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Purchase of New Voting Equipment Finalized Delivery of Equipment Begins January 22

(Columbus) The Franklin County Commissioners on Tuesday of this week approved the final purchase of over \$12 million dollars of new voting equipment. The agreement also included a sublease agreement with the state, who provided more than \$10 million dollars in funding, outlining the ownership terms. The Board will begin taking delivery of the new equipment on January 22.

On November 26, 2018, the Board of Elections voted unanimously (4-0) to authorize the Director and Deputy Director to work with the County Commissioners, County Prosecutor, and Ohio Secretary of State to finalize contract negotiations for the purchase of the new hybrid voting equipment from Election Systems & Software (ES&S). The Board of Elections would like to publically thank all parties involved in this multi-government funding partnership. This purchase would not have been possible without the largest funding component made available by the Ohio Legislature. The Ohio Association of Election Officials was also extremely important in the process of securing funding.

This hybrid voting system will include more than 3,200 touch-screen devices that will be used to mark a voter's ballot. Once a ballot is marked using the electronic touch-screen device, the voter can verify their selections and deposit that ballot in a separate ballot counting scanner before they leave the voting location. Alternatively, voters will have the choice to vote on a traditional paper ballot that will also be deposited in the same ballot counting scanner before they leave the voting location.

In the coming days, the Board will be rolling out a comprehensive voter education program that will encompass news releases, media-TV, Print, Radio, press conferences, PSA's, social media, and community events. We plan on taking our new voting equipment to every corner of the county to show county voters the new equipment at libraries, festivals, government meetings, and civic associations.

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