MEMORANDUM

TO: Anoka County Board of Commissioners and Staff

FROM Anoka County Election Integrity Team (ACEIT)

DATE: June 13, 2023

SUBJECT: Vetting the vendors and machines.

PRESENTER: Channing Stowell

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Introduction

Mark Cook’s questions for the County to ask its vendors. If they will not answer your questions, this should be of great concern.

Analysis

Trust and transparency at all points in the election process are crucial to its integrity. If we allow the process to non-accountable vendors who have no oversight at any level, we’ve ceded our democracy without will.

* Questions to ask vendors (For machine testing by vendor, election manager or independent company third party)
* How to design a TRUE, expanded Production Accuracy Test on scanner part of tabulator. - unique prime number for each candidate, statistically accountable sample size, include ad hoc ballots from audience, test of fold lines, pen ink smeared error…. go beyond the current vendor dictated “Mechanical Exercise” design!
* How to Remove or completely disable modems (provably disabled) – they are legally used only on election day to save 1-2 hours delivering UNOFFICIAL RESULTS to county – why have them?
* How/Where to Obtain source code for all computing systems (registration, tabulators, e-poll data, reporting. Have an independent party look at UNDER non-disclosure agreements. Minnesota state law does require source code.
* How to Conduct a forensic audit on full ballot – not several up-ticket candidates. No time lag between selection of precincts and audit.
* If vendors will not answer the questions and perform the requested changes, why are they being used?

Attachments

 1. Report: Election vendors are ‘prime targets,’ need oversight: https://apnews.com/article/ga-state-wire-us-news-ap-top-news-voting-voter-registration-4fe79d4ef9ff487f97f0bc3981cf7fd0

Note: This Memorandum and Report will be emailed to Board Members, County

Administrator, PRT Division Head and Elections Manager.