



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE
COUNTY OF LEE, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

JANUARY 20, 2006

The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, State of North Carolina, convened at 4:00 p.m. in the County Manager's Conference Room, Room 100, Lee County Government Center, Sanford, North Carolina, on said date. Commissioners present were Robert H. Brown, Herbert A. Hincks, Jerry M. Lemmond, Nathan E. Paschal, and Amy L. Stevens. Commissioners W. Chad Adams and Robert T. Reives participated via teleconference. Other members present included staff from the Lee County Board of Elections Office and members of the Lee County Elections Board.

Chairman Hincks presided and the following matter was transacted:

County Attorney K. R. Hoyle delivered the invocation.

County Manager David Smitherman explained that today, January 20, 2006, is the deadline that North Carolina counties must inform the State Board of Elections (SBOE) of their intent for compliance with S223. Specifically, counties are required to inform the SBOE of their decision to order optical scan or direct record electronic voting equipment from the State's only certified vendor, ES&S. Mr. Smitherman stated that the Lee County Board of Elections met on January 19, 2006, and adopted a resolution (copy attached) informing the Board of Commissioners of their desire to use paper ballots in the May 2006 primary and to purchase 14 DRE machines to achieve compliance with all federal ADA requirements. Mr. Smitherman further stated that the Lee County Board of Elections expects to receive \$197,776.00 in Help America Vote Act (HAVA) grant funds that can be used toward the purchase of optical scan machines. Additional HAVA funding may be available once all counties have received their grants. It is also understood that HAVA monies will be available to retrofit MicroVote machines, which Lee County currently owns, if they are certified to meet all requirements of S223.

Chairman Hincks read a resolution proposed by the Board of Commissioners instructing the Board of Elections to prepare for and administer a paper ballot election for the May 2006 primary and purchase fourteen OCR machines from ES&S to comply with ADA recommendations for the May 2006 primary election. After some discussion

Commissioner Reives moved to approve the resolution presented, a copy of which is attached to these minutes and by this reference made a part hereof. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Adams, Brown, Hincks, Lemmond, Paschal, Reives, and Stevens

Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Adams, Brown, Hincks, Lemmond, Paschal, Reives, and Stevens

Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the meeting adjourned in keeping with the motion.

Herbert A. Hincks, Chairman

ATTEST:

Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk