

PAPER POLL BOOKS: RES #5

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-____

CITY OF _____
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION TO RETURN TO USING ONLY PAPER POLL BOOKS AT POLLING PLACES IN 2024 PRIMARY & GENERAL ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, prior to 2018 all municipalities in Anoka County used paper poll books for registration check-in at the polls; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 the State of Minnesota issued a report regarding use of electronic poll pads which authorized their use in Minnesota subject to some conditions; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2018 Anoka County, after informal consultation with municipalities, entered into a contract with KNOWiNK LLC (Contract No. C0005957) for purchase of Elections Electronic Roster System and Services; and

WHEREAS, this electronic roster system puts Anoka County election data online with security risk points via the following components:

- KNOWiNK/BPRO/ePulse for Cloud Integrated data management
- Poll pad Units with WiFi 32 gb (over 500 units)
- Wireless Hotspot Devices-Verizon SA2100 (129 units)
- Verizon Wireless Data Plan Activation
- iSync Cloud drives (22 units)
- Cisco Meraki MR42 Routers (5 units)
- ePulse Connectivity Software

WHEREAS, this electronic roster system puts Anoka County data on Amazon Aurora in Amazon's GovCloud; and

WHEREAS, this system puts Anoka County election data at risk because it can:

- Provide real-time reporting
- Produce election night reporting
- Update voter rolls minutes before an election in near-real time
- Be intercepted for unethical, even unlawful, monitoring and manipulation

WHEREAS, suspected security risks have been identified including:

- The Department of Homeland Security's CISA Department uses the Albert System and FirstNet, which may have access to voting systems through the poll pads.
- Poll pads have been used as a digital ledger to add, delete, and shift large numbers of voters to achieve the desired vote counts.
- Poll pads have been used to report vote totals down to the County from the secretary of state (e.g. New Mexico)

WHEREAS, as per M.S. 201.225, subd. 1, a municipality may use an electronic roster system for any election but it is not mandated; and

WHEREAS, there is no evidence of a formal agreement between Anoka County and the municipalities requiring municipalities to continuously use electronic roster system for any election; and

WHEREAS, a paper backup system is required as a backup to the electronic poll pads as per:

- M.S. 201 subd. 2: “Each precinct using electronic rosters shall have a paper backup system approved by the secretary of state present at the polling place to use in the event that the election judges are unable to use the electronic roster”
- M.S. 201.225, subd. 5 (b) which states: “Each precinct using electronic rosters shall have a paper backup system approved by the secretary of state present at the polling place to use in the event that the election judges are unable to use the electronic roster”; and

WHEREAS, this system is an on-going security risk and costly to taxpayers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of _____ chooses to opt out of use of electronic poll pads and return to paper poll books.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2024

Mayor

ATTEST _____

_____ City Clerk

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