

During the public test that is required by MCA 13-17-212 on May 12, 2022, it was brought to our attention that the warranty label on the side our DS200 tabulating machines had been damaged. After speaking with the SOS office, ES&S and the certified tech for Montana, it has been found that this damage happened shortly after we received the machines in October 2019. Our machines needed maintenance due to the higher altitude and the tech did not have labels to replace the ones that were damaged. We currently have a request into ES&S to get a statement from them.

After we were made aware of the issue, I spoke with ES&S and they offered two new machines. After meeting with the County Commissioners and the Clerk and Recorder, we decided to keep our current machines. These tabulators have passed every public test that has been performed. There has also been a post-election audit conducted for both the 2020 Primary and General Elections. The counts were correct on both.

To help ease the concerns of the citizens of Carbon County, we have scheduled with the certified independent tech to come look over our machines, re-certify them and replace the damaged warranty labels. We will be holding another public test Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 1:00pm in the Carbon County Administration Building. These public tests are and have always been open to the public and we encourage the public to attend.

Due to us being extremely busy with the current election as well as our regular Clerk and Recorder duties, we are unable to keep answering questions in regards to this matter. Our office follows Title 13 of the Montana Code Annotated. All these statutes can be found on the Secretary of States website.

Thank you

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