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### **Monongalia County First in the Nation to Vote Exclusively on the ExpressVote Universal Voting System**

*Monongalia County Commission votes unanimously to purchase ES&S ExpressVote units, DS200 tabulators and ExpressPoll tablets for the 2016 election cycle, making it the first in the state to utilize this voting system configuration.*

**OMAHA, Neb.** - On July 2, 2015 Monongalia County became the first county in West Virginia to purchase Election Systems & Software (ES&S) **ExpressVote**® Universal Voting Systems and **DS200**® in-precinct vote scanners and tabulators. They plan to have all registered voters use ExpressVote units to mark their ballots, subsequently feeding them into a DS200 unit for tabulation, the first in the nation to do so. Monongalia is also the second county in the state to purchase **ExpressPoll**® Electronic Pollbook tablets for countywide use on Election Day. Monongalia County is a technological leader in the state, furthering that reputation with this election equipment purchase.

#### Facts at a glance:

- Monongalia will purchase 280 ExpressVote units, 60 DS200 tabulators and 120 ExpressPoll tablets.
- They are the first county in the nation to have 100% of their voters solely vote with an ExpressVote and DS200.
- Monongalia is the first county in West Virginia to purchase the ES&S ExpressVote and DS200 in-precinct voting system configuration.
- Monongalia follows Jackson County in purchasing ExpressPoll tablets for countywide use to check-in voters on Election Day. This technology will also allow them to manage poll places and voter information more seamlessly.

“We are excited to be the first customer in West Virginia to purchase the ExpressVote,” remarked Carye Blaney, Monongalia County Clerk. “I think the ExpressVote technology combines the best of what we as election officials want to see in election equipment; the ballot printed and given back for the voter to verify and the efficiency and express tabulation we look for on Election Night.” Mac Besson, Regional Sales Manager for ES&S stated “This is a wonderful opportunity for ES&S and the state of West Virginia. Monongalia has selected a platform that can grow with their county for years to come.” Blaney also added “I have been fortunate in my capacity as an Election Official to have worked with ES&S for the last eight years and at every turn their support is first rate,” when asked about any nervousness she had in implementing an entirely new system before a big election cycle.

The ExpressVote and DS200 in-precinct voting system configuration is the most widely used in Vote Centers and on Election Day. It will make its official West Virginia debut during Monongalia’s May 2016 election. This equipment is part of the federally certified EVS 5.2.0.0 election management solution.

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