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## **General Election November 5, 2024 In Review**

The work for the November 5 election began the week of September 16, 2024.

We began preparing for mailing all absentee requests on file. The initial batch of mail absentee ballots was required to be mailed by September 19. This initial mailing of 5,399 ballots was mailed out on September 19, 2024. We continued both mailing and emailing (overseas only) everyday through October 31, 2024.

Beginning October 22 and going through November 1, 2024, In-Person Absentee Voting took place. All in-person voting was done at City Hall. During this time, we processed 12,177 voters. This number included 1,164 registrations (new voters, name changes and address changes).

We also had workers available to do the filing of the returned absentee ballots. These ballots are returned into the WisVote system and filed alphabetically and by ward number. Both in-person and mailed absentee ballots totaled 20,933. This process also utilized 50 poll workers for a total of 957.18 hours. This does not include the 5 clerk office staff that provided guidance to the poll workers in addition to continuing to do the other duties that are required of the clerk's office daily.

The clerk's office also facilitates voters in 10 different care facilities. 20 Special Voting Deputies went to these 10 locations over 2 visits. SVD's processed 420 ballots at these facilities. These 20 workers spent 139.16 hours accomplishing this task.

On Saturday, November 2, we had 46 workers plus 5 staff, pre-numbering and logging absentee ballots (all 20,933 ballots) into poll books. This process took almost 12 hours (376.73 hours for all 46 workers) to accomplish.

We finally get to November 5. The day began at 6 am. We had 410 workers for 54 wards at 15 different polling locations for a total of 4,151 hours. The last couple of polling locations were here at midnight. The office staff finished their day at 12:45 am.

But wait.....

Now we start the reconciliation process. The paperwork from the election needs to be verified and sent to the County for canvass. We were able to get 3 recycle bins (provided by the County), 15 rolling totes, 1 of our recycle bins, and numerous plastic totes with our paperwork to the County by Friday morning.

Now the process of voter participation begins.

Every one of the 4,157 election day registrations (EDR) needs to be entered. This includes new voters, name changes, and address changes. Every one of the 54 poll books needs to have participating voters "binked". This is the process of going page by page through the poll books and scanning each voter who participated in voting during this election. The WI Elections Commission allows 30 days for completion of the election. Staff is now at the 'finishing' stage. We are attempting to find those loose ends and find the reasons why wards do not balance. Registrations entered more than once or not at all. Voters 'binked' as voting 'at the polls' instead of 'absentee'. Once this process is completed, MyVote statistics will be updated with the election information.

In addition to closing out the election, we had 3 wards selected to be part of the audit that takes place after each General Election. We could not begin this process until November 22 and we needed to have this completed by December 2. This was accomplished with 16 workers over the course of 5 days.

We hope to have everything completed with the November 5, 2024 election completed by December 16, 2024.

We ended this General Election with poll workers working a total of 9,742.02 hours at a total wage of \$122,026.60. These amounts do not include staff hours or pay. Staff would add 2,797.88 hours and \$79,390.75 in pay.

Staff is beginning preparations for the February 18, 2025 Spring Primary.