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Cumberland County Bureau of Elections to View Options for Voting Machines

Carlisle, PA – The Cumberland County Board of Elections will be reviewing options for voting machines during its meeting, Tuesday, June 4 at 11 a.m. at the Cumberland County Board of Elections, 1601 Ritner Highway, Suite 201, Carlisle.

The members of the board will have the opportunity to see demonstrations of the voting machines available for purchase for use by Cumberland County residents.

“We want to be able to see the options being considered for the county,” said Al Whitcomb, Cumberland County Board of Elections Chairman. “This gives us the perfect opportunity to see how they work, test them out, and gauge the durability of the machines.”

The Pennsylvania Department of State informed counties across the commonwealth that they have until December 2019 to select new voting systems that provide a paper verifiable ballot. According to the Department of State, these systems allow for more accurate and reliable post-election audits.

In Pennsylvania, every voting system and paper ballot must include a plain text that voters can read to verify their choices before casting their ballot. Election officials will also use the plain text to perform pre-election audit and recounts. The new voting machines are to be in use no later than the 2020 primary.

The members of the board will not be making a decision on which voting machine to purchase at this public meeting. However, a decision is expected to be made publicly by the fall.

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Cumberland County is the fastest growing county in the Commonwealth and offers the perfect mix of small town, suburban and rural living. Established in 1750, Cumberland County consistently maintains one of the lowest tax and unemployment rates in the state, while providing exceptional services for its more than 250,000 residents. More information on Cumberland County can be found at www.ccpa.net.