

# CITY CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

## \*\*ELECTIONS\*\*

2024 Capital Budget Requests

## Badger Book request 2024

- ▶ Wisconsin Election Commission recommends 1 client machine for every 800 voters.
- ▶ Stoughton currently has 3 client machines and 1 Chief Inspector/absentee ballot machine per polling location. Total of 16 machines, 4 per polling location
- ▶ Current voting age population in Stoughton is **10,227** (Total is 13,172)
- ▶ Average voting population per polling location – **2,557**

## Current set up of polling locations

- ▶ 3 machines used to check in and one machine (server) used by the Chief Inspectors for administrative duties as well to check in absentee ballots.
- ▶ The Chief Inspector machine has historically processed around 400-500 absentee ballots during large elections.
- ▶ We have used it as an additional check-in machine when lines develop however this stops the processing of absentee ballots. Voters must also cross over the flow of traffic to use this machine causing a disruptive and confusing flow for the voter and the workers.

## ▶ Area municipalities Badger Book use:

- ▶ *City of Fitchburg* – has added a new polling location so the population per location will be 3,000 voters. They have 6 machines per location, 4 to check in and 2 for absentee ballot processing. One absentee machine will be used for check-in if the lines get longer.
- ▶ *City of Verona* – has split its two polling locations into four, roughly 2,400 voters per polling location. Currently use 5 Badger Books per location but anticipate adding a machine per location in 2024.
- ▶ *Village of McFarland* – currently has one polling location for around 6,000 voters, has 7 machines but in the process of splitting the polling location for 2024. Will have 6 machines at each location but may bump it to 7 machines per location. Will use 1 machine for absentee ballots and up to 6 machines for in person voting.
- ▶ *Village of Oregon* – currently in the process of purchasing machines.

▶ **Request**

- ▶ Add one new machine per polling location for 2024 elections
- ▶ 4 additional machines - \$8,224.00

▶ **Benefits**

- ▶ Reduced lines during the larger turnout elections
- ▶ Voter satisfaction with a quicker turnaround time to vote may increase in person turnout with the reduction of time spent in lines
- ▶ Allows the fluid processing of absentee ballots therefore the ballots should be done by the close of polls, allowing results to be tallied and submitted to the County Clerk in an efficient time
- ▶ Would keep us in line better with WEC recommendation as Stoughton and elections grow

▶ **Questions?**