

CASCADE COUNTY COURT

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MONTANA EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, CASCADE COUNTY

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES,

Petitioner,

vs.

SANDRA MERCHANT, in her official  
capacity as CASCADE COUNTY CLERK  
& RECORDER and CASCADE COUNTY,

Respondent.

Cause No.: DV-23-222  
Hon. Brenda R. Gilbert

MONITORS REPORT

May 31, 2023, 10:01am

10:34am- Voter dropped her ballot off and brought her husband's ballot back as a deceased voter. She stated this is the second time she had brought the ballot back and reported that her husband as a deceased voter. Pat asked her if she had the death certificate and if so, he would need a copy of it. She told she did and would need to run home and get it. After she had left, he asked me if that was the correct process. I responded with yes and no. I gave him the advice of he could have called over the Clerk & Recorder's office Birth & Death Dept and asked them to verify the date of death or he could have looked up the obituary in the Great Falls Tribune. He thanked me for the new information.

11:42am- Voter came into the office to see why she hasn't received her absentee in the mail. She stated to Dev that she had come into the office before this election and did an updated voter registration card to update her address and the lady that took her card told her she would get the address updated before the upcoming election. The voter refused to fill out a new card and was very upset and frustrated as she filled out the card in the office.

11:56am- I asked Sandra if the office would be open during the public test and if anyone would be in the office to issue ballots if voters came into to get a replacement ballot or late register. She responded with Jeremiah would be in the office, but no one will be issuing ballots. The only staff I have seen issue ballots are Dev and maybe Sandra if needed. The new employee Svetlana has not been trained to help at the front counter if a voter needs a replacement ballot or a late registrant comes in.

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