

AFFIDAVIT

I, DENISE MORRIS, do hereby swear and affirm that I observed the following events while I was a paid poll worker at the Otter precinct in Milo, Iowa at the Catholic church on election day, Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

The printers did not work properly from the beginning of election day. The printers would ~~only~~ print out blank pieces of paper after other poll workers entered data provided by the voters into the computer. Apparently, the computers were not properly communicating with the printers.

As I received little training, and was informed by email from the auditor's office that no training was required to be a poll worker, I do not personally know what the printers were to print out. I have since been informed by Donald Bohlken, who is an attorney and who was a poll watcher at Greenfield precinct, that, based on his observations there and his review of the Iowa Code, that the printer should have been printing out the declaration of eligibility for voters.

The auditor's office was called about 7:00 a.m. to notify them that the printers were not working properly. The auditor's office responded that several precincts were having problems with the printers and precincts were being handled in alphabetical order. No one from the county arrived to work on the printers until Joe Thompson came at approximately 6:00 p.m.

There were not good instructions for setting up the electronic equipment. There was a sheet that had passwords on it, but no step-by-step instructions. Some poll workers who have worked an election before stated they have previously had better instructions.

As an example of the lack of training for poll workers, and the lack of a printed reference source for the computers and printers, several poll workers confused the "test page" that was printed by the printer in order to make sure that printing was properly aligned with the "test page" listed on the password page.

Although I had no training on using the manual voter roster for voters to sign in on, I was assigned to that task. This would be consistent with the Precinct Election Official Guide, provided by the auditor's office, which indicates the manual voter roster is to be used if the printers are not working, in place of the declaration of voter eligibility.

Our workflow became: scan their ID into the computer and check them in. The printer would spit out a blank piece of paper. The people would then funnel to the next table where I manually found their name, verified their date of birth and had them sign their name on the signature line above their name. The book included which ballot they were supposed to use for voting.

I also noted that the roster had been printed on November 2, 2022. I wondered if someone could have voted twice if they cast an early in-person vote after that date.

We were provided with two sets of ballots, labeled #03001 and #03002, which were distributed to voters based on their location. About 4:00 p.m., we were SLAMMED with a heavy number of voters and soon ran out of ballot #03002. This meant the voters who were to use this ballot to vote were now getting re-routed to voting on our "handicap" computer voting system. This system printed out its own ballots. Despite there being no training, that I am aware of, on how this system would work, our chair and co-chair were familiar with using the computer and

started working people through there. We had only one computer and it had only been used two or three times prior to running out of the ballots. The line backed up very quickly as this was not a fast process. A request was put in to the auditors office for more ballots multiple times throughout the day. We ultimately got only 36 additional ballots, which was not enough.

About 7:15 pm, we received another handicap voting machine.

Due to the failure to provide a sufficient number of ballots for ballot form #03002, and the requirement to rely on the slower process of using the handicap voting machine for that ballot, voters using that ballot form had to wait for over an hour to vote. I timed one female voter who had to wait an hour and 12 minutes to vote.

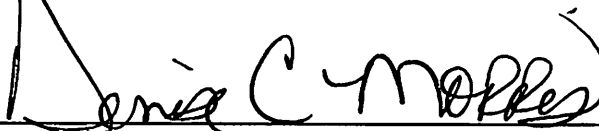
Worse than that, I observed a total of eight voters who signed in to vote, but then left before voting. They were effectively denied the right to vote because of the delay caused by the failure to provide a sufficient number of ballots.

I photographed a folder, with my cell phone, which contained the ballots for #03002. That indicated that 415 ballots apparently were originally intended, but 415 was crossed out and replaced with 215. There is also a notation of "36" afterwards, apparently a reference to the 36 additional ballots that were received.

At 7:30 p.m., there were approximately 60 people waiting to use a handicap voting computer to vote with ballot form #03002.

I certify under penalty of perjury and pursuant to the laws of the state of Iowa that the preceding is true and correct. *

7/27/2023
(Date)


(Signature)

*See Iowa Code section 622.1.