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ELECTION EMERGENCY IMPACTS APRIL 7 ELECTION IN GRANT COUNTY

An election emergency declaration issued by the State Election Board Secretary on March 18 has impacted elections scheduled for April 7 in Grant County, the County Election Board Secretary had confirmed. The election emergency allowed all entities, including those with statutory school board member elections, to reschedule their April 7 elections to another date allowed by law. The declaration was issued in response to the current COVID-19 health crisis, which has resulted in federal, state, and local restrictions.

County Election Board Secretary Robyn Rapp said the following elections have been postponed and rescheduled for June 30:

Medford Election Board- Seat #5

Absentee ballots issued for the April 7 election are no longer valid and should be destroyed.

Voters who were issued an absentee ballot for the April 7 election will be issued a new ballot for the June 30 election, if they are currently signed up to receive absentee ballots for all elections in which they are eligible to vote for the 2020 election year.

Voters who applied for an absentee ballot for the April 7 election only, will need to submit a new absentee ballot request for the June 30 election in order to vote in the rescheduled elections. Absentee ballots can be requested online using the OK Voter Portal at <https://www.ok.gov/elections/OVP.html>. Applications can also be downloaded at https://www.ok.gov/elections/Voter_Info/Absentee_Voting/index.html.

OPTIONAL PARAGRAPH:

While Grant County Courthouse remains closed to the public, the Grant County Election Board will continue to conduct business as usual by phone, email, and mail. Business hours may be modified due to the unusual circumstances, but calls and emails will be returned in a timely manner. Voters who need to conduct business in person can call or email the County Election Board to make special arrangements.

Voters can also visit the Oklahoma State Election Board website at elections.ok.gov for more information.

The Grant County Election Board is located at 112 E. Guthrie in the Grant County Courthouse. For more information, contact the County Election Board at 580-395-2862 OR grantcounty@elections.ok.gov.