

City Council Meeting

Agenda Item

Data Sheet

Meeting Date: October 17, 2022

Topic:

Approve the Purchase of the Verity Voting 2.5 System election equipment from Hart Intercivic through the Buyboard Purchasing Cooperative (Contract No. 622-20) for a not to exceed amount of \$63,543.09, approve the expenditure of funds therefor, and authorize the City Manager to execute any and all documents related to the purchase. This purchase was included in the FY 2022-2023 Budget.

Background:

In the FY 2022-2023 Budget, City Council approved and budgeted funds for the purchase of the Hart Intercivic Verity Voting 2.5 System for use in conducting the City of Tomball's elections. Tomball is able to purchase the system through the COOP BuyBoard.

The Verity Voting 2.5 System equipment has been certified by the Texas Secretary of State and the United States Election Assistance Commission, finding that the Verity Voting 2.5 System and its components:

1. Preserve the secrecy of the ballot;
2. Are suitable for the purpose for which they are intended;
3. Operate safely, efficiently, and accurately and comply with the voting system standards adopted by the Election Assistance Commission;
4. Are safe from fraudulent or unauthorized manipulation;
5. Permit voting on all offices and measures to be voted on at the election;
6. Prevent counting votes on offices and measures on which the voter is not entitled to vote;
7. Prevent counting votes by the same voter for more than one candidate for the same office or, in elections in which a voter is entitled to vote for more than one candidate for the same office, prevent counting votes for more than the number of candidates for whom the voter is entitled to vote;
8. Prevent counting a vote on the same office or measure more than once;
9. Permit write-in voting; and
10. Are capable of providing records from which the operation of the voting system may be audited.

Administrative Policy No. 9 requires that purchases of \$50,000 or more must be approved by Council prior to acceptance/execution.

Origination: City Secretary

Recommendation:

Approve contract for the purchase of Hart Intercivic Verity Voting 2.5 System, in the amount of \$63,543.09 through the COOP BuyBoard.

Party(ies) responsible for placing this item on agenda:

Doris Speer, City Secretary

FUNDING (IF APPLICABLE)

Are funds specifically designated in the current budget for the full amount required for this purpose?

Yes: X No:

If yes, specify Account Number: #100-114-6371