

Agenda Item No: V-e
Meeting Date: July 27, 2020

Subject: Consent Agenda Item

V-e Approval of Resolution 20-65, approving an IGA with Weld County to participate in the Coordinated Election on November 3, 2020. For many years the City has entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Weld County for coordinated elections. It is both cost effective and time saving. It is our desire to enter into the agreement again this year for the November 3, 2020 election. This year's election will be an all mail ballot election. Weld County will charge \$1.25 per registered voter with a minimum charge of \$200. The City currently has 3,737 registered voters, which would be a cost of \$4,671.25. The cost will increase if more residents register to vote before the election.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-65

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR CONDUCT OF COORDINATED ELECTIONS WITH WELD COUNTY.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DACONO, COLORADO:

Section 1. The Memorandum of Intergovernmental Agreement for Conduct of Coordinated Elections is hereby approved in essentially the same form as the copy of such Agreement accompanying this resolution.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City, and is further authorized to negotiate and approve on behalf of the City such revisions to the Agreement as the Mayor determines are necessary or desirable for the protection of the City, so long as the essential terms and conditions of the proposal are not altered.

INTRODUCED, READ, and ADOPTED this 27th day of July, 2020.

CITY OF DACONO, COLORADO

Joe Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Valerie Taylor, City Clerk

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City of Dacono, hereinafter referred to as "Jurisdiction," does hereby agree and contract with the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Weld, hereinafter referred to as "Commissioners," and the Weld County Clerk and Recorder, hereinafter referred to as "County Clerk," concerning the administration of the November 3, 2020, General Election conducted pursuant to the Uniform Election Code of 1992 as amended (hereinafter "Code"), and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, found at 8 C.C.R. 1505-1. This Agreement is not intended to address or modify statutory provisions regarding voter registration, nor to address or modify the County Clerk's duties thereunder.

WHEREAS, the Jurisdiction desires to conduct an election pursuant to its statutory authority or to have certain items placed on the ballot at an election pursuant to its statutory authority, such election to occur via mail ballot on November 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Jurisdiction agrees to conduct a Coordinated Election with the County Clerk acting as the Coordinated Election Official; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk is the "Coordinated Election Official," pursuant to C.R.S. §1-7-116, and is to perform certain election services in consideration of performances by the Jurisdiction of the obligations herein below set forth; and

WHEREAS, such agreements are authorized by statute at C.R.S. §§1-1-111(3), 1-7-116, and 29-1-203, et seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. The Jurisdiction encompasses territory within Weld County and _____ County. This Agreement shall be construed to apply only to that portion of the Jurisdiction within Weld County.
2. Term of Agreement: This Agreement is intended only to deal with the conduct of the November 3, 2020, General Election.
3. The Jurisdiction agrees to perform the following tasks and activities:
 - a. Conduct all procedures required of the clerk or designated election official for initiatives, referenda, and referred measures under the provisions of C.R.S. §§31-11-101 through 31-11-118.
 - b. To do all tasks required by law of designated election officials concerning nomination of candidates by petition, including, but not limited to: issue approval as to form, where appropriate, of nominating petition; determine candidate eligibility; receive candidate acceptance of nominations; accept notice of intent, petitions for nomination, and affidavits of circulators; verify signatures on nominating petitions; and hear any protests of the nominating petitions, as said tasks are set forth in any applicable provisions of Title 1, Article IV, Parts 8 and 9, and C.R.S. §1-4-501, C.R.S., and those portions of the Colorado Municipal Election Code of 1965, Article X of Title 31, as adopted by reference pursuant to C.R.S. §1-4-805.

