



**City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS**

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Legislative File No: 2005-0136

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Bev Jasinski, City Clerk
DATE: February 9, 2005
SUBJECT: Grant Application for Election Equipment

REQUEST:

The State of MI is in the process of implementing a statewide, uniform optical scan voting system to comply with Public Act 91 of 2002. There will be no cost to the city since the State of MI has received funds under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002, which will be used to pay for voting equipment and Election Management System (EMS) software. The Oakland County Clerks have chosen the M-100's.

The city is required to enter into a Grant Agreement with the State of MI, which must be signed by every local governmental unit that wishes to purchase/receive new equipment. The city will receive thirty-two (32) tabulators: twenty-nine (29) will be for the precincts and three (3) will be used at city hall for the absentee voter counting boards. In addition, EMS software will be furnished to all municipalities having more than twenty (20) precincts.

The city will need to designate a Grant Manager who will serve as the point of contact for the State of MI. Since the Grant Manager is responsible for record keeping as relates to elections, I request that Jane Leslie, Deputy Clerk be named. The State of MI has chosen Tim Hansen of the State's Elections Division as their Grant Manager for this project. Jane has effectively worked with Tim on election matters over the years.

BACKGROUND:

The city has been using ES&S optical scan equipment for ten (10) years in 2005. In the August and November Elections of 2004, we experienced a number of problems with the tabulators resulting in staff taking replacement tabulators to some precincts. We currently have forty-three (43) tabulators.

We are comfortable that the number of tabulators we will be provided by the State of MI will be sufficient for the 2005 elections. Beginning in 2006, we will budget for three (3) or four (4) additional tabulators per year for the budget years 2006-2008 for a total of forty-three (43) tabulators. At this time, we have requested information on trade in compensation for the forty-three (43) tabulators since they are not compatible with the new equipment. We expect to hear the cost of the M-100's at a meeting scheduled on February 16 at O.C.

RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend that the CC apply to the Secretary of State for a grant to purchase an optical scan voting system and related Election Management System (EMS) software to comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and identify Jane Leslie to serve as a Grant Manager for the City of Rochester Hills serving as its single point of contact with the Department of State

RESOLUTION

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APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
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