

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Polling Place Accessibility Requirements

DEPARTMENT: Supervisor of Elections **DIVISION:** _____

AUTHORIZED BY: Sandra S. Goard **CONTACT:** Dennis Joyner **EXT.** 7712

Agenda Date <u>12/9/03</u> Regular <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Work Session <input type="checkbox"/> Briefing <input type="checkbox"/>
Public Hearing – 1:30 <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing – 7:00 <input type="checkbox"/>

MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Authorization and funding by the Board of County Commissioners to provide the required upgrades for polling places to meet the accessibility standards adopted by Florida Statutes.

BACKGROUND:

Florida Statute 101.715 requires that all polling places be accessible and usable by people with disabilities. Each polling place was required to be surveyed by the Supervisor of Elections to determine accessibility under standards adopted and effective July 1, 2004. Polling places that cannot be brought into compliance by July 1, 2004 shall be granted a variance for that polling place until the primary and general elections in 2006.

The Division of Elections has required that all polling places that can meet the adopted accessibility standards with a permanent or temporary solution must do so by July 1, 2004. The above referenced statute also requires the Board of County Commissioners to bring the selected polling places into compliance in meeting accessibility requirements. For Seminole County, the 2003 Report on Countywide Polling Place Determination of Accessibility report submitted September 1, 2003 (see attached) indicated 47 polling places fully accessible and 55 polling places inaccessible. A waiver was requested for 20 of the inaccessible polling places.

Since submission of the report, in working with the County Manager, School Superintendent, and City Managers and Clerks, 7 of those reported inaccessible have been made accessible or have been relocated. However, as per the attached report, 25 polling locations will require permanent or temporary solutions in order to be used in the 2004 primary and general elections. It is estimated to cost \$14,850 for a permanent solution or \$3,058 for a temporary solution for 2004 and approximately \$5,000-6,000 per each election year thereafter. The

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estimated cost for the polling locations required to meet accessibility requirements by 2006 is \$42,825.

The Supervisor of Elections Office requests the Board of County Commissioners authorize funding to provide permanent solutions for the polling places to meet the adopted accessibility standards in the event they are unable and unwilling to provide funding for the upgrades. The County Attorney has indicated this would be a proper use of taxpayers funds as polling places are considered public facilities on election day. An agreement will be prepared by the County Attorney for those facilities in which the County will pay for the upgrades.

**2003 REPORT ON
COUNTYWIDE POLLING PLACE
DETERMINATION OF ACCESSIBILITY**

County Name:	Seminole
Name of the supervisor of elections:	Sandra S. Goard

Date Countywide Surveying commenced:	February 2003
Date Countywide Surveying was completed:	June 2003
Total Number of Polling Places in County:	102
Total number of Fully Accessible Polling Places:	47
Total number of Accessible but Inconvenient Polling Places:	N/A
Total number of Inaccessible Polling Places:	55
Total number of Inaccessible Polling Places that cannot be brought into compliance with the Florida Americans with Disabilities Implementation Act (ss. 553.501-553.513, F.S.) by July 1, 2004:	20
Total number of tax supported Inaccessible Polling Places that cannot be brought into compliance with the Florida Americans with Disabilities Act by July 1, 2004	3

(1) *Specify the criteria used in your county when determining if a polling place was deemed accessible but inconvenient:*

(2) Specify the criteria used in your county when determining if a polling place was deemed inaccessible:

Did not meet one or more of the Department of State, Division of Elections ADA POLLING PLACE SURVEY CHECKLIST terms of required criteria.

(3) Please provide an estimate of the total cost of bringing into compliance those polling places that you have deemed inaccessible, but that will be accessible by July 1, 2004.

35 Polling Places

\$19,760

SEMINOLE COUNTY POLLING PLACE ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

TAX SUPPORTED

STRIPING FOR ACCESSIBLE PARKING					
PCT #	Precinct Location	Permanent Solution	Perm. Solution Cost	Temporary Solution	Temp. Solution Cost
48, 52, & 77	Casselberry Senior Center	Remove current striping and restripe for 2 accessible parking spaces.	600.00	Need signs and cones to designate 2 accessible spaces and an election worker to set up and maintain on election day.	432.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST			600.00		432.00

HARD SURFACE FOR ACCESSIBLE PARKING					
PCT #	Precinct Location	Permanent Solution	Perm. Solution Cost	Temporary Solution	Temp. Solution Cost
6 & 109	Geneva Elementary School School Resource Center	Hard surface, striping and signage needed for accessible parking. Place sign at main entrance indicating location of accessible entrance.	3,650.00	Temporary sign at entrance. No temporary solution for hard surface.	3,650.00
111	Lake Mary Community Hall	Hard surface, striping and signage.	3,600.00	No temporary solution for hard surface.	3,600.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST			7,250.00		7,250.00

