What should we look for in our new voting system?

Voting system vendors (with profit-driven motives) should not be anyone's primary source of information, which may be incomplete, biased or misleading. Cybersecurity and election experts' advice must always take precedence. These experts insist a voting system must meet the following standards:

- Security (least vulnerable),
- Accuracy (election results can be proven correct),
- Verifiability (voters know votes are counted as intended),
- Accessibility (all voters have the ability to vote independently and anonymously),
- Resiliency (ability to continue election during emergencies, machine failures)

Only once a voting system meets those benchmarks should other factors like cost and ease of use be considered. *SEE CHART ON BACK.*

THERE ARE 2 TYPES OF PAPER BALLOT VOTING SYSTEMS. Both use the same equipment (scanner and ballot-marking device) in different ways. There are 9 different options:

1. Offered by all 5 vendors -- Voter-Hand-Marked Paper Ballot (VHMPB) system that uses one scanner, one ballot-marking device (BMD) for those who can't hand mark, and several privacy booths per precinct. Experts overwhelmingly believe this best meets all of our most important criteria. The Hand-Marked system is considered the **GOLD STANDARD** by experts.
2. Offered by 4 vendors (not by Clear Ballot) -- A system that requires ALL voters to use touchscreen machines (BMDs) to mark their ballots. **The "BMDs-for-all" system fails to meet the above requirements and is highly discouraged by the experts.** Most BMDs generate ballots with non-human-readable barcodes, which are read and tabulated by the scanners. Unfortunately, this system is aggressively marketed by vendors--it's by far the more expensive option.

The Hand-Marked systems are

- less expensive to purchase, maintain and transport,
- easier to use,
- accessible for all voters,
- already used by over 80% of the country,
- will most likely be legally required in next few years (federal and state bills being introduced).

With your help, we must make sure the commissioners make the best choice for Bucks County citizens.

More information at www.SAVEBucksVotes.org.