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Return on Investment - Efficiencies Gained - Benefit to County and Citizens

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Account Description	Det	ails	Requested		Budget Dept. Comments	Amount	Recommendation
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626562 - OPER-PRINTED MATERIALS	Ballot Stock with pre-printed Sequer	nce numbers	\$10,000.00			\$10,000.00	Recommended
		M&O Requested Subtotal:	\$10,000.00		Recommended M&O Subtotal:	\$10,000.00	

FURNITURE, EQUIPMENT, TECHNOLOGY, ONE-TIME PURCHASES (ITEMS THAT NEED TO BE PRICED)										
Item Detailed Description	New / Replace	Quantity Requested	User Name and/or Job Title	Estimated Unit Cost	Estimated Total Requested	Unit Cost Provided by Purchasing	Updated Item Description (if applicable)	Updated Quantity	Updated Total Request	Recommendation
Ballot stock with pre-printed sequence i	numbers	1,200,000		\$0.15	\$180,000.00	\$0.21	17" ballots		\$246,000.00	Recommended
					\$0.00	\$6,474.00	Freight		\$6,474.00	Recommended

Estimated Requested Equipment Subtotal: \$180,000.00

Total Estimated Department Request: \$190,000.00

Recommended Equipment Subtotal: \$252,474.00

Updated Total Department Request: \$262,474.00

RECOMMENDED Total Department Request Utilizing FY 2025 Funds: \$262,474.00