

Media Release

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Board of Election Recognized!

Mayville- County Executive Gregory Edwards recognized the Chautauqua County Board of Elections as one of the county departments to receive a special recognition.

During his 2011 State of County address to the County Legislature, Mr. Edwards gave special recognition to the Board of Elections "This year our Board of Elections has been recognized by it's peers around the state as one of if not the top BOE by delivering a virtually flawless general election". The Executive went on to say, "they have also incorporated village and soon school elections into their operations, all on optical scan equipment".

"The Board of Elections staff has worked hard to help make the state mandated voting transitions from the old lever machines to the new optical scan machines as painless as possible", said Commissioners Norman P. Green and Brian C. Abram in a joint statement. The election process has changed in many ways to accommodate the voters in Chautauqua County. In order to be cost effective to the tax payers of Chautauqua County, the Commissioners are utilizing grant funding to secure the ability to print ballots in-house at our county print shop. This one measure alone will save the county thousands of dollars per year, providing ballots at a much lower cost.

The Chautauqua County Board of Elections has developed many of its policies and procedures to comply with the new voting system, and many have been copied by county boards throughout New York State.