TOTAL TAX SUPPORTED ESTIMATED COST	7,850.00	7,682.00
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WAIVER REQUESTED

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NON-TAX SUPPORTED

STRIPING FOR ACCESSIBLE PARKING					
PCT #	Precinct Location	Permanent Solution	Perm. Solution Cost	Temporary Solution	Temp. Solution Cost
10	St. Peter's Episcopal Church	Stripe area closest to entrance for accessible parking.	800.00	Need signs and cones to designate 2 accessible spaces and an election worker to set up and maintain on election day.	432.00
11	Seventh Day Adventist Church	Remove current striping for 2 accessible parking spaces and restripe for 2 accessible parking spaces.	600.00	Need signs and cones to designate 2 accessible spaces and an election worker to set up and maintain on election day.	432.00
16 & 80	Maranatha Seventh Day Adventist Church	Remove current striping and restripe for 2 accessible parking spaces.	800.00	Need signs and cones to designate 2 accessible spaces and an election worker to set up and maintain on election day.	432.00
36	Church on Edge/Temple Adonis	Stripe for accessible parking spaces.	600.00	Need signs and cones to designate 2 accessible spaces and an election worker to set up and maintain on election day.	432.00
43	Faith Outreach Church	Remove current striping and restripe for 2 accessible parking spaces.	800.00	Need signs and cones to designate 2 accessible spaces and an election worker to set up and maintain on election day.	432.00
45	Summit Village Condos	Remove current striping and restripe for 2 accessible parking spaces.	800.00	Need signs and cones to designate 2 accessible spaces and an election worker to set up and maintain on election day.	432.00
47	Longwood Aquatic Club	Remove current striping and restripe for 2 accessible parking spaces.	900.00	Need signs and cones to designate 2 accessible spaces and an election worker to set up and maintain on election day.	432.00

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PCT #	Precinct Location	Permanent Solution	Perm. Solution Cost	Temporary Solution	Temp. Solution Cost
66	Central Church of Christ	Remove current striping and restripe for 2 accessible parking spaces.	700.00	Need signs and cones to designate 2 accessible spaces and an election worker to set up and maintain on election day.	432.00
75	St. Stephen's Catholic Church	Remove current striping and restripe for 2 accessible parking spaces. Replace door knob with lever handle on inside.	1,050.00	Need signs and cones to designate 2 accessible spaces, an election worker to set up and maintain on election day, and prop open inside door.	442.00
82	Wekiva Community Center	Remove current striping and restripe for 2 accessible parking spaces. Replace door knob with lever handle on outside.	1,050.00	Need signs and cones to designate 2 accessible spaces and an election worker to set up and maintain on election day and open door.	432.00
89	Grace Presbyterian Church	Striping and signage for 2 accessible parking spaces.	500.00	Need signs and cones to designate 2 accessible spaces and an election worker to set up and maintain on election day.	432.00
90	South Seminole Church of Christ	Remove current striping and restripe for 2 accessible parking spaces.	900.00	Need signs and cones to designate 2 accessible spaces and an election worker to set up and maintain on election day.	432.00
95	Wedgewood Tennis Villas	Remove current striping, restripe and signage for 2 accessible parking spaces.	800.00	Need signs and cones to designate 2 accessible spaces and an election worker to set up and maintain on election day.	432.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST			10,300.00		5,626.00

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NON-TAX SUPPORTED

SIGNAGE, SMALL RAMP, AND/OR LEVER DOOR HANDLE					
PCT #	Precinct Location	Permanent Solution	Perm. Solution Cost	Temporary Solution	Temp. Solution Cost
17	Community United Methodist Church	Place sign at main road directing to accessible parking spaces.	100.00	Need temporary sign at main entrance.	50.00
32	Grace United Methodist Church	Replace door knob with lever handle inside. Place sign at main entrance directing to accessible entrance and place sign at accessible entrance.	300.00	Prop open inside door to poll room, temporary signs at main entrance and accessible entrance.	120.00
42	First Church of Nazarene Sanford	Short ramp for entrance. Replace door knob with lever handle outside.	850.00	Temporary small ramp, election worker at entrance.	300.00
49	St. Richard's Episcopal Church	Replace door knob with lever handle on outside door.	250.00	Need an election worker at door on election day.	200.00
51 & 60	First Baptist Church Sanlando Springs	Sign at main entrance indicating location of accessible entrance. Replace door knob with lever handle on inside door.	250.00	4 Signs at main entrance and other areas, prop open inside door.	210.00
61	Pinecrest Baptist Church	Needs walk and ramp for new accessible entrance.	1,000.00	Temporary short ramp at main entrance.	500.00
93	Neighborhood Alliance Church	Replace door knob with lever handle on outside door. Needs signs directing to accessible entrance.	350.00	Prop open inside door and 2 temporary signs.	110.00
99	Palm Valley Club House	Replace door knob with lever handle on outside.	250.00	Election worker at entrance door.	200.00
116	St. Alban's Cathedral	Replace door knob with lever handle on outside.	250.00	Election worker at entrance door.	200.00
28	Crossings Community Church	Replace door knob with lever handle on inside.	250.00	Prop open inside door and temporary sign.	60.00
121	Oviedo Presbyterian Church	Sign directing to accessible entrance.	100.00	Temporary direction sign.	50.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST			3,950.00		2,000.00

