

# INSIDE THE POLLS



## Polk County Election Official Newsletter

### Primary Results

**Transmission Rate 95%**

**Way to go!**

**168 precincts transmitted results.** Only 9 precincts had technical issues.

Reminder...

**DO NOT shut down or unplug** your the machine until instructed to do so by the election office.

### Upcoming Events

**Oct 1 — Oct 5**

*Satellite Official Training River Place*

**Oct 29 — Nov 2**

*Election Official Training River Place*

**November 6**

*General Election*

### Know someone who wants to work?

Do you have a friend, neighbor or family member who might be interested in working have them contact the Election Office at **286-3253**

### Post Election Feedback

#### Opening the Polls

Please follow the instructions on the opening polls sheet. **DO NOT** put a blank ballot in the machine after turning the machine on. The first ballot in the machine will always be from the first voter.

#### Script

It was easy to see the precincts who followed the script and unfortunately those who did not. Party change was the biggest issue with the poll register books, especially NP voters who were allowed to vote without changing parties. Do not rush the process because of a line or an impatience voter.

As election workers, we cannot tell voters whom to vote for or against ever, even if a candidate suspends their campaign. Do not tell voters your opinion about the voter ID requirements past, current or future. Please call us first if you are unsure of a procedure or scenario.

#### Provisional Ballot Playbook

The precinct captains who followed the playbook did **great**.

Remember to slow down and only use the provisional envelope for the scenarios described in the playbook. Always fill out the provisional envelope before giving the ballot to a voter and exchange the receipt for the sealed provisional ballot envelope. Several precincts had oath of identification and attester forms inside a provisional ballot envelope.

The provisional ballot envelope needs be completed exactly as defined in the playbook. Including having the voter sign and date the envelope, we had a few issues with precincts not following the playbook. Take time to double check the envelope for correctness before giving the voter a ballot for all 6 provisional scenarios. Do not use a provisional ballot for scenarios that are not defined in the playbook, we had two precincts that forgot **"In the green vote on the machine"** and use provisional ballots for all change of party voters. We also had a precinct use Play 1 (change of address) for out of precinct moves, which shows that they did not use the script or follow the Green / Red



guideline sheet. Finally, we had a precinct that made a check box with notes on every provisional ballot envelope, when a captain does not follow the playbook it causes confusion with our post-election processing staff and questions about the eligibility of every provisional ballot. **Please, Please, Please leave your stapler at home! Use the paperclips for the attester oath.**

#### Closing the Polls

**DO NOT SHUT DOWN UNTIL WE CALL.** Yes, we had a two precincts in June shut down before they transmitted results. **Excellent work overall, 95% transmitted without assistance 98% of polls were in before 9:30!**



# INSIDE THE POLLS



## Polk County Election Official Newsletter



*June 2018 primary— Precinct 55 setup before voting began*



*June 2018 primary— Election office staff members wait for results to transmit before they call you with the okay to shut down.*



*June 2018 primary— Election official training = Successful Election*



*June 2018 primary— Election office staff members wait for supply drop off*

### **GENERAL ELECTION REMINDER**

The General Election is November 6, which is just around the corner!

This is a midterm year, so statewide offices (Governor, Attorney General, etc.) will be on the ballot. All representatives in the Iowa House will also be on the ballot along with State Senators in certain districts. At the county level, there will be three Board of Supervisors seats up along with the County

Attorney, County Treasurer and County Recorder. All seats in the U.S. House of Representatives are also on the ballot.

2018 General absentee requests for mailed ballots are valid only from July 9–October 27. Absentee ballots will begin mailing on October 8. The worry free voter registration deadline is October 27.

If you have any **questions**, please contact the Election Office at **286-3253**.