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- c. Establish order of names and questions for Jurisdiction's portion of the ballot and submit to the County Clerk in final form. The ballot content, including a list of candidates, ballot title, and text, must be certified to the County Clerk no later than 60 days before the election, pursuant to C.R.S. §1-5-203(3)(a).
- d. Accept written comments for and against ballot issues pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 1-7-901 and Colorado Constitution Article 10, Section 20(3)(b)(v). Comments to be accepted must be filed by noon on the Friday before the 45th day before the election. Preparation of summaries of written comments shall be done by the Jurisdiction but only to the extent required pursuant to C.R.S. §1-7-903(3). The full text of any required ballot issue notices must be transmitted to and received by the County Clerk no later than 43 days prior to the election pursuant to C.R.S. §1-7-904. No portion of this Subsection 3(d) shall require the County Clerk to prepare summaries regarding the Jurisdiction's ballot issues.
- e. Collect, prepare, and submit all information required to give notice pursuant to Colorado Constitution Article 10, Section 20(3)(b), the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights. Such information must be received by the County Clerk no less than 43 days prior to the election to give the County Clerk sufficient time to circulate the information to voters.
- f. Accept affidavits of intent to accept write-in candidacy up until close of business on the 64th day before the election, provide a list of valid affidavits received and forward them to the County Clerk pursuant to C.R.S. §1-4-1102(2).
- g. Pay the sum of \$1.25 per registered elector eligible to vote in the Jurisdiction's election as of November 3, 2020, with a \$200 minimum, within 30 days of billing, regardless of whether or not the election is actually held. If the Jurisdiction cancels the election before its Section 20, Article X, the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights, notices are due to the County, and prior to the County Clerk incurring any expenses for the printing of the ballots, the Jurisdiction shall not be obligated for any expenses under this Subsection 3(g) (h). The Jurisdiction shall also be responsible for costs of recounts pursuant to C.R.S. §§1-10.5-107, 1-10.5-104, or 1-11-215, except for costs collected from an "interested party" pursuant to C.R.S. §1-10.5-106 which shall be collected by the entity conducting the recount.
- h. Designate an "election official" who shall act as the primary liaison between the Jurisdiction and the County Clerk and who will have primary responsibility for the conduct of election procedures to be handled by the Jurisdiction hereunder.
- i. By approval of this Agreement, any municipality thereby resolves to not use the provisions of the Colorado Municipal Election Code, except as otherwise set forth herein or as its use is specifically authorized by the Code.

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- j. Mail ballot issue notices pursuant to C.R.S. §1-7-906(2) for active registered electors who do not reside within the county or counties where the political subdivision is located.
- k. Carry out all action necessary for cancellation of an election including notice pursuant to C.R.S. §1-5-208, and pay any costs incurred by the County Clerk within 30 days of receipt of an invoice setting forth the costs of the canceled election pursuant to C.R.S. §1-5-208(5).
- l. Jurisdiction shall verify as being accurate the list of registered elector's names and addresses previously forwarded to the Jurisdiction by the Weld County Clerk and Recorder's Office. By signing this Agreement, Jurisdiction represents that the list of registered elector's names and addresses has been reviewed by the Jurisdiction and is accurate. The Jurisdiction will promptly notify Adam Gonzales, the Weld County Election Manager (see contact information in 5(h)), of any changes to the information contained in said list.
- m. By September 4th, Jurisdiction shall notify all candidates to call the Election Office at 970-304-6525, ext. 3109, to leave a voice mail on how to pronounce the candidate's name and the office the candidate is seeking.

4. The County Clerk Agrees to perform the following tasks and activities:

- a. Except as otherwise expressly provided for in this Agreement, to act as the Coordinated Election Official for the conduct of the election for the Jurisdiction for all matters in the Code which require action by the Coordinated Election Official.
- b. Circulate the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights notice pursuant to Colorado Constitution Article X, Section 20.
- c. Circulate general Ballot Issues notices pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 1-7-905 and 1-7-906(1), and publish and post notice, as directed in C.R.S. §1-5-205.
- d. Designate the statutory required number of drop boxes during the election cycle. Designate not less than the statutory requirement of voter service and polling centers for early voting and election day.
- e. After Election Day, bill Jurisdiction for number of registered electors within the Jurisdiction as of Election Day; identify the members of the Board of Canvassers eligible for receiving a fee; and bill the Jurisdiction for the fees.
- f. Designate an employee of the Weld County Clerk and Recorder's Office, Election Division to act as a primary liaison or contact between the County Clerk and the Jurisdiction (see contact information in 5(h)).