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NON-TAX SUPPORTED

RAMP RAILING EXTENSION					
PCT #	Precinct Location	Permanent Solution	Perm. Solution Cost	Temporary Solution	Temp. Solution Cost
12	Country Creek Inn & Racquet Club	Add 18" extension to railing at bottom of ramp. Place sign at entrance indicating location of accessible entrance.	600.00	Temporary signs at entrance. No temporary solution for 18" extension.	550.00
37	Garden Club of Sanford	Add 18" extension to railing at bottom of ramp. Remove current striping and restripe for 2 accessible parking spaces.	1,300.00	Signs, cones, and staff. No temporary solution for 18" extension.	932.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST			1,900.00		1,482.00

HARD SURFACE FOR ACCESSIBLE PARKING					
PCT #	Precinct Location	Permanent Solution	Perm. Solution Cost	Temporary Solution	Temp. Solution Cost
7	Chuluota VFW Post 10139	Hard surface, striping and signage needed for accessible parking. Add 18" extension to railing at bottom. Place sign at main entrance indicating location of accessible entrance. Need lever door handle on inside door.	4,350.00	Temporary signs at entrance, staff at accessible entrance door. No temporary solution for 18" extension and hard surface.	4,150.00
23	Countryside Baptist Church	Need hard surface, striping and signage for accessible parking.	3,600.00	No temporary solution for hard surface.	3,600.00

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PCT #	Precinct Location	Permanent Solution	Perm. Solution Cost	Temporary Solution	Temp. Solution Cost
72	Longwood Church of Nazarene	Add permanent short ramp to main entrance for voting. Hard surface, striping and signage.	4,600.00	Temporary short ramp. No temporary solution for hard surface.	3,700.00
73 & 98	Lutheran Haven Fellowship Hall	Add short ramp. Hard surface, striping and signage for accessible parking. Sign at front entrance directing to accessible parking.	4,700.00	Temporary short ramp, sign at main entrance. No temporary solution for hard surface.	3,600.00
88	Cornerstone Community Church	Hard surface and striping.	3,400.00	No temporary solution for hard surface.	3,400.00
117	New Covenant Assembly of God	Need hard surface, striping and signage.	3,600.00	No temporary solution for hard surface.	3,600.00
118	First Presbyterian Church Lake Mary	Need hard surface, striping and signage. Replace door knob with lever handle on outside. Sign directing to accessible entrance.	3,950.00	Election worker at entrance and temporary directional sign. No temporary solution for hard surface.	3,850.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST			28,200.00		25,900.00

ACCESSIBLE RAMP

PCT #	Precinct Location	Permanent Solution	Perm. Solution Cost	Temporary Solution	Temp. Solution Cost
18	Sanora Clubhouse	Need new cement ramp 11' to provide accessible entrance. Need hand rail with 18" extension at bottom and top. Striping for 2 accessible parking spaces. Replace door knob with lever door handle on outside.	2,775.00	Signs, cones, staff and election worker at door. No temporary solution for ramp and handrail.	2,432.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST			2,775.00		2,432.00

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REPLACE ENTRANCE DOOR					
PCT #		Permanent Solution	Perm. Solution Cost	Temporary Solution	Temp. Solution Cost
39	American Legion - Fern Park	Replace entrance door with accessible door. Add small ramp for front entrance. Stripe current accessible spaces. Sign for parking lot.	2,700.00	Temporary small ramp, cones, signs and staff. No temporary solution for door.	2,332.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST			2,700.00		2,332.00

TOTAL NON-TAX SUPPORTED ESTIMATED COST**49,825.00****39,772.00**

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST**57,675.00****47,454.00**

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