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# Montana Election Observation Initiative

## Key Findings and Observations of In-Person Voting on Election Day

MEOI observers reported that in-person voting on June 4 was generally well conducted. Observers noted some minor procedural irregularities –but nothing undermining the overall integrity of the election process. Polls opened on time, and the election environment was free of harassment, intimidation, attempted interference, and manipulation. MEOI observers reported that established electoral procedures were by and large respected.

Because elections are run by humans, a completely error-free process is not attainable. MEOI observers found that the incidents and errors that they documented on election day, outlined below, do not reflect on the County's election procedures. Furthermore, they do not reflect on the voting process on June 4 as a whole. It was a peaceful and well-administered election day.

MEOI observers noted that election judges in some voting locations provided inconsistent guidance to previously unregistered voters who wished to register to vote and cast a ballot in a voting location on election day. In some places, voters were told they could complete a voter registration form in the voting location and vote provisionally. In others, they were told that they would need to register elsewhere.

For future elections, MEOI recommends that a greater emphasis be placed on providing voters with questions about how to proceed with voter registration on election day. To update the voter registration process, MEOI recommends that election judges ensure that election judges are able to provide appropriate and consistent guidance to both categories of voters.

Below are each stage of the election process:

Opening of Polls

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None of Montana's registered political parties (Democratic, Green, Libertarian, No Labels, and Republican) sent political party observers or poll watchers to the voting locations where MEOI observed. The only other individuals observing who were seen by MEOI observers were a member of the media at Target Range School and Early Learning Center, who was monitoring the process on the election day.

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