

GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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A RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION AND ACQUISITION OF VOTING EQUIPMENT BY THE GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners, with the approval of the Gaston County Board of Elections, may adopt and acquire only a voting system of a type, make, and model certified by the State Board for use in some or all voting places in the county at some or all elections in accordance with G.S. 163-165.8;

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Elections has recommended to the Gaston County Board of Commissioners which type of voting system should be acquired by the county, pursuant to G.S. 163-165.9(a)(1);

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Elections has witnessed a virtual demonstration, in the county on March 2, 2021 of the type of voting system being recommended, and has also witnessed a demonstration of at least one other type of voting system certified by the State Board of Elections as required by G.S. 163-165.9(a)(2);

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Elections has successfully tested during a simulated election event on March 10, 2021, coordinated with the State Board of Elections, that was opened to the public, the proposed voting system, to satisfy the requirements of G.S. 163-165.9(a)(3);

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Elections has sought and received approval from the State Board of Elections to replace the current voting system, pursuant to G.S. 163A-165.9(b)(3);

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Elections has received Help America Vote Act (HAVA) grant funds that was placed in the 2020-2021 election budget to fund the recommended purchase of new voting equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Elections plans to trade in their current voting equipment assets of one (1) DS650 High Speed Tabulator and fifty-five (55) ADA-compliant AutoMARK ballot marking devices for the total value of \$18,699.75.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners approve the adoption and acquisition of the following certified voting equipment pursuant to G.S. 163-165.9(a)(1) and forward a copy of the resolution to the Gaston County Board of Elections:

Voting Type: ES&S Voting System 5.2.2.0

Vendor: Election Systems and Software

Number of Units: 55 ADA Compliant Express Vote Ballot Marking Devices with carrying cases

Cost per Unit: ADA ExpressVote = \$3,325.00

Express Vote Carrying Case = \$175.00

Estimated Total Cost to County: \$185,294.00 (HAVA federal grant funds)

This is the 20th day of April 2021.

James W. Ragan, Chairman

Sheena M. Amos, Secretary

Helen O'Daly, Member

Chris Thomason, Member

Vacant, Member