

# The State of Texas



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May 22, 2014

Mr. Ray Reynolds  
Somervell County Hospital District  
1021 Holden Street  
Glen Rose, Texas 76043

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

An election inspector was assigned to the Somervell County Hospital District to observe the conduct of the May 10, 2014 Election. Copies of the inspector's reports are enclosed for your review. As noted on the report, most questions on the chart are answered "Y" for Yes or "N" for No. "N/O" stands for "Not Observed," i.e., the activity was simply not observed while the inspector was present. "N/A" means "Not Applicable." For example, if a polling place is on the ground level, whether a staircase was accessible is not applicable.

We hope you find this information helpful as you evaluate the election in your community, and that it may be useful to you as you plan for the training of future election judges and clerks. We appreciate the challenges you face in administering an election, and we thank you for your service to the voters of Texas. If you have any questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact us toll-free at 1-800-252-2216, option 4.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Ingram".

Keith Ingram  
Director of Elections

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Political Subdivision Inspected: Somervell Co. Hospital District  
 (Name of City, School, County, or other) Location

Date of Election: May 10, 2014

Inspector: Thomas Gipson

Fill in Precinct No. and Location for each polling place observed.  
 Answer all questions Y, N, N/O = Not/Observed, or N/A = Not/Applicable, unless otherwise indicated.

**ACTIVITIES Cont:**

	Pre. No.
61. Did the election judge periodically check for discarded election related materials left by previous voters in the polling place? (Y, N or N/O)	1
62. If such material was found, did the judge properly discard it? (Y, N or N/O)	Y
	Y

**COUNTING PROCEDURES:**

63. Were machines used to count ballots at the polling place? (Y or N)	Y
64. Did the voters deposit their ballot directly into the machine <input type="checkbox"/> or ballot box <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ? (Y or N)	Y
65. Were the sealed provisional ballots deposited in ballot box no. 4 or another separate sealed container from the regular ballot box? (Y, N, N/O or N/A, if ballots are deposited directly into ballot box with regular ballots)	Y
66. Did you observe the machine kicking any ballot back because it was mismarked? (Y, N or N/O)	Y
67. Did the precinct judge print out and sign the precinct totals at the end of voting? (Y, N or N/O, if not present at polling place at the end of voting)	Y

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**COMMENT SECTION**

**68. If the answer to (2b) or (7) was "no", describe the nature of the barrier.**

N/A

**69. Describe in detail any noteworthy occurrence you observed while you were present at any of the polling places. Identify polling place by precinct number.**

Judge (Barbara Lancaster) and her workers, were exceptional in their preparation and execution of the election. Very strict implementation of all Election laws and procedures. Small confusion on the ballot count, but that was resolved. Count off by 1 due to starting count from 1<sup>st</sup> ballot used, not last ballot of the early election. (e.g. – ballots 612 thru 1120 is 509) but subtraction shows 508. SoS should clarify in directions. Forgot to stamp a very few (~10) ballots, but in counting found and Judge stamped. Witness by workers and me. No signs of coercion or Intimidation in or outside polling location. No electioneering whatsoever on or around the premises.

This report is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and is an accurate report as observed by me.

Date: May 10, 2014 Name of Inspector: Tom Gipson