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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: John Tuteur - Registrar of Voters
Elections

REPORT BY: John Tuteur, Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk - 253-4459

SUBJECT: Registrar of Voters requests approval for the Chair to sign an advanced voting systems lease agreement with Dominion Voting Systems, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION

Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk ex officio Registrar of Voters requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a Lease Agreement for the term July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2025 for a maximum first year cost of \$161,333 with Dominion Voting Systems that provides an advanced technology, certified voting system and support and terminates Agreement No. 170594B effective July 1, 2018.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On October 16, 2017 the California Secretary of State certified an updated version of the Dominion Voting System including, but not limited to, new ballot marking devices; enhanced software, etc. On May 8, 2018 the California Secretary of State certified Dominion's remote accessible vote by mail system (RAVBM). The enhanced system and RAVBM were used in the June 5, 2018 Primary Election at no additional cost to the county.

The Registrar of Voter has negotiated a new lease with Dominion from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2025 which includes these voting system enhancements. The annual cost of the lease, including sales tax, is 3.5% greater than the original lease. Napa County leased an earlier version of the voting system from Dominion Voting Systems on September 22, 2015 which runs until July 14, 2021. The new lease contains provisions to terminate the September 22, 2015 lease.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes

Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Sufficient funds for the advanced technology leased system are budgeted for the 2018-2019 year. State funds will reimburse \$20,000 of the first year cost of \$161,333.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	This agreement is a lease of an advanced technology voting system and support through the November 5, 2024 Presidential General Election. Future lease payments will be included in recommended budgets each fiscal year and are contingent on the county having funds available.
Consequences if not approved:	Napa County voters will not enjoy the latest voter-friendly technology and the security of an advanced, certified system.
Additional Information:	

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: General Rule. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the proposed action may have a significant effect on the environment and therefore CEQA is not applicable. [See Guidelines For the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, 14 CCR 15061(b)(3)].

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Napa County has been a customer of Dominion Voting Systems (or one of its predecessor corporate entities) since 1976. All prior voting systems have operated securely, accurately, efficiently and cost effectively. On September 22, 2015 Napa County leased a certified voting system from Dominion Voting Systems under Agreement 170594B-17 (formerly Agreement 8427) which runs until July 14, 2021. That system was used successfully in the June 2016 and November 2016 primary and general elections. On October 16, 2017 the Secretary of State certified an upgraded Dominion Voting System with features needed by Napa County to implement the Voter's Choice Act. The new system includes ballot marking devices which are voter-friendly and accessible to all voters and a Remote Accessible Vote By Mail system, certified May 8, 2018. These features were used in the June 5, 2018 primary election at no additional cost to the county. Napa County and Dominion now wish to enter into a lease agreement for the upgraded system with a term that expires June 30, 2025. Because the new agreement will replace the existing 2015 agreement, the new agreement has language that will terminate the 2015 agreement. The annual cost of the new lease, including sales tax, is 3.5% greater than the lease that is being terminated.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi