

## **Statement from Laramie County Clerk, Debra Lee, in response to the dismissal of the lawsuit filed by the Wyoming GOP**

The Wyoming Republican Party finally settled and officially dismissed its complaint against Laramie County Clerk Debra Lee on May 23, 2025. We are relieved to have successfully resolved the 10-month long lawsuit challenging testing of election equipment used in the August 2024 Primary. For nearly a year, our office has been engaged in litigation that has consumed over \$50,000 of Laramie County taxpayer dollars and hundreds of hours of the Laramie County Clerk staff.

When the Wyoming GOP offered to settle the complaint days before the hearing, we reluctantly agreed in order to put an end to this matter and not incur additional cost to taxpayers. The settlement included allowing three individuals-- none of whom were from Laramie County—and a self-proclaimed ‘expert’ from out of state—to inspect documents **previously offered by the Clerk’s office on several occasions, beginning as early as last September. The Party’s failure to meaningfully respond to our earlier offers needlessly dragged the case on for many months and continued to rack up thousands in legal bills.**

My attorney, Tim Stubson, stated, “This was a case of one political party choosing to weaponize the law against an experienced and respected county clerk, taking instructions from an out-of-state actor, inappropriately issuing edicts on testing methodology and threatening elected county clerks throughout the state. **Laramie County publicly retested its equipment on four occasions, each time without tabulation errors, proving the equipment was properly coded and accurately counting Primary Election votes. This was likely the most tested equipment in the state of Wyoming and perhaps the nation.**”

The GOP complaint was filed 17 days after the start of early and absentee voting when more than 3700 people had already cast their ballots. Throughout the Primary Election voting period, the Wyoming GOP repeatedly requested additional documents and

testing procedures from our office that were not part of our consent decree. However, we remained focused on our mission to conduct free, fair and accurate elections. We did not allow the plaintiffs' incessant demands to interfere with the right of Laramie County voters to confidently cast their ballots.

Under the guise of "integrity," the Wyoming GOP's barrage of demands during a critical period in electoral operations (during the election) threatened to jeopardize the successful administration of Laramie County's Primary and General elections.

It is our hope the Party's new leadership returns to what has been Wyoming's common sense, productive, respectful and professional working relationship with elected county clerks to best serve the voters of Wyoming.

**It's time to turn the page.**

Stubson said, "It is unfortunate that the Wyoming Republican Party continues to foster doubts about the accuracy of election equipment that produced an election that was certified without challenge or objection and that is recognized as one of the safest, most secure elections in history."