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Two voting precincts voting locations moved



Levy County Supervisor of Elections Tammy Jones speaks to the County Commission on Tuesday (April 3).

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BRONSON -- The choice of Williston City Council members to build a new City Hall and the choice of a church to no longer allow its structure to be used to cast ballots forced Levy County Supervisor of Elections Tammy Jones to change places where voters will cast their ballots this year.

The Levy County Commission on Tuesday (April 3) approved by a 5-0 her requests to make the changes.

Precinct 7 in Williston formerly was in the Community Building of the former Williston City Hall. That structure has been leveled and the concrete foundation is being poured within the next week for the new City Hall.

Supervisor of Elections Jones said the best-case scenario puts the completion of the new Williston City Hall in October.

Jones found the leaders of the Williston Woman's Club, 1049 N.E. 6th Blvd., (State Road 121 North), agreeing to let the county use that facility for the 2018 elections. This temporary precinct location is one and two-tenths of a mile from the current voting site.

Jones said she hopes this will be only a temporary change until the new City Hall is built, at which time she would like to continue conducting elections there.

The other change will be away from Faith Baptist Tabernacle, 17531 U.S. Alt. 27 north of

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Williston.

“That church was very generous to let us use that building for all those years,” Jones said. “As a congregation, they decided it was not something they wanted to continue doing.”

Jones said the church gave a lot of notice. Last year, the County Commission helped her have a portable building moved to the county-owned land that used to be utilized for Precinct 2.

It is between U.S. Alt. 27 and the cutoff for State Road 121, Jones said. The distance between the church and the new location for the portable building is just over three miles -- 3.2 miles.

Jones said she is sending new voter identification cards to every voter who is being affected in the two precincts. She is also going to place signs at the previous precinct locations to redirect voters to the revised precincts' locations.

Jones will be noting the changes in the primary and general election newsletters as well, she said.

With early voting and voting by mail, Jones mentioned that precinct voting has been reduced.