

# COOS COUNTY – OBSERVER SCHEDULE

## August 23, 2022 Special Election

Welcome to the August 23, 2022 Special Election Cycle! Observers are always welcome to come into the Elections Office and observe the process. There are three spaces in which an observer can be present. One space is in the signature verification area and there are two spaces in the opening board area. The signature verification area is where mail is sorted and where voted ballots are delivered when picked up from the drop sites. This is also where voted and undeliverable ballots are scanned into the Oregon Centralized Voter Registration (OCVR) and where signature verification occurs. The opening board area is where voted ballot envelopes are opened, the voted ballot is removed from the envelope and where ballot tabulation occurs.

Observers will be watching the process only. If you would like to learn more about the election process beforehand, please request a time with the County Clerk. Each observer is limited to one hour per day in each room to ensure anyone wanting to observe the process may. Observers must be scheduled and approved beforehand by calling or emailing the County Clerk, Dede Murphy. Scheduling will be done on a first come first served basis. A signed observer agreement is required by each individual wishing to observe the process and will be supplied upon arrival.

Please note, there is no guarantee ballot processing will be occurring during your scheduled time as we are dependent upon voter turnout. Below is a list of dates that may be of particular interest to observers. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Mass mailing of ballots:	August 4, 2022
Election Day:	August 23, 2022
Last day for postmarked ballots:	August 30, 2022

**Dede Murphy**

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**Observer:** An individual(s) who has obtained prior approval from the county elections official in representing a candidate, measure, PAC, special interest group or Political Party or a member of the general public for the purpose of observing the election processes. These individuals are only to observe and may not at any time interfere or interact with elections staff while they are performing their duties and must direct any questions only to a designated supervisory staff person. – **Vote by Mail Manual**

**ORS 254.482** Persons authorized to watch receiving and counting of votes. After the date that ballots are mailed as provided in ORS 254.470, the county clerk, if requested, shall permit authorized persons to be at the office of the county clerk to watch the receiving and counting of votes. The authorization shall be in writing, shall be signed by an officer or its county affiliate of a political party, a candidate or the county clerk and shall be filed with the county clerk. The county clerk shall permit only so many persons as watchers under this section as will not interfere with an orderly procedure at the office of the county clerk. [2001 c.805 §3; 2005 c.797 §56]