

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF CARTERET  
1510 LIVE OAK STREET  
BEAUFORT, NC 28516  
JANUARY 4, 2006 – 9 AM**

**The Carteret County Board of Elections met in the Elections' office on this date. All three board members were present along with Director and Deputy Director. Chairman Henderson called the meeting to order at 9 AM.**

**Previous minutes were read. Member Verdon made the motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Secretary Rivers. Motion passed, 3 -0.**

**The Board was updated by Ms. Gillikin on the information regarding relocation of several polling places. A copy of the information provided to board members and press is attached to the minutes. This information details steps necessary to complete the relocation of each site listed. In addition to the sites listed, the polling place for Smyrna was also discussed. Smyrna School was suggested as a possible location. The Elections' staff will contact the Central Office and also Lillie Miller, Principal at Smyrna School, to inquire if they have a suitable site and if they would be agreeable for this site to be used as the Smyrna polling place. The board set a workday for Tuesday, January 10, 2006 to inspect these sites. The board will meet at the Elections' office at 9 AM. Ms. Gillikin will call and set up appointment times with the appropriate contact person.**

**Ms. Lewis presented board members with a rough draft of pricing for voting equipment. A copy of the draft is attached to the minutes. PrintElect had provided county directors with a listing of required equipment for both hardware and software depending on which system would be purchased. Board members discussed the needs perceived for the office, thirty-four precincts, and potentially an additional one-stop voting site in the western part of the county. Board members instructed Ms. Lewis to draft information to present to the county commissioners listing four options for purchase of the optical scan system. Option 1 would include (34) Model 100's, (2) spare Model 100's, (34) Auto Marks and (2) Model 650's. This was to be the option favored by the Board as they felt this would provide voters with the best service possible. Option 2 would include (34) Model 100's, (34) AutoMarks, (2) Model 650's. Option 3 would include (36) Model 100's, (34) AutoMark, (1) 650. Option 4 would include (34) Model 100's, (34) AutoMarks, (1) Model 650. Chairman Henderson stated he would like to have an option available for commissioners in which no additional money would have to be requested to cover the cost of purchase and questioned the need for the Model 650 counter. Ms. Lewis stated she had not had the opportunity to speak with anyone representing ES&S personally but had received a response via e-mail. The e-mail did not clearly answer the need for the Model 650 at this point. The representative did indicate**

that (2) Model 100's would be sufficient for absentee voting or additional programmable cards could be used to accommodate the limitation of the Model 100 for 18 precincts. Ms. Lewis also stated that she had spoken with the Director from Craven County who has been using the ES&S optical scan equipment. Their county will be purchasing the Model 650 as she felt it was necessary for recount situations and to efficiently count absentee mail-out ballots. Board members Verdon and Rivers felt the Model 650 was expensive but necessary for the office in counting absentee ballots and wanted to include the purchase of (2) models in the recommendation to the county commissioners. Board members agreed that they will be attending the Public Forum this evening and will clarify information with PrintElect President, Owen Andrews, who will be conducting the demonstration of equipment. Chairman Henderson stated that the Board would need to meet prior to the commissioners' meeting to go over the information for the presentation. He set the meeting for Monday, January 9, 2006 at 4 PM.

Chairman Henderson asked for public comment at this time. There were none.

Chairman Henderson then asked for board comments. Chairman Henderson reminded other board members that no formal action had been taken on the issue of an additional one-stop voting site. The decision regarding the purchase of voting equipment will impact the amount of equipment needed to outfit this site along with funding decisions.

Ms. Lewis asked the board if they would like to have a form for suggestions and comments available for the public at the forum. Board members agreed that they would like to receive feedback. A form and suggestion box will be made available. The board will meet at Carteret Community College at 5 PM this date to participate in the forum.

There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Henderson, Chairman

Harry Rivers, Secretary

Sue Verdon, Member