

COCHISE COUNTY

Elections System Recommendation

Developed & Recommended by an Interdepartmental Team comprised of Elections, Records, GIS, Information Technology, County Attorney & Procurement

Board of Supervisors' Meeting – May 19, 2015



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Recommendations

- Adopt Resolution to allow the use of Vote Centers in Cochise County
 - Actual # and Location of Vote Centers TBD
- Approve the purchase of the ES&S Election system (hardware and software), and authorize the Elections Director to:
 - Prepare a Requisition for a Purchase Order to obtain the equipment
 - Sign the Software License Agreement
 - Sign the 5-yr extended Maintenance & Support Agreement



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Vote Centers

- Vote Centers are cost-effective and efficient
- Vote Centers allow Cochise County voters to vote at any Vote Center within the County
 - No more “wrong precinct”!
- Election Staff has worked with the vendor to determine how many pieces of each type of voting equipment are needed to handle the number of people who vote at the polls
 - 2012 Presidential Election turnout at the polls * 110%
- The Board retains decision-making authority over how many Vote Centers will be used and where those are to be located
 - These determinations will be made by the Board at a future Special Meeting of the Board, after Elections staff has fully vetted several prospective locations (ADA compliance, parking, access, wireless connectivity, etc.)



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- Staff recommendation:

IF the Board approves the use of Vote Centers, staff recommends the Board authorize the outright purchase of voting equipment needed to equip a combination of Vote Centers and precincts, as determined by the Board at a future Special Meeting (Quote # 3).



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Election System/Equipment Needs— How Much Will It Cost?

Voting Configuration	E-poll book Tablets (Voter Check-In; Determines Ballot Style)	Express Link (Bar Code with Correct Ballot Style)	Express Vote (Ballot Marking)	DS 200 (Tabulation)	DS850 (High-speed Optical Scan for Counting Early Ballots)	One-time Cost for Outright Purchase*	Cost to Lease Equipment
49 Precincts	62	62	84	53	1	Quote # 1 *: \$1,129,425, Plus Sales Tax	Quote # 2: \$1,367,172 No Sales Tax; No M&S Agmt.
Total for Vote Centers	41	41	120	32	1	Quote # 3 *: \$ 880,449, Plus Sales Tax	Quote # 4: \$1,106,562 No Sales Tax; No M&S Agmt.

*Purchased equipment is subject to ongoing Maintenance & Support fees (AFTER the end of the one-year warranty period).

Those fees are: Precinct Configuration— \$ 75,124 ; Vote Center Configuration— \$ 66,010.

Election System/Equipment Needs– Revised Costs – With Kiosk Stands

Voting Configuration	E-poll book Tablets (Voter Check-In; Determines Ballot Style)	Express Link (Bar Code with Correct Ballot Style)	Express Vote (Ballot Marking)	DS 200 (Tabulation)	DS850 (High-speed Optical Scan for Counting Early Ballots)	One-time Cost for Outright Purchase*	Cost to Lease Equipment
49 Precincts	62	62	84	53	1	Quote # 1 *: \$1,235,175 Plus Sales Tax	Quote # 2: \$1,389,873 No Sales Tax; No M&S Agmt.
Total for Vote Centers	41	41	120	32	1	Quote # 3 *: \$ 970,449, Plus Sales Tax	Quote # 4: \$1,125,882 No Sales Tax; No M&S Agmt.

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NEXT STEPS

- Negotiate outstanding items of discussion regarding Software License Agreement
- Authorize Elections Director to sign Software License Agreement, and M&S Agreement, once approved by County Attorney
- Submit Requisition for Procurement to issue Purchase Order; order equipment
- Record Resolution for Vote Centers
- Fine-tune placement and allocation of each type of equipment based on Board decision regarding number and location of Vote Centers and on the results of e-poll tablets' wireless communications throughout the County
 - TBD at a future Special Meeting of the Board
- Schedule staff training on new election system
- Begin Outreach & Voter Education / Registration campaign



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QUESTIONS?



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- Staff recommendation:

IF the Board does not approve the use of Vote Centers, staff recommends the Board authorize a short-term (5-year) lease of voting equipment needed to equip 49 separate precinct polling locations (Quote #2). This will provide maximum flexibility for future changes, as the number of Early voters increases even further.



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