

Wyoming statutes require that county clerks publicly test election tabulation equipment prior to each election. Delegates from the Laramie County Republican Party attended the public test as part of the 2024 primary election. These delegates witnessed mechanical and electronic failures during the test and learned that the Laramie County clerk failed to conduct the test in conformance with statute and manufacturer recommendations.

Unfortunately, the Laramie County clerk indicated her intent was to use the machines in the election despite the failures. The Wyoming Republican Party was therefore forced to bring suit to protect the integrity of the election.

Shortly thereafter, the clerk entered into a court ordered consent decree requiring the clerk to perform additional testing as well as disclose evidence of prior testing. For reasons unknown, the clerk refused to provide the evidence of testing as directed by the court, resulting in the court scheduling a hearing on whether to hold the clerk in contempt of court.

Facing charges of contempt of court, the Laramie County clerk finally agreed to provide the required documentation just two days before the hearing.

Why the Laramie County Clerk initially chose not to follow Wyoming election statutes, why she ignored the requests of the Laramie County Republican Party to properly test the machines resulting in forcing the hand of the Wyoming Republican Party to file suit, and why she chose to violate the court ordered consent decree resulting from that suit we may never know for certain, but be it known to all involved in the state's election process that the Wyoming Republican Party stands firm in protecting the integrity of Wyoming's elections.

God Bless,

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