

**Item Title:** Appropriate General Fund Fund Balance to Reprint Ballots for the November 2024 Presidential Election

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners appropriates \$315,728 of General Fund Fund Balance for the cost of reprinting ballots for the November 2024 Wake County Presidential Election.**

**Item Summary:**

**Purpose:** In accordance with the North Carolina Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, the Board of Commissioners must approve all amendments that increase the budget for a fund.

**Background:** The Wake County Board of Elections is responsible for conducting all elections in accordance with State law and court rulings. The adopted FY 2025 operating budget includes sufficient funding to conduct all national, state and local elections.

On September 10, 2024, the North Carolina Supreme Court upheld the North Carolina Court of Appeals decision to remove Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s name from 2024 general election ballots. This required Wake County Board of Elections to dispose of the outdated ballots, recode, and reprint new ballots to reflect the court's decision in a compressed timeframe. Staff recommends appropriating additional funds to ensure the Board of Elections has sufficient resources to complete this election cycle.

**Strategic Plan:** This action supports County operations.

**Fiscal Impact:** The cost of reprinting ballots for the Wake County Presidential Election is \$315,728. This amount will be appropriated from General Fund Fund Balance. This use of fund balance will not cause the fund balance to drop below the General Fund policy minimum of 30%.

**Additional Information:**

None.

**Attachments:**

1. Budget Memo – FY2025 General Government