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### ELECTIONS BOARD SELECTS TENEX FOR ELECTRONIC POLLBOOK SOLUTION

**Partial implementation coming in May, countywide November 2017**

**Painesville, OH (February 23, 2017)** - Lake County voters will see an exciting change at the polls when they go to vote in the upcoming May Election in the Riverside and Madison School districts.

At their meeting held February 15<sup>th</sup>, the Lake County Elections Board voted unanimously to select Tenex Software Solutions for their electronic pollbook provider and approved the purchase request of 225 of the Apple iPad-based devices. The vote followed a recommendation from board staff, Deputy Director McDonald and Director Clair. The new technology will cost \$294,360 with the State of Ohio paying \$254,520.76 of the bill.

“We are excited about using this new technology. The voting process should be easier and more convenient for the voters” said Director Janet Clair. “This is a big win for Lake County.”

Lake County thoroughly evaluated all Ohio-certified electronic pollbooks over the course of a year before selecting the Precinct Central Touchpad from Tenex Software Solutions, a Tampa, Florida based company.

“Tenex participated in a very successful pilot project during our November 2015 General Election. The Ohio market of certified electronic pollbooks was competitive with a lot of great options, but ultimately Tenex rose to the top for us, which I think says a lot about the company” said Ross McDonald, Deputy Director.

Electronic poll books contain the entire county’s voter registration information and will replace the large, paper rosters of registered voters at each voting location. Voters will not notice a big difference in the process: they still need to present a valid form of ID, but will now sign-in on the electronic pollbook instead of a paper roster.

The biggest change voters will notice is shorter wait times when they go to the polls to vote. Electronic poll books allow voters to pick the shortest check-in line at their assigned polling location, resulting in a faster voting process. With the new technology, poll workers will have the added ability to efficiently assist voters.

Countywide implementation is slated for the November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 General Election.



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