

MAY 31, 2006

ELECTRONIC POLLBOOK BRIEFING
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
151 WEST STREET, SUITE 200, ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

Attendees: Tom Fleckenstein, Vice Chairman
Joan Beck, Member
Bobbie Mack, Member
A. Susan Widerman, Member
Linda Lamone, Administrator
Ross Goldstein, Deputy Administrator
Mark Davis, Assistant Attorney General
Michael Kortum, Chief Information Officer
Nikki Trella, Election Reform Director
Bob Murphy, Electronic Pollbook Project Manager
Jan Hejl, Voter Registration Division
Tracy Agnew, Voter Registration Division
Kurt Snyder, Database Administrator

Also Present: Ross Underwood, Diebold Election Systems, Inc.
Robert Pickett, Diebold Election Systems, Inc.
Tom Feehan, Diebold Election Systems, Inc.
Barbara Fisher, Election Director, Anne Arundel County/Board Member, MAEO
Carole Streeting, Deputy Election Director, Anne Arundel County
Guy Mickley, Deputy Election Director, Howard County/President, MAEO
Sara Harris, Deputy Election Director, Montgomery County/Board Member, MAEO
Gineen Bresso Beach, Governor's Office
Andrew Green, The Baltimore Sun
Stephanie Desmon, The Baltimore Sun

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

Vice Chairman Fleckenstein declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

ELECTRONIC POLLBOOK DEMONSTRATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF DIEBOLD ELECTIONS SYTEMS, INC.

Ross Underwood of the ExpressPoll Division of Diebold Election Systems, Inc. gave an overview of the ExpressPoll 4000 and demonstrated to each board member how to look up a voter in the electronic pollbook, program a voter access card, and print a voter authority card. Mr. Underwood also showed checking-in a voter who has already been issued a voter access card and that the networked electronic pollbooks are "real time."

In response to questions, Mr. Underwood confirmed that each electronic pollbook will contain every registered voter in the State of Maryland but for the early voting sites, only voters in the specific county will be available to check-in. He also stated that, for a voter listed in the electronic pollbook, the electronic pollbook will show if a provisional ballot

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was issued during early voting.

After discussing different scenarios, Mr. Goldstein stated that with electronic pollbooks no one can vote two regular ballots during early voting or vote one regular ballot during early voting and one on election day. A voter may receive multiple provisional ballots, but with electronic pollbooks, the multiple ballots will be identified during the preparation for the provisional ballot canvass. Barbara Fisher, Election Director for the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections, stated that, without electronic pollbooks, election officials will not be able to catch voters who vote more than once until after the election.

Mr. Underwood also highlighted the following features of Diebold's electronic pollbook solution:

- Computer tablet running Windows CE with a printer and network equipment
- Network infrastructure, including virtual local area network with network segmenting and encryption and wide area network with point-to-point tunneling and encrypted data
- Vote fraud prevention (helps prevent voter from voting twice, voting among early voting sites, and voting in wrong location)
- Interaction with MDVOTERS – (1) data transfer from MDVOTERS to the electronic pollbook system twice before early voting begins; and (2) data transfer from the electronic pollbook system to MDVOTERS after early voting ends and before election day and after election day (upload voter history).

In response to a question from Ms. Mack about the technical resources needed to set up the electronic pollbooks, Mr. Underwood suggested that the units be set up ahead of time. If the units are already set up, the election judges are only required to turn them on. According to Mr. Underwood, set up for early voting sites is included in the contract being negotiated. Set up for election day is easier because networking is not necessary. Ms. Beck asked the representatives of the local boards if they understood that networking on election day was not needed, to which they replied that this was their understanding.

Ms. Widerman asked when voter registration data would be needed, and Mr. Underwood responded that the data would be needed by the end of July. She then asked Mr. Underwood whether there was anything to impede this process, to which Mr. Underwood responded that there was not.

Ms. Widerman requested an explanation of the difference between the ExpressPoll 4000 and 5000. Mr. Goldstein responded that the ExpressPoll 4000 was certified, and Ms. Widerman asked for paperwork showing this. Mr. Goldstein referred her to paperwork in the board members' folders. The 5000 is not yet certified but has been submitted to an independent testing authority. According to Mr. Underwood, the only difference between

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the 4000 and the 5000 is the hardware. The hardware for the 5000 does not have a detachable base and the voter access card is inserted on the side of the unit, not on the base of the unit. The software running the 5000 is the same software running the 4000.

In response to a question from Ms. Widerman, Mr. Underwood confirmed that each electronic pollbook has its own printer. Mr. Feehan explained that approximately 190 voter authority cards can be printed from each paper roll.

When one of the board members tried to insert an encoded voter access card, the electronic pollbook provided a notice that the voter access card is still encoded. This notice alerts the election judges that the number of voters who have been issued a voter access card may not match the number of voters who have recorded a vote on the voting unit.

Ms. Beck asked the representatives of the local boards if they had any questions or concerns. Sara Harris, Deputy Director for the Montgomery County Board of Elections, stated her absolute support for the electronic pollbooks and that interconnectivity was required. Without this solution, Ms. Harris noted that Montgomery County would be required to print and sort approximately 500,000 voter authority cards for all four voting locations. In response to a question from Ms. Beck, Ms. Harris stated that she was happy with the real time feature. Ms. Fisher noted that the local boards need to know now whether electronic pollbooks will be available for the upcoming election. She explained that election judges' training begins soon and the manual is on hold until we know whether we will be using electronic pollbooks. Ms. Beck asked Gineen Bresso Beach of the Governor's Office if she had any questions, to which she responded that she did not.

Ms. Beck stated that she understands the reality of what is needed and that the briefing answered most of her questions. Mr. Goldstein and Mr. Davis directed Ms. Beck to the appropriate sections of the draft contract that require real time notification. Mr. Goldstein also noted that the goal for minority business enterprise participation is 15%, which will be accomplished in the services supporting the electronic pollbooks.

Ms. Widerman asked whether there is anything that would impede this project, to which Mr. Goldstein responded that time was the only factor. Ms. Widerman asked what impact this would have on the voting system source code, and Mr. Goldstein responded that two issues are separate and that electronic pollbooks would be needed regardless of the voting system.

CERTIFICATION OF THE EXPRESSPOLL 4000

Mr. Goldstein requested that each board member sign one copy of the Certification of the ExpressPoll 4000. All board members present signed the Certification.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR ELECTRONIC POLLBOOKS

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Mr. Fleckenstein made a motion to approve the contract with Diebold Election Systems, Inc., and Ms. Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR WEB & EMAIL CONVERSION SERVICES

Mr. Goldstein requested that the Board approve the proposed contract for website and email conversion services. Information about this contract was previously distributed by email. Mr. Fleckenstein made a motion to approve the contract, and Ms. Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Fleckenstein, seconded by Ms. Mack, the briefing was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Gilles Burger, Chair