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**STEARNS COUNTY**

# Press Release

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## **New HAVA Compliant Device In Use for 2024 Elections**

Randy Schreifels, Stearns County Auditor-Treasurer, announces that Stearns County residents will have a new piece of equipment in some of the absentee polling locations for the 2024 Elections. This new piece of equipment is the ES&S Express Vote which is a HAVA compliant ballot marking device. This will give voters with disabilities the ability to mark their ballots independently and privately. The Express Vote is fully accessible, providing magnification for voters with visual impairments and compatible with other assistive technology, headphones, tactile buttons, and sip-and-puff device.

The following locations will use the Express Vote during the absentee/direct voting period August 6<sup>th</sup> – August 12<sup>th</sup> and Election Day on August 13<sup>th</sup> .

City of Cold Spring  
City of Melrose  
City of St Augusta  
City of St Joseph P2  
City of Sauk Centre  
City of Paynesville  
City of Sartell P7

The Stearns County Service Center, 3301 County Road 138, Waite Park and St Cloud City Lake George Municipal Complex, 1101 7<sup>th</sup> St S will have the Express Vote available during the 46-days of absentee voting which begins June 28<sup>th</sup>.

If voters are interested in viewing the assistive voting device prior to Election Day, a demonstration ballot marking machine will be on display beginning on June 3<sup>rd</sup> – August 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at the Stearns County Service Center at 3301 County Road 138, Waite Park, MN 56387.

If you have any questions, please contact the Stearns County Auditor-Treasurer's Election office at 320-656-3920, or email [elections@stearnscountymn.gov](mailto:elections@stearnscountymn.gov)