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STAFF REPORT
BOARD MEETING DATE: *December 10, 2019*

DATE: November 19, 2019

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve the sole source purchase of additional WelcomeVoter Kiosk check-in stations (pollbooks) from VOTEC Corporation for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of Assembly Bill (AB) 345, specifically Automatic Voter Registration (Initiative Petition 1 (IP-1) passed by voters in 2018 as State Ballot Question No. 5) and Same Day Registration in the amount of [$445,850.00]. State funds appropriated to Washoe County in AB 345, Section 148.8, in the amount of $740,302.60, will be used for this purchase. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

Approve the sole source purchase of additional WelcomeVoter Kiosk check-in stations (pollbooks) from VOTEC Corporation for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of Assembly Bill (AB) 345, specifically Automatic Voter Registration (Initiative Petition 1 (IP-1) passed by voters in 2018 as State Ballot Question No. 5) and Same Day Registration in the amount of [$445,850.00]. State funds appropriated to Washoe County in AB 345, Section 148.8, in the amount of $740,302.60, will be used for this purchase.

County Priority/Goal supported by this item: Regional and Community Leadership

PREVIOUS ACTION

On August 27, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners approved the acceptance of the State General Fund appropriation referenced in Assembly Bill (AB) 345, Section 148.8, in the amount of [$740,302.60] for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of AB 345.

BACKGROUND

On August 8, 2017, the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners approved the funding and sole source purchase of new voting equipment from Dominion Voting Systems to replace the prior legacy outdated and deteriorating election equipment. Bundled with the initial purchase of the new voting equipment was the purchase of 190 Welcome Voter Kiosk check-in stations provided by VOTEC Corporation. Although

some efficiencies in processing voters have been made with more modern equipment, 250 additional pollbooks are needed to supplement our current inventory which is necessary to carry out the provisions of Automatic Voter Registration and Same Day Registration (SDR) as outlined in AB 345.

The existing 190 pollbooks were purchased through Dominion Voting Systems. These additional 250 pollbooks will be purchased and supplied directly through VOTEC Corporation.

With the additional pollbooks the Office of the Registrar of Voters will be able to facilitate the implementation of Automatic Voter Registration and Same Day Registration, improve voting wait times, sustain existing operations and help to support the poll workers and voters of Washoe County. This will ensure our organization will be able to amply supply and support election services while maintaining our reputation for excellence in the administration of elections for the citizens of Washoe County.

Retroactive approval is requested to conform to the provisions of AB 345, Section 148.8 and 152, terms of June 14, 2019, to June 31, 2021. Submission for Board approval at the first available Board of County Commissioners meeting upon receipt of quote and contract from VOTEC Corporation.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is sufficient budget authority in internal order 20470|Voters AB345 for the sole source purchase of 250 additional Welcome Voter Kiosk check-in stations.

Ongoing annual software support in the amount of $30,000.00 and annual hardware warranty of $11,382.80 beginning in May of 2021 should be included in the Registrar of Voters budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the sole source purchase of additional WelcomeVoter Kiosk check-in stations (pollbooks) from VOTEC Corporation for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of Assembly Bill (AB) 345, specifically Automatic Voter Registration (Initiative Petition 1 (IP-1) passed by voters in 2018 as State Ballot Question No. 5) and Same Day Registration in the amount of [$445,850.00]. State funds appropriated to Washoe County in AB 345, Section 148.8, in the amount of $740,302.60, will be used for this purchase.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "move to approve the sole source purchase of additional WelcomeVoter Kiosk check-in stations (pollbooks) from VOTEC Corporation for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of Assembly Bill (AB) 345, specifically Automatic Voter Registration (Initiative Petition 1 (IP-1) passed by voters in 2018 as State Ballot Question No. 5) and Same Day Registration in the amount of [$445,850.00]. State funds appropriated to Washoe County in AB 345, Section 148.8, in the amount of $740,302.60, will be used for this purchase."