

SUBJECT:

**Purchase of Poll Pad check-in stations for
Elections & Voter Registration.**

MEETING DATE:

November 1, 2022

SUBMITTED BY:

Cherokee Admin

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Consider approval to ratify the purchase of 165 Poll Pad check-in stations for Elections & Voter Registration from KNOWiNK, LLC., in the amount of \$645.00 each, for a total cost of \$106,425.00.

FACTS AND ISSUES:

Cherokee County Elections & Voter Registration office was given the opportunity by the State to pilot the Georgia Poll Pad Check-in stations with a short timeframe to order the equipment and have it in place before the November 8, 2022, election. Therefore, the equipment was purchased on October 25, 2022, to expedite the transaction. This item is now coming before the Board to ratify approval of the purchase. Benefits of the Poll Pad include:

- Quicker: takes less than 1 minute to process a voter which in turn cuts down the voters time during the whole process;
- More efficient: without having to turn the whole poll pad and stand towards the voter, you can now just flip the screen to the voter;
- Overall design
 - Flipping the screen: there is less wear and tear on the poll pad and stand because they are made to now flip the screen instead of turning the stand as well;
 - Holder for the encoder: with a holder for the encoder, that saves wear and tear on it as well, which will make them last longer;
 - ID holder: there is a clip on the ID holder which makes for more of a secure place for the ID to sit while processing the voter;
 - Charging: with the charging cord hooked up to the printer in the stand itself, it is easier to keep the Poll Pad itself charged. It also makes for less cords which is less of a hazard for the voters;
 - Signatures: when the ticket is printed out, the voters signature is very clear and easy to read;
- More voter confidence: with the printed ticket now coming from the Poll Pad, the voter can see their name being printed on the ticket;
- Cost: by having these Poll Pads, it will cut down 2-3 poll workers at each location, which will save money;
- Work load: there will now be less work for the voters as well as the poll workers, which will make Election Day run more efficiently.

The equipment costs will be covered over three (3) fiscal years.

ATTACHMENTS:

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