

Item Title: Appropriate Funds for the Town of Cary Municipal Runoff Election and the Wake County March Primary Election

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners appropriate \$125,523 of Town of Cary Municipal Reimbursement for Town of Cary Municipal Runoff Election and \$190,000 of General Fund Fund Balance for an additional Early Voting Site for the Wake County March Primary 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: Wake County accounts for known elections in the annual budget. The Board of Elections budget for FY2024 included funding for the Fall 2023 Town of Cary Municipal Election, as well as funding for the March 2024 primary. Funding for the Town of Cary Runoff Election was not included.

On their July 25, 2023 meeting, the Wake County Board of Elections voted unanimously to select an additional Early Voting site for the Wake County March Primary election. This additional Early Voting site was added due to new photo identification requirements when sending an absentee ballot. This action provides the Board of Election funding for the Cary runoff and one additional early voting site for the March primary.

Board Goal: This action supports routine County business.

Fiscal Impact: The cost of the Town of Cary Runoff Election and the additional Early Voting site for the Wake County March Primary election is estimated at \$315,523. The Town of Cary will provide \$125,523 in reimbursement associated with the costs of the Town of Cary Runoff Election. The remaining \$190,000 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:

The Board of Elections FY24 budget request included funding for 12 Early Voting sites for the 2024 March Primary Election. The Board of Elections Five-Member Bipartisan Board met on July 25, 2023, and voted to increase the number of Early Voting sites for

the 2024 March Primary Election from 12 Early Voting sites to 13 Early Voting sites due to photo ID law requirements that became effective in April 2023.

Attachments:

1. Budget Memo FY24 – General Government