



## **FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

### **Agenda**

**September 26, 2019**

**1:45 p.m.**

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Preliminary Recommendation of Voting Systems to Forsyth County Commissioners
3. Adjournment

**FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 26, 2019 – 1:50 p.m.**

**Meeting Called to Order**

A special meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the second floor Conference Room on September 26, 2019 at 1:50 p.m. Chairperson Campbell presiding.

**Board Members in attendance:** Chairperson Susan Campbell, Member John Loughridge, and Member Catherine Jourdan

**Staff Members in attendance:** Director Tim Tsujii, and Kimberly Stuck

The Board and staff joined the Forsyth County Commissioners meeting on the fifth floor of the Forsyth County Government Center to present the resolution to Preliminarily Recommend the Adoption and Acquisition of Voting Equipment..

**Preliminary Recommendation of Voting Systems**

Chairperson Campbell read aloud for the Forsyth County Commissioners and the record the Resolution to Preliminarily Recommend to the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners the Adoption and Acquisition of Voting Equipment.

Director Tsujii addressed the Forsyth County Commissioners providing them with information on the recommended voting equipment vendor ES & S (Election Systems & Software). Mr. Tsujii elaborated on the cost for the system as well as the competitors systems.

Commissioner El-Amin requested clarification on the barcode and how it would affect the votes; Director Tsujii provided clarification for the barcode noting that the printout is not only a barcode but the contest headers and the votes cast would be clearly identified on the ballot. Additionally, he explained that the elections staff conduct a thorough logic and accuracy testing prior to every election of all voting equipment with all of the ballot styles for all precincts. A mandatory hand-to-eye audit of all paper ballots from two polling places that are randomly selected by the State Board of Elections is also conducted after every election. These two steps ensure for the verification and assurance that the votes cast will be and have been properly tabulated.

Commissioner Martin requested additional cost analysis for proprietary versus COTS peripherals and printers as well as a 15-year cost projection for review.

Chairperson Campbell addressed the durability of the equipment, the need to limit multi-connections with the equipment, and the consideration taken for those that will be tasked with setup and teardown of the equipment at the polling locations.

Commissioner McDaniel stated her preliminary support for the recommendation; Commissioner El-Amin stated his support of the Board of Elections selection. Commissioner Plyler inquired if the equipment would allow for quicker results following the close of the polls.

**Adjournment**

Member Loughridge moved to adjourn; Member Jourdan seconded; **Motion carried unanimously.**  
Meeting adjourned 3:39 p.m.

Approved:

s/ Susan Campbell  
Chair

s/ Robert Durrah  
Secretary

s/ Stuart Russell  
Member

s/ John Loughridge  
Member

s/ Catherine Jourdan  
Member