

**APPROVED**

Galax City Electoral Board  
April 11, 2017 2:30 p.m.

Norma Haynes called the meeting to order at 2:43 p.m. with Melba Knox, Sylvia Richardson, Stacey Reavis, Peggy Chappell, Elaine Schaeffer, Randy Butcher, and Joey Davis present. Minutes from the March 28 meeting were read and corrections were made.

Stacey passed out a comparison summary for the voting machines, labeled Hart VS. ESO PROS & CONS. The Board and others had been observing and educated regarding these machines for a future choice. Optical Scan Supplies needed for an election were considered. Many facets were discussed including costs, storage of machines, printing of ballots, guarantees, training on new machines, batteries, set-up, delivery of main units (Scanners +ADA units) on election day, Voting Booths, detailed procedures, keys, locking mechanisms, and whether to purchase before and use in November Election 2017.

Hart machines would cost \$101,726.22 and ESO would cost \$87,025.37 in one scenario depending on number of machines over a 5 year period.

ESO presented a proposal to Stacey for \$10,000 discount for 10 "used machines" (These machines were sent to a polling place in Roanoke but were never actually used.). A required payment of 50% would be needed by July 1, 2017 and a balance required in one year.

After a lengthy discussion with input by everyone, the Board remained with Stacey and the others left at 3:35 p.m.

Norma made the motion, with Stacey's recommendation, and the board voted to ask the Galax City Council to purchase the ESO machines costing \$58,485 with the discount of \$10,000 for a final cost of \$48,485.

The Board discussed the possible Officers of Election and placements for the June 13 Dual Primary Election.

Training sessions were discussed. Officers who need training on the poll books will meet May 30 at 6:00 p.m. Test and Seal for East, North, and South Precinct PCUs will be Wednesday, May 31, at 10:00 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room. CAP will be June 2, at 2:30 p.m. Officers needing training on the touch screens and PCU will meet June 1, at 6:00 p.m. Stacey will meet with CAP officers June 2 in the at 2:30 p.m.

Training sessions for June 5 were discussed. Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs will meet at 6:00 p.m. and the complete group of officers at 7:00 p.m.

Norma adjourned the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melba M. Knox, Secretary

**Addendum** Changes were made May 24, 2017 due to schedule conflicts. Test and Seal for East, North, and South Precinct PCUs will be Friday, June 2, at 10:00 a.m. in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room. Officers needing training on the touch screens and PCU will meet June 6, at 6:00 p.m.