

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
Doug Faseler, City Manager

FROM: Naomi Manski
City Secretary

DATE: February 21, 2019

Guadalupe County Election Administrator Lisa Adam has advised that the County has purchased a new voting system, which will be used for all elections from this point forward. The Texas Election Code requires that both the County and any entity that contracts with the County for their elections adopt the new voting equipment prior to their first election using the system. The County has purchased the Express Vote Universal Voting System, which is a hybrid system. It combines the touch screen voting experience with a paper ballot in a ballot scanner for counting. The ballot is retained in the scanner's ballot box. This paper ballot is what is actually counted and can be utilized later for recount or audit purposes, is necessary.

According to Section 123.001 of the Texas Election Code, the adoption should include the following information:

1. Name of Vendor
2. Name of Voting System
3. Type of Equipment
4. What part of the election process it will be used for (early voting in person, early voting by mail, election day, and provisional ballots)
5. What elections will it be used for (all elections or just certain elections)

FYI – The County plans to hold a mock election in both the Seguin and Schertz Elections Offices this summer so that the voters can try out the new system.

This item is being placed on the March 5, 2019 City Council agenda for your consideration and approval. Please don't hesitate to let me or Andy Quittner know if you have any questions or concerns.

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Cc: Andy Quittner, City Attorney
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