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# **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **City of Waukesha to pilot e-poll books at the Elk's Lodge Polling Location for Spring Election on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**

**Waukesha, WIS.** — For the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Spring Election, the City of Waukesha will be piloting the first use of e-poll books at the Elks Lodge polling location, 2301 Springdale Road. The Badger Book e-poll books will replace paper poll books, allowing voters to be served more efficiently and provide a more consistent voter experience.

Voters at the Elks Lodge will have the benefit of being able to proceed directly to any of the Badger Book workstation lines, instead of having to wait in a ward-specific line. Once at the front of the line, voters will still need to state their name and address and present an acceptable Photo ID. Election Officials will utilize a keyboard to search for the voter using the Badger Books. After the voter information has been located, the voter will sign a touch screen and be assigned a voter number. A ticket will print that can then be exchanged for a ballot.

The Badger Book software was created and is supported by the Wisconsin Elections Commission Information Technology staff. Voters can be assured that the Badger Books are not connected to the internet and many layers of protection have been implemented to keep voter data safe and secure.

Badger Books will additionally accomplish other tasks such as providing redirection information if someone is at the wrong polling place, recording assistor information, recording typos in a name or address, processing absentees, and registering new voters or voters whose names and/or addresses have changed.

Voters across the state will see Badger Books being implemented at various polling locations. We are excited to be able to offer this to our voters in the City to improve their voting experience. Our Election Officials will receive special training and will be ready to assist voters with the new system. Paper poll books will be available as back up should anything adversely affect our ability to utilize the Badger Books on Election Day.

Questions about Badger Books can be directed to the Waukesha City Clerk's office at (262) 524-3550 or [clerktreas@waukesha-wi.gov](mailto:clerktreas@waukesha-wi.gov)



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