



June 9, 2020

Kathy Chroback
La Porte County Clerk
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Dear Kathy,

During this canvassing period of the election, it was discovered that further research was needed on the mail absentee ballots for 2 precincts. We contacted LaPorte County Voter Registration Office to confirm the correct number of mail absentee ballots received by the county for each precinct. We then were able to compare the number of mail absentee ballots received by the county to the number of mail absentee ballots scanned into the vote tabulation computer. This side-by-side comparison determined that the following human errors had occurred during tabulation:

- No mail absentee ballots were reported for Coolspring 3 precinct.
- Of the 46 mail absentee ballots received for Springfield 3, 44 had been scanned twice for a total of 90 ballots reported.

How this happened:

After completing the scanning process of Springfield 3 ballots the scanned total didn't match the number of ballots in-hand. When this occurs, the standard procedure is to reset the scanned ballots for Springfield 3 to zero, then re-scan the ballots. This is the point when the error occurred. Instead of resetting Springfield 3 ballots to zero, the previously scanned ballots for Coolspring 3 were unintentionally reset to zero. Therefore the 111 scanned ballots for Coolspring 3 were no longer in the system and when the ballots for Springfield 3 were rescanned they were incorrectly being added to existing ballots for the precinct.

The corrective action taken today was to reset the mail absentee ballots for both Springfield 3 and Coolspring 3 to zero and rescan the ballots. The final count of mail absentee ballots in Springfield 3 is 46 and for Coolspring 3 it is 111. The final county wide total of scanned mail absentee ballots is 4,848.

Mike Miller
President