

ITEMS REQUIRING BOCC APPROVAL
September 7, 2023
(1 Item)

1. ES&S DS450 SCANNER AND TABULATOR -- ELECTION OFFICE

FUNDING -- ELECTION OFFICE

(Single Source)

#23-2064 S/C #Pending

	Elections Systems & Software (ES&S)	
	Quantity	Price
Tabulation Hardware		
DS450 High - Throughput Scanner and Tabulator: Includes Steel Table/Cart, Start-up Kit, Dust Cover, Reports Printer, Audit Printer, Battery Backup, Two (2) USB Cables, and Two (2) Standard 8GB Memory Devices	1	\$56,595.00
DS450 Cart Shelf Kit	1	\$495.00
Ballot Jogger	1	\$1,045.00
Election Services		
Implementation Services	1	\$1,975.00
Central Scanner Training	1	Included
Tabulation Equipment Installation	1	\$2,225.00
1 Year Hardware and Software Warranty	1	Included
Estimated Shipping and Handling	1	\$825.00
Customer Discount	1	-\$6,450.00
Total		\$56,710.00

On the recommendation of Jaimee Witmer, on behalf of the Election Office, Anna Meyerhoff-Cole moved to **accept the quote from Elections Systems & Software (ES&S) in the amount of \$56,710.00**. Jennifer Blasi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Election Office currently possesses only one (1) high-speed, digital scan ballot tabulator designed for use as a central count scanner. The current unit was acquired in January 2017 and has served as the office's only central count scanner since its acquisition. Unexpected breakdowns have begun to affect the unit and during any breakdown, increased inefficiencies are experienced due to the lack of a backup central count scanner. An additional DS450 high-throughput scanner and tabulator would create redundancy by serving as a backup for the current DS850 and lead to increased efficiency through the utilization of two (2) central count scanners. The additional DS450 would continue Election Office standardization as it is compatible with current equipment, hardware, and software.

Questions and Answers

Russell Leeds: Could you explain a little bit about what this device is going to be used for and how it's going to improve operations?

Christian Lamielle: So by essential count scanner that is where you can run batches through the tabulator rather than our DS200s which are single unit hand held to just shove one (1) ballot in at a time. So a large batch processing of ballots is done through the DS850 so that if that ever does break down, we have no true backup. We would have to revert to the DS200s and just feed a single ballot in at a time. These can run batches up to 20 consistently through the tray, spit them out accordingly, and continue to process ballots throughout the day.

Russell Leeds: This is something we need before?

Christian Lamielle: We had an issue with this during the primary. It broke down and for a day and a half we were unable to process ballots efficiently through our tabulators. Now within our contract, I believe they have 48 hours to come and repair it but in a high volume election, that's two (2) days where you don't have essential count scanner.

Russell Leeds: So this is a bit of an emergency to ensure we have capacity to move these things quickly.

Christian Lamielle: Correct. ES&S estimates the lifespan of about 10ish years. We purchased this in 2017 so it's nearing the end.