

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CARTERET
1510 LIVE OAK STREET
BEAUFORT, NC 28516
JANUARY 4, 2006 5 – 7 PM**

The Carteret County Board of Elections conducted a Public Forum on this date in Joslyn Hall on the campus of Carteret Community College. All three board members were present along with Director, Deputy Director, and Election Specialist. President of the company, PrintElect was present to conduct the demonstration of optical scan voting equipment to the public. There were approximately 75 people in attendance which included several media representatives, poll workers, candidates, county commissioners and citizens. A suggestion box along with forms were provided. The forum was completed at approximately 7:10 PM.

Board members and Director were able to speak with Mr. Andrews concerning the options to be presented to county commissioners. Mr. Andrews explained the use of the Model 650 and stated our county would only need one model for the Elections' office to use for rapid counting of absentee ballots and for recounts. He also advised that the Model 100's could be used in the one-stop voting sites through the close of that period and then used with the PCMCIA cards at the precincts. He advised the Board to consider purchasing additional ballot boxes for this use. The Board has agreed that they will not forward all four options for the commissioners' consideration and will delete the two options requesting two Model 650's.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Henderson, Chairman

Harry Rivers, Secretary

Sue Verdon, Member