RECORDER'S NOTES By Pamela Bacon Logan County Clerk and Recorder

ELECTION INFORMATION:

By voting, you are making your voice heard and gives you a chance to get on your soap box and vote for what you stand for. Voting for candidates that share the same views as you or ballot issues you support or against.

What do I do if I mess up when I am voting my ballot?

- 1. You can always contact the County Clerk's Office and obtain a new ballot (replacement ballot) and start over fresh.
- 2. You can draw a BOLD line through the oval and candidate name or question marked by mistake. Then, completely fill in the oval next to the correct name candidate or question you wish to vote for. Make it very clear of your intentions.

Ever wonder what happens behind the scenes when you correct a ballot? When the corrected ballot is being processed for tabulation after the ballot has been removed from the envelope and has been mixed with other ballots for voter privacy.

The ballot is adjudicated by a team of bipartisan election judges (1 Democratic and 1 Republican) which makes sure that the corrected vote is the one being counted and the one marked out is not counted for that ballot.

What happens when a ballot is damaged? A bi partisan resolution board must duplicate a voter's choices or selections from a damaged ballot onto a blank ballot of the same ballot style.

What would damage a ballot? Basically, anything that does not allow the ballot to scan or might identify a voter.

- Spills of any kind- water, juice, coffee, tea, pop just to name a few things.
- Food particles on the ballot, syrup, ketchup, mustard, sticky substances
- Tears, white out, tape, duct tape, electrical tape
- Coloring on the ballot, drawing pictures on the ballot
- Scribbling or checking if pen works on ballot
- Initialing or signing the ballot
- Leaving love notes or not so love notes on the ballot, or comments of various kinds
- Writing in people for offices (real or fictional) that are not valid write-in candidates.
- Only returning half of the ballot or parts
- Origami folding of the ballots sometimes creates scanning issues

Have Election Questions? Contact us we would be happy to explain the process, procedures and laws.

Logan County Offices will be closed the following days to allow our employees to spend time with their families for the holiday season:

- Tuesday, December 24, 2024
- Wednesday, December 25, 2024
- Wednesday, January 1, 2025

<u>REMEMBER:</u> Logan County Drop Box can be used for any correspondence that needs to get to a county office at the Courthouse.

The Election and Recording Department can be reached at 522-1544 for voter and election questions or recording information. The Motor Vehicle Department can be reached at 522-1158 for license plates/renewals or titling a vehicle. You can also reach our office by email at baconp@logancountyco.gov . Like us on Facebook at Logan County Elections/MotorVehicle/Recording!