



Commission Meeting

Meeting Date: March 31, 2026

Board of Election Funding Request

Department:	Board of Elections
Presenter:	W. Travis Doss, Jr.
Caption:	Motion to approve funding for the March 10, 2026 Special Election in House District 130 and the April 7, 2026 Runoff
Background:	On January 5, 2026, House District Representative Lynn Heffner resigned causing a vacancy in HD 130. The Governor sent a writ to the Secretary of State to call for a special election which was set for March 10, 2026. The election was held and now there is a runoff on April 7, 2026.
Analysis:	The election was not scheduled or budgeted. The Governor must issue the writ within 10 days of the resignation. The date of the election must be no less than 30 days but no more than 60 after the writ is issued. If no candidate receives 50% of the vote, a runoff must be held 4 weeks later.
Financial Impact:	\$95, 200 for both election and runoff. The Board of Elections used budgeted funds to cover but needs funds to cover the budgeted elections for the rest of the year.
Alternatives:	The election and runoff must be held and state provides no funding
Recommendation:	Approve the motion
Funds are available in the following accounts:	There are no funds available and must come out of contingency
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	W. Travis Doss, Jr., Executive Director of the Board of Elections