion of the grant funds have been used to purchase and install seven Ballot Drop Boxes at seven of the nine Fire Stations in Rockdale County, as listed below. As required, the grant will also cover the required secured 24-hour surveillance cameras at each Ballot Drop Box location. Voters will be able to drop off their Mail Ballot at one of the Fire Stations beginning Friday, October 16, 2020. Voters are still able to drop off ballots at the Board of Elections Office, 1261 Commercial Drive. Voters wishing to use the ballot drop boxes around the county, may do so up through 7pm on Election Day, November 3, 2020. After this time, the ballot drop boxes will be locked as required by Georgia's State Election Board Rule.

<i>LOCATIONS TO DROP OF BY MAIL BALLOTS SEE MAP ATTACHED</i>	
<i>BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATION</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>
Fire Station #2	778 Bell Road
Fire Station #3	2450 Old Salem Road
Fire Station #4	3601 Union Church Road
Fire Station #5	2100 West Hightower Trail
Fire Station #6	2681 Hurst Road
Fire Station #7	1496 Rockbridge Road
Fire Station #9	2009 Walker Road
Rockdale County Board of Elections Office	1261 Commercial Dr., SW, Suite B (drive around to back of building)

In addition, the grant will be used to cover expenses such as:

- Personal protective equipment (PPE) for staff, poll workers, or voters
- Hire additional Poll Workers
- Election Worker hazard pay and training expenses
- Polling place rental and cleaning expenses for Early Voting and Election Day

For voters voting in person, due to social distancing, please wear your mask and be prepared to wait in possibly long lines.

For more information, contact the Rockdale County Board of Elections Office at 770-278-7333.

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