

The November 4, 2008 election was deemed to be successful by many and the credit for any success must be shared by many people.

I start, first and foremost, with the election office staff. They gave unsparingly of themselves and their time. Their families are to be commended as well for sacrificing family time to allow the employees to work as many hours as they did.

I also thank the many people that make up the extended staff of the election office – poll workers, early voting workers, etc. They worked diligently to ensure that things were done promptly and correctly, with little training. We were unable to provide the amount of training we had in the past due to time constraints.

Many of the county departments contributed to help us in this major election and I would like to thank them as well.

County Commissioners – for allowing us the money to receive the training we have received, for the dollars spent on the voter registration package, and for the freedom to do whatever was needed to make the election run smoothly.

IT – for helping us with getting all of the equipment purchased, set up, and running properly as well as allowing us to use the room(s) they have reserved for training.

Purchasing – for their patience and understanding as they helped us with all the purchases needed throughout the election and for allowing us to use their van to deliver equipment.

Custodial Services – for helping us maintain our office and needed office supplies as we progressed through the election, for allowing us to use part of their office space during the election, and for allowing us to use their van to deliver equipment.

Facilities Maintenance – for helping us with the freight elevator issues, fixing the elevator during early voting, providing the necessary keys to gain access to all areas needed during the election, and for overseeing our office.

Larry Justice and the staff of the Library – for allowing us to have access to their network connection to use in case of the elevator failing, for allowing us to use space outside of the library for demonstrations, and for helping direct folks to the right place.

Vehicle Registration – for their patience as we had the many voters going through the office and for allowing us to move out into the hallway with staff to process the voters.

I also appreciate Votec for their help in the election. Any question or issue we had with the voter registration package was quickly and efficiently taken care of. Further, they provided us with VoteSafe, on a trial basis, to see how we can process voters during early voting and at one polling location.

We further had donations and help from West Central Wireless and Central High School. WCC donated 20 phones and an aircard and Central High School allowed us to use space on campus for training our workers.