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- g. The County Clerk shall appoint and train election judges and this power shall be delegated by the Jurisdiction to the County Clerk, to the extent required or allowed by law.
- h. Select and appoint a Board of Canvassers to canvass the votes, provided that the Jurisdiction, at its option, may designate one of its members and one eligible elector from the jurisdiction to assist the County Clerk in the survey of the returns for that Jurisdiction. If the Jurisdiction desires to appoint one of its members and an eligible elector to assist, it shall make such appointments, and shall notify the County Clerk in writing of such appointments not later than 15 days prior to the election. The County Clerk shall receive and canvass all votes, and shall certify the results in the time and manner provided and required by the Code. The County Clerk shall perform all recounts required by the Code.

5. Additional Provisions

- a. Time of the Essence.

Time is of the essence in this Agreement. The statutory time frames of the Code shall apply to the completion of the tasks required by this Agreement.

- b. Conflict of Agreement with Law.

This Agreement shall be interpreted to be consistent with the Code, provisions of Title 31 applicable to the conduct of elections, and the Colorado Election Rules contained in 8 C.C.R. 1505-1. Should there be an irreconcilable conflict between the statutes, this Agreement and the Colorado Election Rules, the statutes shall first prevail, then this Agreement and lastly the Colorado Election Rules.

- c. Right of Termination.

If Jurisdiction fails to accomplish its obligations, County is relieved of any further obligation under this agreement. Jurisdiction is fully responsible for any actions that result from its failure to meet its obligations.

- d. Liquidated Damages.

In the event that a Court of competent jurisdiction finds that the election for the Jurisdiction was void or otherwise fatally defective as a result of the sole negligence or failure of the County Clerk to perform in accordance with this Agreement or laws applicable thereto, then the County Clerk shall, as liquidated damage, not as a penalty, refund all payments made, pursuant to Subsection 3(g) of this Agreement and shall, if requested by the Jurisdiction, conduct the next Coordinated Election which may include any election made necessary by a defect in the election conducted pursuant to this Agreement with no fee assessed to the Jurisdiction. This remedy shall be the sole and exclusive remedy for damages available to the Jurisdiction under this Agreement.

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e. No Waiver of Privileges or Immunities.

No term or condition of this Agreement shall be construed or interpreted as a waiver, express or implied, of any of the immunities, rights, benefits, protections or other provisions, of the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act §§ 24-10-101 et seq., as applicable now or hereafter amended, or any other applicable privileges or immunities held by the parties to this Agreement.

f. No Third Party Beneficiary Enforcement.

It is expressly understood and agreed that the enforcement of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and all rights of action relating to such enforcement, shall be strictly reserved to the undersigned parties and nothing in this Agreement shall give or allow any claim or right of action whatsoever by any other person not included in this Agreement. It is the express intention of the undersigned parties that any entity other than the undersigned parties receiving services or benefits under this Agreement shall be an incidental beneficiary only.

g. Entire Agreement, Modification, Waiver of Breach.

This Agreement contains the entire Agreement and understanding between the parties to this Agreement and supersedes any other agreements concerning the subject matter of this transaction, whether oral or written. No modification, amendment, novation, renewal, or other alteration of or to this Agreement and any attached exhibits shall be deemed valid or of any force or effect whatsoever, unless mutually agreed upon in writing by the undersigned parties. No breach of any term, provision, or clause of this Agreement shall be deemed waived or excused, unless such waiver or consent shall be in writing and signed by the party claimed to have waived or consented. Any consent by any party hereto, or waiver of, a breach by any other party, whether express or implied, shall not constitute a consent to, waiver of, or excuse for any other, or subsequent, breach.

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h. Notice provided for in this Agreement shall be given by the Jurisdiction to the primary liaison designated according to section 4.f. above:

Adam Gonzales
Phone: (970) 400-3178
Fax: (970) 304-6566
Email: agonzales@weldgov.com
Address: PO Box 459, Greeley, CO 80632

Notice provided for in this Agreement shall be given to the Jurisdiction election official referred to in Subsection 3(h) of this Agreement by phone:

Designated Election Official for Jurisdiction: _____
Phone: _____
After hour phone number: _____
Additional Contact Information:
Fax: _____
E-mail: _____
Address: _____
_____.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2020.

WELD COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF WELD COUNTY

Carly Koppes, Clerk and Recorder

Mike Freeman, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST: _____
Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

County Attorney

Deputy Clerk to the Board

City of Dacono

ATTEST:

Joe Baker, Mayor

Valerie Taylor, City Clerk/Designated
Election Official for Jurisdiction