

TO: Honorable Mayor Manilla and Councilors
FROM: Linda L. Little, City Clerk, CMC
DATE: September 18, 2012
RE: 2013 General Municipal Election Update

The City Clerk's Office felt that the Vote by Mail process was workable and could provide an invaluable service to the citizens of Morgantown, but the program needed modifications in order to be truly viable for future elections. As Council is aware of the City Clerk's office had to process over 6000 envelopes for data entry for voter registration verification, process as stated below:

December 2011

- o Data entry, organization and final processing of returned ballot mail are completed, totaling over 900 hours of work.
- o Data has been compiled and distributed to proper election authorities for further processing and analysis.
- o Additional costs incurred during data entry total \$2,396.00

Statistics:

	<u>Registered Voters</u>	<u>Total Vote</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Cost per Voter</u>
<u>2007</u>	13,900	225	\$15,239.75	\$67.73
<u>2009</u>	16,106	1,467	\$15,044.36	\$10.25
<u>2011</u>	16,621	3,699	\$33,385.71	\$9.03

The County Clerk's office was given the data in 2011 and the data does not give a clear picture of how much the City could have saved if the voter rolls were cleaned properly.

The City Clerk's Office contacted the Secretary of State's office and asked legal counsel's opinion on whether or not the City of Morgantown had to have another Vote by Mail Election. Legal from Secretary of State noted that there was nothing in code about early withdrawal. So, with that stated the City Clerk's office along with Council's concurrence will move forward in 2013 with the Election using the Polling Places and Pollworkers as we have done in previous Elections.