



CITY OF HARTFORD

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: September 25, 2023
Department: Elections
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Agenda Title: Early Voting Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

I have been participating in Early Voting discussions with other Municipalities and the County Clerk to develop a plan & agreement to provide this new requirement to voters. On the agenda for Councils consideration is Resolution 2023 – 025 entering into an agreement with Van Buren County to provide an Early Voting site to all Van Buren County Voters and authorizing the Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City. Early Voting agreements & plans are due to the State by October 25.

The Van Buren County Clerk had budgeted \$35,000 to begin preparing for Early Voting not knowing what all may be needed or required. She has also applied for an Early Voting grant on behalf of the County from the State that hopefully should cover the cost of required equipment, five e-pollbook laptops, five tabulators and one voter assist terminal. The County will pay the up-front purchase cost of five on-demand ballot printing systems that will be charged back to each municipality based on their number of precincts.

After the purchase of the voting equipment this still leaves all of the other items that will need to be purchased to equip the Early Voting precinct site. For example: tables, chairs, voting booths, ballot bags, transfer bags, test deck bags, secrecy sleeves, date stampers, extension cords, election signage, etc... These items need to be purchased soon to ensure they are delivered in time and before stock is depleted in order to be prepared for the 2024 Presidential Primary.

The Early Voting Committee has determined that each jurisdiction needs to remit \$1,500 per precinct to Van Buren County before the end of October to fund the purchase of items for the Early Voting Precinct.