TRANSCRIPT OF MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSION CONCERNING REQUIREMENT FOR HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE VOTING MACHINES DECEMBER 22, 2005

County Administrator Ken Joiner advised that by the next election all counties in Alabama are required to have one voting machine in each polling place that is accessible by persons with handicaps, and that according to guidelines adopted by the State of Alabama HAVA advisory committee, counties should qualify for reimbursement from federal funds administered through the Alabama Secretary of State's office provided for that purpose. Mr. Joiner further advised that the deadline to seek reimbursement is February 1, 2006, according to information furnished by the Secretary of State's office.

On December 5, 2005, bids solicited for the machines through the Alabama Joint Bidding Program were opened at the Alabama Association of County Commissions (ACCA) office in Montgomery, Alabama, on behalf of the Houston County Commission, the awarding authority for all sixty-seven counties in the State of Alabama. Election Systems & Software, Inc., a Delaware Corporation (ES&S) was determined to be the only specification compliant bidder. The ACCA negotiated with ES&S for a price of \$6,025 per machine. The bid was formally awarded by the Houston County Commission on December 12, 2005, and as a result, an agreement was entered into between the Houston County Commission and ES&S on behalf of all sixty-seven counties pursuant to the <u>Code of Alabama</u> 1975, § 41-16-50 (b).

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to authorize the Chairman to place an order for fifty (50) of the HAVA compliant machines as bid by the ACCA on behalf of Houston County, Alabama, at a unit price of \$6,025 per machine, and upon receipt of the equipment, the Chairman and Administrator were authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to seek reimbursement for the machines from the Secretary of State. Commissioner Downing seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

I, Kenneth L. Joiner, Administrator/Treasurer of Calhoun County, Alabama, hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the Transcript of Minutes of the Meeting of the Calhoun County Commission on December 22, 2005, concerning the requirement for handicap accessible voting machines, and the same appears in Minute Book G-G.

Done this 10th day of May, 2006.

Kenneth L. Joiner Administrator/Treasurer

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