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Marathon County Clerk Official Statement on April 5 Election

Wausau, Wis., April 6, 2022 – The Marathon County Clerk is reporting a voter turnout of 32.38% for the April 5 election with an unexpectedly high voter turnout in Wards 1 and 2 in the City of Wausau.

The Marathon County Clerk's Office was notified Tuesday evening that City of Wausau Wards 1 and 2 at Pilgrim Church were running short of ballots due to high voter turnout. Additional ballots for each ward were printed and delivered to the polling location. Despite following printing procedures that were previously tested and verified, the ballot tabulator would not accept the newly printed ballots. As a result, a new batch of ballots was printed on a different type of paper and delivered to the polling location. It was verified that these ballots could be read by the tabulator.

No voters were turned away as a result of the ballot shortage. In the interim, some voters chose to cast their ballots on the ExpressVote accessible voting machine which allows voters to make their choices on a screen and then prints out a ballot card that is read by the tabulator. Any votes cast on ballots that were unable to be read by the tabulator were transferred to new ballots by two chief election inspectors. The votes were transferred by a process which includes verification to ensure the votes were transferred with integrity, the voters' choices remained intact, and records documenting the process were retained.

A total of 26,239 ballots were cast across Marathon County's 86 precincts. The results of Tuesday's election will remain unofficial until after the final canvas on April 11. For up-to-date information on election results, please visit: <https://co.marathon.wi.us>.

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