



The **December 13, 2022** meeting of the Rockingham County Electoral Board was called to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Registrar's Office Annex, 20 East Gay Street, Harrisonburg, by Chairman Robert "Mike" Auchard.

Electoral Board members in attendance: Mike Auchard, Chair; Sandra Parks, Vice Chair; and Susan Threewitts, Secretary. Staff members in attendance: Lisa B. Gooden, Director of Elections, and Nick Ocampo, Deputy Registrar.

County Staff: Michael Bowen, Deputy Director of Technology; and Dusty Moyer and Stephen Moomaw (Technology Department). Sally Wolfe Garrison, Chair, Board of Supervisors, stopped in briefly during the demonstration.

Others in attendance: Matt Erney and Zack Weaver, Election Services Online.

Minutes: A motion was made by Susan Threewitts, seconded by Sandra Parks, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2022-December 1, 2022, Canvass of Votes.

Demonstration of New Voting Equipment: The purpose of the meeting was to allow representatives from Election Services Online (ESO) to demonstrate new voting equipment. (The current voting equipment was purchased in 2013). It was noted that several machine experienced issues during the November election and spare OVO machines had to be delivered to those precincts. Specifically, precinct 306-Crossroads and 406-East Bridgewater had problems with ballots jamming. Sata cable (data transfer) issues occurred in 105-Lacey Spring and 402-Montezuma. (Capital Improvements funding has been set aside by the county for all voting equipment to be replaced in 2025, but members felt that it would be wise to discuss options with our equipment vendor before that time.)

Matt Erney (ESO) provided a demonstration of the upgraded equipment referred to as the Freedom Vote Scanner (FVS) and noted some advantages of the newer equipment include: ballot scanning is much faster than the existing equipment;

the new FVS units have solid state hard drives and offer double feed protection; units have a 10" screen versus the current 8" screen; the ballot bin holds up to 2,900 ballots (slightly less than the current ones that hold 3,100 ballots); units offer a suitcase design with locking wheels; and the newer units also contain a built-in backup battery.

Matt also demonstrated the newer ADA equipment, Freedom Vote Tablet (FVT), which is a ballot marking device with a 13.3-inch touchscreen. He said a Sip and Puff can be installed by inserting the devices jack in the Binary port on the keypad. Also, a headset jack can be inserted directly into the tablet to provide an audio ballot and help instructions. Lastly, he noted that the keypad provides a means for voters to navigate the ballot and make their selections and also provides volume and tempo controls for the audio ballot.

Members discussed the challenges that the Central Absentee Precinct (CAP) election officers face in that reporting must include separate election results, including, preprocessing, Early Voting (EV), Election Day (ED), and Post-Election (PE) and the fact that this can be extremely time-consuming for the CAP officers.

After the detailed presentation, a motion was made by Sandra Parks, seconded by Susan Threewitts and unanimously carried, to include a request in the Electoral Board's budget for fiscal year 2023-24 for one high speed scanner for the Central Absentee Precinct and three Freedom Vote Scanners. (A description and quote for this equipment is noted on the following pages.)

Members also requested a quote from ESO for 35 OVO units and one high speed scanner. (This is included on the following pages.)

Security Plan Update: In light of the retirement of Technology Director Terry Perry in early February, members will review this plan in closed session with Mrs. Perry on January 30, 2023 at 10 AM.

Future Election Ideas: Members offered some ideas/strategies to make future elections run more smoothly:

- Better communication to Electoral Board about time to be in session or available for signing Abstract of Votes;



Election Services Online, LLC

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Quotation

DATE December 15, 2022
Quotation # 398
Customer ID Rockingham County

Bill To:

 Lisa Gooden
 Rockingham, Virginia

Quotation valid until: July 1, 2023

Prepared by Matt Erney

Comments or special instructions: With the current shipping environment we need to quote charges in real time.

Description	Cost per Unit	Quantity	Total
FVS - Freedom Vote Scanner package - Ballot Box TM. First year firmware	\$ 6,400.00	35	\$224,000.00
OVCS Mini Scanner	\$ 8,000.00	1	\$ 8,000.00
Installation and Training	\$ 3,200.00	1	\$ 3,200.00
Act of Good Faith Discount	\$ (10,000.00)		\$ (10,000.00)
Shipping and Handling	TBD	1	\$ -
TOTAL			\$225,200.00

If you have any questions concerning this quotation Contact Matt Erney 215-200-6690

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TOTAL			\$28,600.00

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- Helpers and checklist for officers picking up materials
- Same Day Registration (SDR): get through as soon as possible to continue with Canvass
- Provisional votes: meet in Registrar’s office as opposed to annex
- Have more Election Officers working in 2023
- Possibly have the Assistant Chief be the SDR officer
- Remind them to use the Advance search on poll books
- Set meeting limits on Board meetings
- Possibly consider ½ day work (election Officers) on Election and Primary days.

After no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan C. Threewitts, Secretary