

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Storage Racks for New Election Equipment</b>
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

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It is requested that Council approve purchase/payment to Yajie USA/DBA/Mighti (La Verne, CA), in the amount of \$35,475.00 for the purchase of 473 OrigamiRack Portable Storage Racks for the Board of Elections. The vendor require payment in advance in order to ship the equipment.

Before the March 24<sup>th</sup> presidential primary, all Georgia electronic voting machines are required to be replaced with a new voting system that will print paper ballot. With the new system, voters will use a 21.5 inch touchscreen to vote and also use a printer to print their paper ballot. Consequently, each individual voting kiosk must have a method to house the touchscreen, the printer and computer. It has been a challenge for Election officials to find portable storage that can house the equipment needed to vote.

One Georgia County has found a housing/storage rack solution that has been shared with other election officials, which will solve the issue. The Origami 3-shelf small storage rack is portable, foldable and can house the touchscreen, printer, as well as computer unit, all in one-compact solution and still ensure privacy for individual voters. A picture of the set-up is shown below:



Due to the requirements of this purchase and the quest to find the best solution, the vendor is considered an only known source, per the Procurement Ordinance 3-110.

Funds are available in the FY20 Budget: General Fund – Boards and Commissions – Elections & Registration – Election Expenses; 0101 – 290 – 2000 – ELCT - 6355.

**A RESOLUTION**

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE/PAYMENT TO YAJIE USA/DBA/MIGHTI (LA VERNE, CA), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,475.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF 473 ORIGAMIRACK PORTABLE STORAGE RACKS FOR THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS. THE VENDOR REQUIRES PAYMENT IN ADVANCE IN ORDER TO SHIP THE EQUIPMENT.**

**WHEREAS**, before the March 24<sup>th</sup> presidential primary, all Georgia electronic voting machines are required to be replaced with a new voting system that will print paper ballot. With the new system, voters will use a 21.5 inch touchscreen to vote and also use a printer to print their paper ballot. Consequently, each individual voting kiosk must have a method to house the touchscreen, the printer and computer. It has been a challenge for Election officials to find portable storage that can house the equipment needed to vote; and,

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**WHEREAS**, Due to the requirements of this purchase and the quest to find the best solution, the vendor is considered an only known source, per the Procurement Ordinance 3-110.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase and make payment to Yajie USA/DBA/Mighti (La Verne, CA), in the amount of \$35,475.00 for the purchase of 473 OrigamiRack Portable Storage Racks for the Board of Elections. The vendor requires payment in advance in order to ship the equipment. Funds are available in the FY20 Budget: General Fund – Boards and Commissions – Elections & Registration – Election Expenses; 0101 – 290 – 2000 – ELCT - 6355.

\_\_\_\_\_ Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Barnes voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Crabb \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor House voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Thompson voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Woodson voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, Mayor