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COUNTY BOARD, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

REGULAR JUNE, A.D., 2004 SESSION

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MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD:

Your Taxation, Election and Records and Financial and Administrative Committees present herewith a Joint Resolution authorizing the Lake County Clerk's office to purchase 60 additional M100 Optical Scan Ballot Counters with metal ballot bins from Elections Systems and Software, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>Michael A. Calvert</u>	Aye	Nay	<u>[Signature]</u>	Aye	Nay
Chair			Chair	X	
<u>[Signature]</u>	✓		<u>[Signature]</u>	X	
Vice-Chair			Vice-Chair		
<u>Ann B. Marino</u>	✓		<u>[Signature]</u>	✓	
<u>Donald W. Bauer</u>	✓		<u>[Signature]</u>	X	
<u>Susan L. Broadhurst</u>	✓		<u>[Signature]</u>	X	
Taxation, Elections & Records Committee			Financial & Administrative Committee		

JOINT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Lake County Clerk has requested 60 additional M100 Optical Scan Ballot Counters in order to meet the needs of voters in the November 2004 election; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the original system purchase in August 2000, 25 reserve Ballot Counters were purchased for the purpose of serving as replacement units on Election Day and/or as repairs become necessary; and

WHEREAS, the number of precinct splits occurring due to the growth in the County since 2001 has reduced the number of Ballot Counters available for replacement on Election Day; and

WHEREAS, in 2004 additional Lake County precincts necessitate being split in response to new residential growth in the County, thereby creating additional precincts and the need for additional Ballot Counters; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 57 sites in Lake County serving three precincts and utilizing one Ballot Counter, and in a Presidential Election voter turnout and absentee balloting reaches its highest levels; and

WHEREAS, voting by absentee ballot in November 2004, according to historical data, is anticipated to quadruple that of the 2004 General Primary level. Illinois law requires those ballots to be processed and cast in the precinct, thereby extending the election worker hours when sharing a single Ballot Counter and in turn increasing opportunity for worker error and omission in tabulating absentee ballots.

WHEREAS, the Lake County Clerk has secured a quote from Elections Systems and Software that would allow Lake County to purchase the additional Ballot Counters at a cost of \$5,200 per unit which represents the original year 2000 bid award. The total cost of the Ballot Counters is \$312,000.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that the Taxation, Election and Records Committee are hereby directed to approve the purchase of 60 Optical Scan Ballot Counters.

DATED, at WAUKEGAN, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, on this 8th Day of June, A.D., 2004.

Suzi Schmidt
Lake County Board Chairman