



# Delaware County Proposal for Precinct Consolidations



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# Making Voting Easier

- Enhance ballot/equipment testing
- Improved training
- Increase quantity of voting stations
- Utilize PollPads for faster voter check-in

# Making Voting Easier – By the numbers

- 2020: 193,000 in-precinct ballots
  - Slower check-in systems
  - Fewer voting stations in precincts
  - Workers less familiar with equipment
  - Longer wait for election results

# Making Voting Easier – By the numbers

- 2020: 193,000 in-precinct ballots
  
- 2024: 236,000 in-precinct ballots
  - 43,000 more ballots in precincts: up 22%
  - Easier, faster check-ins with PollPads
  - More reports of quick voting experiences
  - Precinct election results reported quickly

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# Precinct Cost Centers – List 1

- Specially programmed/tested equipment
- Separate supply carrier
- Separate trucking (delivery) services to/from polling place
- Unique ballots
- Separate ballot scanner
- Separate Touchwriter
- Ballot printer
- Team of poll workers, including recruitment/training



# Precinct Cost Centers – List 2

- Separate Ballot Box
- Separate Numbered List of Voters
- Separate sets of forms
- Separate election results
- Separate return sheet and related result tapes
- Separate Poll Worker Payroll preparation
- Separate paper trail for Return Board to audit
- Additional training sessions

# Goals of Consolidation Proposal

- Maintain voter convenience and service
- Keep voters in same voting location, or nearby location
- Reduce number of “micro-precincts”
- Increase precincts in standard range: 900-2,000 voters
- Do NOT create any super-sized precincts
- Reduce operational costs

# Precincts Selected for Consolidation

- 104 precincts
- Typically smaller in size
- Geographically adjacent
- Have same districts on ballots
- Voters already voting in same polling place so that voters see virtually no change
- In 93 precincts being consolidated, voters would go to same location
- In 11 of precincts, voters would move to nearby location

# Consolidation Results

Precinct Voter Total	Current	After consolidation
• Fewer than 500	57	23
• 500-900	165	118
• 901-1,300	127	133
• 1,301-1,700	56	73
• 1,701-2,100	13	18
• 2,101-2,500	9	9
• More than 2,500	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>375</b>

# Consolidation Results

- Maintain services with minimal changes for voters
- 53 fewer precincts (12% reduction)
- More than \$106,000 in reduced overhead annually
- Equipment: Fewer moving parts
- Lower capital costs if/when county replaces voting equipment in 2030s: at least \$650,000 less, based on 2019 purchase
- Reduction in need to recruit, train, assign, replace poll workers

# After Consolidations

	Delco	Chesco	Montco
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