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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 22-072**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY DIRECTING THE CLERK TO VERIFY ELECTION RESULTS BY PERFORMING A HAND COUNT OF THE ELECTIONS.

WHEREAS, the most important function the Borough provides is conducting elections; and

WHEREAS, one of the most important civic duties the public has is voting in local, state, and federal elections; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk takes the security and the accountability of Borough elections very seriously; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has used ballot tabulating machines since the 1990's; and

WHEREAS, prior to the 2020 regular election, the Borough used the State's AccuVote tabulators from the 1990's until 2019 and is now using the newer ballot tabulating machines called ImageCast Precinct (ICP) from Dominion; and

WHEREAS, some of the public have expressed concerns that the new Dominion ICP tabulators can be hacked electronically, which in turn can change the election results; and

WHEREAS, the ICPs that the Borough uses do not have modems or Bluetooth connectivity, nor does the Borough electronically

transmit election results, however the distrust of the Dominion ICPs has been very public on the national level; and

WHEREAS, the Clerk will be in charge of overseeing the hand counting teams and the Canvass Board that will be meeting simultaneously; and

WHEREAS, the hand counting teams will be comprised of election officials, which have gone through the election official appointment process; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the Canvass Board review the ballot accountability reports prior to hand counting the ballots; and

WHEREAS, the hand counting teams will meet after the ballot accountability reports are verified by the Canvass Board; and

WHEREAS, the Canvass Board will need to continue to meet to perform the rest of their duties during the time that the hand counting is taking place; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the cost of verifying the election results via hand count will be approximately \$7,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly directs the Borough Clerk to verify the election results with a hand count after the machine counts have been tabulated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly directs the Clerk to advise the Assembly of the outcome of the hand count.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk shall utilize \$10,000 from the Assembly reserve (100.100.102.429.900) to fund the costs associated with the count.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 6 day of September, 2022.


EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk
(SEAL)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Hale, Nowers, McKee, Yundt, Tew, Sumner, and Bernier