The Alachua County Supervisor of Elections has made strides in making voting easier and more accessible for voters with disabilities. To ensure all people have fair and equal representation at the voting booth, all Alachua County polling places are equipped with ADA-compliant voting machines that can be controlled with accessible devices such as sip 'n' puff devices or paddle systems.

Our voting machines also come equipped with audio and visual enhancing features for people who have trouble hearing or seeing. These devices allow disabled voters to vote confidently and independently without the assistance of an election worker.

To prepare an accessible voting session, an election worker can assist the voter in setting up the session with the necessary equipment. Each polling station is assigned an accessible voting handset that can ease the voting process. Voters can also bring their own devices that they would be more comfortable using. On the screen of the voting machine, an election worker will guide the voter through the accessible voting menus. Once the session has started, the voter will be free to make their selections. If help is needed during the session, he or she can ask for assistance. Once the voter's selections have been made, an election worker will instruct the voter how to cast their ballot.

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