



Commonwealth of Kentucky

County Election Planning Report

County Name	
Hardin	
Election	
2023 General Election	
Person Completing this Form	
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For in-person voting on Election Day, the County Board of Elections will (check one):

- Consolidate precincts and precinct election officers (Requires Form SBE 74);
- Utilize the same consolidation plan that was used in a previous election (Requires previous Form SBE 74); or
- Open all existing precincts.

Excused in-person absentee voting will occur (check one):

- Within the County Clerk's office; or
- In another location within the county (Requires Form SBE 74).

No-excuse in-person absentee voting will occur (check one):

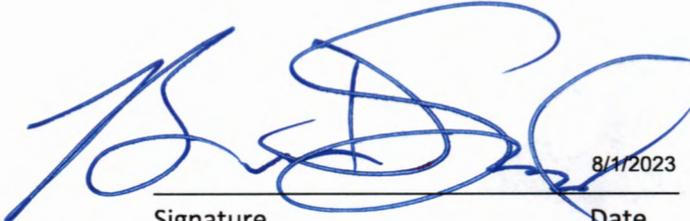
- Within the County Clerk's office; or
- In another location within the county (Requires Form SBE 74).

Absentee ballot drop-boxes will be located (minimum of one location required):

Inside both entrances to the Hardin County Clerk's Office, 150 N Provident Way, Ste 103, Elizabethtown, KY 42701

I have attached:

- All required Form SBE 74 sheets
- Relevant Maps
- Supplemental Narrative


Signature 8/11/2023
Date

August 1, 2023

State Board of Elections
140 Walnut Street
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear State Board of Elections Members and Staff:

Attached you will find the detailed plan for Hardin County for the General Election 2023. Last May, we offered primary voters two locations for Early (no excuse) voting and ten locations (all voter centers) on Primary Election Day. Since then, the Hardin County Fiscal Court has approved over \$380,000 to purchase the equipment we need to expand our elections to adequately serve our nearly 90,000 voters.

Unfortunately, our vendor has informed us that the earliest we can expect delivery is December 2023. I am deeply disappointed, but without additional equipment I am severely limited on the number of vote centers that I can offer.

The plan presented to you includes our two early voting centers – one in Elizabethtown at the Clerk’s Office to serve central and southern Hardin County and one in Radcliff to serve our northern Hardin County voters, including those who work at Fort Knox. We have redesigned our plan slightly to add both of these locations on General Election Day as well. This brings Hardin County to 12 vote centers for our General Election Day voters. This is short of where I would like to be, but we are making progress. We also made one notable change in location. The site at the Pritchard Community Center has become a concern. Last November the City of Elizabethtown had to place two police officers on site all day to deal with traffic congestion. The site has only one location for traffic entry/egress. After meeting with our Mayor, I decided to move that location to the Elizabethtown High School. The school brings several advantages: it offers more parking, the entrance to the building is closer to the handicapped parking spots, and it offers entrance/egress onto two main traffic arteries – North Mulberry Street and North Miles Street.

When evaluating our plan, I hope you will keep in mind that our General Election Day vote centers come in four distinct sizes – just like Slurpees at 7-Eleven. Our four XL sites are located where our population swells during the workday. Our Large (3 locations), Medium (3 locations), and Small (2 locations) sites are tailored to the region of Hardin County in which they are located and the population base there. This comes after an exhaustive review of turnout from every election since the adoption of vote centers.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me directly.

Cordially,



Brian D. Smith
Hardin County Clerk

2023 Vote Centers

