

# Staff Report

**Subject:** Intergovernmental Agreements to Conduct Municipal Elections  
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**Meeting Date:** August 18, 2026  
**Item Description:** Consideration to approve the Intergovernmental Agreements for 2025 Municipal Elections – Rincon, Springfield and Guyton

**Summary Recommendation:** The municipality of Springfield has requested that the Effingham County Board of Elections conduct their November General Elections in 2026.

**Executive Summary:** The Effingham County Board of Elections has successfully conducted elections for this Municipality in the past. This arrangement is more convenient for voters, as it allows them to cast their votes in one location with all items included on a single ballot. The city will contribute to part of the total election costs.

**Background:** The contract has been approved by the Effingham County Election's Board, reviewed by the County Attorney, and approved by the City Council of the municipality.

## **Alternatives for Commission to Consider:**

1. Approve and sign the intergovernmental agreements.
2. Do not approve or sign the intergovernmental agreements which would require the cities to hold their own elections.

## **Recommended Alternative:**

Approve alternative 1.

## **Other Alternatives:**

Deny the request.

## **Department Review:**

## **Funding Source:**

## **Attachments:**

1. IGA for City of Springfield