

Wise County Electoral Board
Draft Minutes
August 1st, 2017

A special meeting of the Wise County Electoral Board to select Optical Scan Voting Equipment was held in the Electoral Board Conference Room at the Wise County Justice Center in Wise, VA at 10:00 a.m. with the following present: Danny G. Mullins (Chairman), Eula Hughes (Secretary), and Allison J. Robbins (General Registrar).

The meeting was called to order by Danny Mullins at 10:04 a.m.

On a motion by Eula Hughes and seconded by Danny Mullins the agenda was approved as presented.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved on a motion by Danny Mullins and seconded by Eula Hughes.

Registrar Allison Robbins presented the board with a written recommendation for the purchase of the Election Systems & Software (ES&S) optical scan voting system.

A lengthy discussion was had regarding the different Optical Scan systems and the voting equipment vendors. Ms. Hughes stated that we have been well served by Atlantic Election Services. It was also noted by Ms. Hughes that when in Richmond this past year other localities had expressed satisfaction with both Atlantic Election Services and with PrintElect as vendors. Mr. Mullins placed particular emphasis on the importance of buying American and noted that ES&S is a wholly American owned Company. It was noted that Dominion Voting Systems is Canadian based.

Mr. Mullins stated his preference to recommend for purchase the ES&S voting equipment.

Ms. Hughes stated her preference would be to recommend Dominion voting equipment; however, she would support the recommendation of Mr. Mullins to purchase ES&S.

On a motion by Eula Hughes and seconded by Danny Mullins, the Wise County Electoral Board recommends for purchase the Election Services and Software DS200 optical scan tabulator and the ExpressVote ballot marking devices

No further business noted, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Danny G. Mullins, Chairman

Alberta Mitchell, Vice-Chairman

Eula Hughes, Secretary