

**RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING USE OF A NEW VOTING SYSTEM
IN BLUE EARTH COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES**

WHEREAS, Blue Earth County has provided for the use of a new electronic voting system in all precincts in the county at all elections pursuant to Minnesota Election Law; and

WHEREAS, the new electronic voting system consists of the DS200 and DS450 automatic ballot tabulators manufactured by Election Systems and Software LLC; the OmniBallot electronic ballot display, reader, and marker manufactured by Democracy Live Inc; and the Poll Pad electronic roster manufactured by KnowInk; in conjunction with the supporting and necessary software, programs, documentation, and systems for the electronic voting system; and

WHEREAS, this new electronic voting system continues to rely on a human-readable paper ballot record completed by the voter; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes chapter 206.58, each municipality within Blue Earth County may provide for the use of a new electronic voting system; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes chapter 206.58 also requires information be disseminated to the public about the use of a new voting system as well as be provided access to and instruction on the new system prior to the first election at which it will be used;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the _____
board/council hereby approves the use of the electronic voting system in all elections beginning with the August 11, 2020, Statewide Primary Election pursuant to Minnesota Election Law; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, adoption of this resolution shall serve as certification and authorize Blue Earth County to notify the Minnesota Secretary of State.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Attest:

Chair

Clerk

Background Information for City Councils and Township Boards
follows on the next page.

It is not intended to be part of the resolution.

It may be posted as information for the public as well.

NEW ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM TO BE USED IN ELECTIONS BEGINNING WITH AUGUST 11, 2020, STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

All precincts in Blue Earth County will be utilizing the following equipment beginning with the August 11, 2020, State Primary Election and continuing until further notice.



DS200 automatic optical scan ballot tabulators

Use: counts the votes cast by voters on paper ballots

Where: for use in precincts operating polling places on election day

Manufactured by: Election Systems and Software LLC,
based in Omaha, Nebraska



DS450 automatic optical scan ballot tabulators

Use: counts the votes cast by voters on paper ballots

Where: for use in central count office for absentee/mail ballot voting

Manufactured by: Election Systems and Software LLC,
based in Omaha, Nebraska



OmniBallot assistive voting technology

Use: voters can use device for electronic ballot display, reading, and marking to allow for an independent voting experience

Where: for use in all voting locations

Manufactured by: Democracy Live Inc, based in Seattle, Washington



Poll Pad electronic roster

Use: election judges use device to check in and verify eligibility of voters as well as register new voters

Where: for use in all voting locations

Manufactured by: KnowInk, based in St. Louis, Missouri

This new electronic voting system:

- Continues to rely on a human-readable and auditable paper ballot record completed by the voter
- Has been approved for use in Minnesota by the Secretary of State
- Has undergone certification testing by the county and is tested and certified prior to each election

The public is provided access to the new voting system to inspect it and receive instruction on its use prior to the first election at which it will be used. Interested parties are encouraged to schedule a time to inspect the voting system.



For more information
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