

## **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

Date: July 21, 2020

To: Mark F. Miller, City Manager

From: Robert J. Bruner, Assistant City Manager

Robert Maleszyk, Chief Financial Officer

M. Aileen Dickson, City Clerk

Subject: Verity Central High Speed Workstation – \$30,000 Matching Grant Funds

In May, 2020, the Michigan Bureau of Elections announced that they had leftover State of Michigan grant funds, and Federal CARES Act funding, that would be made available for local clerks to purchase additional high speed tabulators for absentee voter counting boards (AVCBs). The first-come-first-served funds would match up to \$30,000 toward the purchase of high speed scanner/tabulator and adjudication software.

On July 13, 2020, City Council affirmed the City Manager's authorization of an emergency purchase of a fifth Verity Central High Speed Workstation for the AVCB in order to handle the dramatic increase in absentee ballots this year due to COVID-19 and no-reason absentee voting. The total purchase price was \$88,435.

On June 10, 2020, the City Clerk submitted a request to the State for \$30,000 in matching funds toward the anticipated purchase of the Verity Central High Speed Workstation.

On July 16<sup>th</sup>, the Bureau of Elections notified the City Clerk that the City of Troy's request for \$30,000 in matching funds had been approved. The new Verity Central Workstation was delivered on Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Once acceptance testing is complete during the week of July 20<sup>th</sup>, Hart Intercivic, Inc. will issue a new invoice for the City's portion of the cost of the Verity Central.