

To: Burnet County Commissioners
Ref: New Voting Machines

I would like to comment on the possibility of purchasing new voting machines for Burnet County. Let me say up front that I am a resident of Llano County, not Burnet, but I have been an alternate judge for several years and have worked every election since Llano has had new voting machines. I would like to speak about the Llano Hart machines.

The poll workers have all been happy with the new machines. The learning curve is short and the equipment is reliable.

~~The voters were concerned about a change at first, but were pleased with the ease of operation and to be able to print their ballot and double check their votes. They were most pleased to be able to have a paper trail of their ballot. It gave them a great sense of confidence in their vote and in the entire system.~~

There is an expense involved, of course, but well worth it for the dependability and voter confidence.

I would strongly suggest that the machines are purchased in order to use them in several minor elections so poll workers and voters can become accustomed to them prior to a busy a major election.

Thank you for the opportunity to give my opinion,

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