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## **PRESS RELEASE: FEDERAL GRANT FUNDING USED FOR BALLOT PRINTING TECHNOLOGY IN FLAGLER COUNTY**

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For the first time in Flagler County, ballot printing technology during early voting is being used to improve accuracy and save taxpayer dollars. Kaiti Lenhart, Supervisor of Elections has applied for and received Federal funds to purchase of “Ballot On Demand” printers for use in the upcoming election. Ballots will be printed, on demand, as voters need them during early voting.

Supervisor Lenhart has confirmed these printers have already saved nearly \$6500 taxpayer dollars on the cost of ballot printing. In order to accommodate voters who choose to vote early, a supply of ballot stock was ordered based upon the expected turnout of each precinct ballot style, spread across three early voting sites in the county. This is an enormous quantity of ballots during a busy election cycle. On demand printing reduces the cost of ballots and reduces the waste of unused ballots, a benefit to the taxpayer and to the environment.

Additionally, they will decrease the margin of error in the process of issuing ballots during early voting. In previous elections, election poll workers were challenged with selecting the one correct ballot style from a wooden cabinet which contained up to 90 different ballot styles during a Primary election. With on demand ballot printing, once a voter’s eligibility is verified, their specific ballot style will be printed automatically.

The printers have been calibrated and thoroughly tested for use during early voting for this upcoming Presidential Preference Primary election. Early voters in Flagler County will witness this new technology beginning on March 5 through March 12, 2016. Any registered and eligible voter may choose to vote early at one of three sites in the county from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., each day including weekends: <http://www.flaglerelections.com/early-voting-turnout-2016>

“These printers were purchased using Federal grant funds, which haven’t been applied for or received by the Elections Office since 2010. The ballots are printed on demand, saving taxpayer dollars for the cost of ordering sufficient ballot stock for multiple early voting sites. It is my mission to reduce costs and improve the elections experience in Flagler County.”

- Kaiti Lenhart, Flagler County Supervisor of Elections