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Early voting begins Feb. 12 for Presidential Preference, County Primary

JONESBOROUGH – With a new early voting location secured, the Washington County Election Commission Office is ready for 2020’s three election cycles.

“We secured three early voting sites that are easily accessible for county residents to make sure early voting runs smoothly for all three elections this year,” said Maybell Stewart, Administrator for the Washington County Election Commission. “Our first early voting period is Feb. 12-25. The ballot includes primary races for both U.S. President and Assessor of Property, along with the selection of delegate candidates and constables.”

Those early voting locations are:

- 220 N. Second Avenue, Jonesborough (Old Ace Hardware Building)
- 106 Gray Commons Circle, Gray (Johnson City Fire Station)
- 2516 E. Oakland Avenue, Johnson City (Princeton Arts Center)

The new early voting location in Jonesborough replaces the Historic Courthouse as an early voting location only. If a voter’s election day precinct is the Historic Courthouse, it remains the Historic Courthouse.

“This is similar to our early voting location in Gray, which is not an election day polling location either,” Stewart explained. “Early voting locations are selected as a matter of convenience and accessibility.”

All three locations will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday as well as 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Any registered Washington County voter can cast their ballot during early voting at any of the early voting locations.

Election day is March 3. On that day, voters can only cast their ballots at their assigned precinct. Voters can find precinct information on their voter registration card or by calling the Election Commission office at 753-1688.

A sample ballot was published the first week of February in local newspapers and is available for review on the Election Commission’s web site, wcecoffice.com.

To keep things running smoothly at polling locations, Stewart reminds voters to bring a federal- or state-issued photo ID and to let her office know in advance if you've moved since the last election.

"If you've moved but haven't notified our office, you can fill out a form on our web site, sign it and email it back to us or drop it off at our office prior to election day," she said. "We also have change of address forms available at our office, which is on the third floor of the Historic Courthouse in downtown Jonesborough."

Voters who do not notify the Election Commission of an address change by election day can do so the day of the election at their polling location. However, expect changing your address the day of the election to take longer.

The last day to request to vote via absentee ballot is Feb. 25. Voters age 60 and above can request to vote absentee based on age alone. Other reasons for requesting to vote absentee include: deployed military; those voters who will be outside of the county during both early voting and election day; persons physically unable to appear; caregivers of disabled individuals; and overland truck drivers. Forms for absentee voting are available online and at the Election Commission office.

Anyone with questions regarding the election, polling locations or absentee ballots can check out information available online at wcecoffice.com or by calling 753-1688.