**PRIMARY ELECTION 2020**

**PLEASE VOTE BY MAIL**

We are in the midst of a pandemic.  The Governor has asked us to practice social distancing until May 31, 2020.  The pandemic is projected to peak in June 2020.  The Primary election is June 2, 2020.

I am asking the public to please absentee vote by MAIL for this election.  We have worked very hard to practice social distancing at the courthouse.  **It is quite simple to vote by mail.**  Here are the step-by-step- instructions.

FIRST – **Request an absentee ballot.**  Any ONE (1) of the following FOUR (4) options will let you get a form to request an absentee ballot:

1. You can download the form to request a ballot from sdsos.gov, OR
2. You can download the form to request a ballot from unioncountysd.org, OR
3. You may call the Union County Auditor’s office at 605-356-2101 and we will mail you the form to request a ballot.

SECOND - **Once you have the form**, **to request an absentee ballot, fill out the form** and take any ONE (1) of the following THREE (#) options:

1. Have your signature notarized, OR
2. Attach a copy of a photo ID, OR
3. Email a copy of your photo id to ucauditor@unioncountysd.org,

THIRD - **Once you have the form to request an absentee ballot filled out** and you have done one of the three options regarding signature/notarization/photo ID, **either**

1. Mail the completed form to request an absentee ballot to the Union County Auditor, 209 E. Main St. Suite 200 Elk Point, SD  57025, OR
2. Drop the form to request an absentee ballot in the locked, secure box in the front of County Courthouse.

**Once we receive the completed and signed application, either notarized or if you’ve used one of the options with your photo ID as set out in “SECOND,” above, we will mail a ballot to you.**

FOURTH – **Once you have received and voted your ballot,** either

1. Mail your ballot to the Union County Auditor, 209 E. Main St. Suite 200 Elk Point, SD  57025, OR
2. Call the Union County Auditor’s Office @ 605-356-2101 if you would like to drop it off at the Courthouse.

If you have any questions as to whether you are registered or registered at the correct address, or any questions about the absentee process, please call my office at 605-356-2101.

**If you absolutely must come to the Auditor’s Office to vote, please know that you will need to call for an appointment. The Auditor’s Office phone number is 605-356-2101.**

Please stay safe and healthy!

Jackie Sieverding, Union County Auditor