



AGENDA SUBMITTAL TO LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

ITEM TITLE	BOARD MEETING DATE	AGENDA NUMBER
Authorize the County Manager to execute an agreement with Dominion Voting in the amount of \$3,623,370.80 for the purchasing of new voting system with a five year maintenance agreement.		
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RECOMMENDATION: The Bureau of Elections recommends County Council to approve authorization to execute the purchase of new voting systems from Dominion Voting. This determination and selection is based off of information provided in the RFP and presentations, system ease of use, security and integration, customer service and training.

SUMMARY: In April 2018, the Department of State mandated Pennsylvania Counties to select new voting systems that provide a paper record by the end of 2019. The new voting systems are to be used no later than the 2020, primary, preferably by the November 2019, general election. The Bureau of Elections advertised an RFP for the procurement of new voting systems on April 17th and 19th in the Times Leader Newspaper and posted on the County website. The County received three proposals from Dominion Voting, Election System & Software and Hart Intercivic.

FINANCING: Dominion Voting has provided a price proposal of \$3,623,370.80 to include equipment hardware, software, maintenance and support for 5 years. The Commonwealth will reimburse Luzerne County 60 percent of their actual cost to replace the voting systems through Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority (PEDFA) grants. The County is also eligible to receive \$343,741.01 in funding from the HAVA Election Security Grant.

DISCUSSION: The Bureau of Elections held a Mock Election for all County employees on January 22, 2019 and February 27, 2019 to cast a vote on voting systems from Clear Ballot, Dominion, ES&S, Hart and Unisyn. Elections staff also hosted a public voting expo and demonstration in the Courthouse Rotunda on the evening of February 27th, 2019. After receipt of vendor RFP proposals, a committee was selected to review all vendor applications and options. The committee hosted all three vendors for presentations on June 12th and 13th, 2019. The Voting System committee comprised of six County staff, two Election Board members and one former Council member met for discussion on June 25th, August 13th and September 3rd. Following three in-depth discussions detailing an equipment list, maintenance, support and warranty, ease of use for the public and staff and customer service/support. The committee also discussed staff training and materials and equipment storage requirements and solutions. On September 26, 2019, the County Manager submitted his recommendation to County Council in favor of Dominion Voting.

ALTERNATIVES: The Council could choose not to approve this agreement; however, this alternative is not recommended due to the Department of State Mandate. By replacing the iVotronic Direct Recording Equipment (DRE), the County seeks to comply with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania directive that all voting systems purchased no later than the

2020 primary must be of the type to employ a voter-verifiable paper ballot, or a voter-verifiable paper record of the votes cast by the voter.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: Bureau of Elections, Office of Law, Purchasing, 911, Information Technology, Bureau of Elections board members.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Voting System Agreement

Attachment B: Pricing Summary

Attachment C: Software License Terms and Conditions

Attachment D: Costars Bidder/Contractor Data

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