



AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Forsyth County

MEETING DATE: May 6, 2021

CONTRACT NUMBER: 2021-0455-00

STAFF CONTACT: Tim Tsujii, Director **DEPARTMENT:** Board of Elections

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DS450 CENTRAL COUNT TABULATION SCANNER FOR USE BY THE FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

ATTACHMENTS: [Resolution-2021-068 - DS450 contract - Pdf](#)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On March 4, 2021, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners accepted \$250,000 of Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds from the North Carolina State Board of Elections, made available to improve the administration of elections for Federal office and to enhance election technology.

The Forsyth County Board of Commissioners with the Forsyth County Board of Elections, may only use a voting system certified by the North Carolina State Board of Elections, which the Board of Commissioners had adopted and awarded the contract for the Election Systems & Software, LLC (ES&S) voting systems on December 19, 2019.

The Board of Elections is in need of an additional high speed central count tabulation scanner in light of a recent recount that was conducted for a statewide election in the November 3, 2020, general election, which required the need to borrow additional central count scanners in order to complete the recount in a timely manner. It is not guaranteed that these central count scanners will be available for lending in future elections and will cause delays in the completion and certification of elections.

The appropriated HAVA funds will be used to purchase the DS450 central count tabulation scanner.

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DS450 CENTRAL COUNT TABULATION SCANNER FOR USE BY THE FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

WHEREAS the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners with the approval of the Forsyth County Board of Elections, may only use a voting system of a type, make, and model certified by the North Carolina State Board of Elections pursuant to N.C.G.S. 163-165.7;

WHEREAS the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners adopted and awarded a contract for the Election Systems & Software, LLC (ES&S) voting systems on December 19, 2019, that the Forsyth County Board of Elections has acquired and currently use for elections;

WHEREAS the Forsyth County Board of Elections conducted a recount for a statewide election in the November 3, 2020, general election and was required to borrow additional central count scanners in order to complete the recount in a timely manner;

WHEREAS it is not guaranteed that these central count scanners will be available for lending in future elections and will cause delays in the completion and certification of elections;

WHEREAS the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners accepted \$250,000 of Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds from the North Carolina State Board of Elections on March 4, 2021, made available to improve the administration of elections for Federal office and to enhance election technology, including the purchase of central count scanners; and

WHEREAS it is the recommendation of the County Manager and the Forsyth County Board of Elections that the County execute a contract with ES&S to purchase a DS450 central count tabulation scanner for an amount not to exceed \$56,225;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners that the County Manager and Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized to execute a contract, on behalf of Forsyth County, with ES&S, for the purchase of a DS450 central count tabulation scanner consistent with the terms outlined herein, subject to a pre-audit certificate thereon by the County Chief Financial Officer, if applicable, and approval as to form and legality by the County Attorney.

Adopted this 6th day of May 2021.