

June 24, 2024

Dear Custer County Commissioners,

As you decide if renewing your county's contract with Dominion Voting Systems is the best choice for your county, I would like you to consider a few things.

First, if a salesman from the company who is trying to renew a contract is not willing to speak with the county commissioners, even remotely by Zoom, the only conclusion that can be drawn is that they are afraid, not of their personal safety, but they are afraid they will get caught in another lie and be held accountable. This is the situation with Dominion Voting Systems refusing to answer questions about their systems in several counties across Colorado.

Secondly, why is the Secretary of State, through Christopher Beall, lobbying for Dominion Voting Systems at the Custer County Board of County Commissioners' meeting? Mr. Beall stated that he was representing Secretary of State Jena Griswold, an elected official, and then he proceeded to lobby for Dominion Voting Systems, a private corporation. This does not seem legal to me and at the very least raises ethical considerations.

Thirdly, Matt Crane, the Executive Director of the Colorado County Clerks Association is clearly working as a lobbyist for Dominion Voting Systems, though he is not registered as a lobbyist with the Secretary of State, nor is Weld County Clerk Koppes. However, they drove hours from home to sell the Custer County BOCC on renewing their contract with Dominion Voting Systems. Are they being financially rewarded by Dominion for their time and expenses? Are we as taxpayers paying for their time and expenses for their lobbying efforts to renew Dominion's contracts with counties across Colorado? Mr. Crane may claim that there is no conflict of interest to be the CCCA director lobbying for Dominion while his wife worked for Dominion for 19 years, but I see it as a clear conflict of interest. His lobbying efforts and his disdain for the people of Colorado mandate that Matt Crane should step down as the CCCA Director, or our tax dollars should stop supporting this questionable NGO.

The lobbying efforts of the CCCA for Dominion are a violation of trust which show they are not about supporting the county clerks, but instead they are about controlling the elections in Colorado. The CCCA has violated the public's trust with their repugnant letter dated December 8, 2023 where they accused the tax payers, who fund their organization, of being "election deniers, liars, dishonest actors, grifters and bullies who deserve only our disdain and contempt" and insinuating that anyone who questions the black box voting systems somehow poses a threat to our election officials. (*see attached letter*) This deplorable letter encouraged our County Clerks to violate the people's rights. (*see attached response*) The influence and pressure from Mr. Crane and the CCCA on our elected officials creates trust issues between the constituents and our county clerks. This along with the persecution of Clerk Peters has essentially silenced any clerk from daring to question the systems.

Why would we trust a voting system whose CEO perjured himself before congress¹ and whose Director of Product Strategy and Security drove a truck into a building and lied about it on repeatedly to the police?² The same man who stated in emails from 2020 that "we are so broken all over the place." And

¹ <https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2024/02/it-was-lie-bombshell-recording-captures-mi-prosecutor/>

² <https://rumble.com/v52qx41-20-june-2024-joe-oltmann-live-6pm-est-presenting-custer-county-election-spe.html?start=9039>

“our shit is just riddled with bugs.” and “our products suck.”³ These are the people that Matt Crane and Christopher Beall stood up and vouched for during the Custer County presentation. This makes me further question Mr. Crane and Mr. Beall’s motivation for attending the meeting in Dominion’s place.

I ask that you do not extend the Dominion Contract. Their arrogant assumption that they are untouchable and that you will sign the contract without their participation in the deal indicates that they do not deserve our tax dollars. Why is Dominion so sure that you will sign the contract without their participation in the process? It seems nefarious to me, like someone in high places has given them a guarantee. All of the voting systems use software based on GEMS - Global Election Management Systems. The same software that Intel Community whistleblower Terpsehore Maras has reported to have been used in flipping 45 elections overseas.⁴

On a technical side of things, please note that the Dominion patent clearly states that they can flip votes remotely through their adjudication feature.⁵

“Votes requiring adjudication may be identified, in some examples, by a central server computer system, or by an optical scan ballot system, with **adjudication of the votes performed with an adjudication system that is located either locally or remotely.**”

The problem with these electronic voting machines and companies “scanning” and tallying our votes is that we can’t prove they are manipulating results, but we can’t prove they aren’t either. This is further exaggerated after the Secretary of State has worked with the legislators to outlaw third party audits (HB22-153) and to eliminate the manual hand count of voter verified paper records during a recount (HB23-276). Though Mr. Beall likes to gaslight that we use paper ballots, the citizens have no access to verify the machine count by comparing a manual hand count of those paper ballots unless we have hundred of thousands of dollars to request photo copies of the paper ballots. Other statutory handicaps in ferreting out fraud in our elections is the inability to reverify signatures once they have gone through the initial signature verification process.

To be clear, I believe that we should have Constitutional One Day In Person with Voter ID to Verify Citizenship Hand Counted Paper Ballot Elections. Clerk Koppes’ faulty data on hand counting accuracy and costs would be laughable if they weren’t so insulting to our intelligence. We could simply ask San Juan County how much it cost them to hand count as I believe they are the last county in Colorado who is hand counting. Custer County has approximately 5,500 ballots returned in an election. I am confident that even with the mail in ballot system, these could be counted in a day as statute allows for counting to begin at 8am with two 6 hour shifts of 8 counting teams you would have results by 7 pm. The labor cost for hand counting would be under \$1.50 per ballot or under \$7,000. The 2017 Custer County contract with Dominion shows that you are currently paying over \$22,000 a year for a questionable, uncertified system that cannot prove itself and whose salesman will not even speak to you.

I believe that the BOCC should refuse any contract with a voting system that cannot prove with 100% certainty that they are accurate and are free from security vulnerabilities. I encourage the BOCC to stand

³ <https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2023/02/breaking-shit-just-riddled-bugs-fox-news-filing-shows-dominion-knew-voting-systems-major-security-issues/>

⁴ <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.azd.1255923/gov.uscourts.azd.1255923.1.5.pdf>

⁵ https://patents.google.com/patent/US9202113B2/en?q=Patent+No.:+US+9%2c202%2c113+%CE%92++Date+of+Patent:+*Dec.+1%2c+2015

up for County's Constitutional authority and refuse to waste the tax payers' money on unverifiable machines. The state does not have the authority to force you to pay for these "mandated" electronic voting systems. I know there are more than one county whose BOCC are questioning the costs and efficacy of the electronic voting systems. Join together and stand up for what is right and we the people will stand behind you.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Attachments:

CCCA December 8, 2023 letter
My response to the CCCA letter December 29, 2023