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Board of Elections Announces Changes to Polling Sites for Primary Election, Tuesday, September 13th, Noon-9pm

Hudson, September 6, 2011 – The Columbia County Board of Elections has consolidated election districts and polling sites in an effort to reduce election costs. Faced with increased costs to deliver elections caused by the mandatory use of the new optical-scanner voting machines, the board has consolidated the number of election districts county-wide from 58 to 52 and has reduced the number of poll sites from 42 to 34. The consolidation efforts will save taxpayers more than \$35,000 each year.

The poll site changes take effect for the countywide primary election to be held on September 13 from noon till 9pm. There are countywide primary races for the Republican and Independence parties as well as various races in certain towns and in the City of Hudson. A list of races can be found at columbiacountyny.com/depts/elections/public.html.

“We understand the County is faced with great fiscal challenges, and we felt it important to streamline the voting districts and look for common-sense ways to reduce polling locations and save money,” said Virginia Martin, the Democratic Commissioner of Elections.

Republican Commissioner Jason Nastke added that, “While sensitive to needing to keep voting accessible and local, many of our changes will require little additional travel to a polling location for voters. For example, the Village of Chatham had three poll sites. We consolidated election districts in the Town of Chatham and Ghent and created one poll site at the Chatham Primary School Gymnasium.”

Residents whose polling location has changed will receive a green postcard from the Board of Elections indicating their new poll site. In addition, signage will be placed at the old poll site directing voters to the new location.

Following is a list of the poll site changes:

Town of Chatham: A town-wide redistricting reduced the number of election districts from four to three. Most residents in the Village of Chatham as well as those on White Mills Road and Merwin Road will now vote at the Chatham Elementary School gymnasium, 50 Woodbridge Ave. Most residents that used to vote at the community center in Malden Bridge will now vote at the new Tri-Village Fire House in Old Chatham at 111 County Route 13. The remainder of

voters will vote at Town Hall at 488 State Route 295, including residents living on Route 66 and on Rock City and Highland roads.

Town of Claverack: Residents that used to vote at the Grange Hall in Mellenville will now vote at the Claverack Town Hall, 836 State Route 217. The number of districts was reduced from six to five, but there were no other changes to polling locations.

Town of Copake: Residents should enjoy the addition of a second poll site, easing congestion at Town Hall. Voters who live on the south side of Pumpkin Hollow Road North, Sky Farm Road, Twin Bridges Road, and Route 344 will now vote at the Copake Recreation Center at 301 Mountain View Road.

Town of Ghent: Election districts numbers one and two were combined to form one district. This includes all residents in Chatham Village and those who live north of the area defined by the intersection of Kline Kill Creek and County Route 9. Voters in this district will now vote at the Chatham Elementary School gymnasium, 50 Woodbridge Ave.

Town of Greenport: All residents except those in the southern portion of the town that vote at Becraft Fire Department will now vote at the Questar III Educational Facility located at 131 Union Turnpike (State Route 66).

City of Hudson: Residents that used to vote at the American Legion Hall will now vote at the Hudson Central Fire Station, 77 North 7th Street.

Kinderhook: All residents that used to vote at the Kinderhook Town Hall will now vote at the Ichabod Crane High School gymnasium at 2910 Route 9.

Livingston: The number of poll sites was reduced from three to two. Residents who live on the north side of Hermitage Road, Walkers Mill Road and County Route 10 and those on the east side of County Route 19 to the north side of Scuderhook Road will vote at the Livingston Town Hall, 119 County Route 19. All other voters will vote at the Elizaville Fire House, 1575 County Route 19.

Stockport: All voters will now vote at the St. John the Evangelist Church at 107 County Route 25 in Stockport.

Stuyvesant: All voters will now vote at the Stuyvesant Town Hall, 5 Sunset Drive.

The Board of Elections urges anyone who may live on or near a road which is mentioned as a boundary line in the above listings to call the Board ahead of time to confirm their polling location. Voters may also reference either the yellow or green post card sent to them from the Board which indicates their polling location. The Board of Elections phone number is 828-3115. Updated election-district maps will be posted on the Board's website at columbiacountyny.com/depts/elections/districts.html.

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