

Deanna Debruler

From: Jesse Brunette <jb0880@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 11:46 AM
To: Deanna Debruler
Subject: FW: Spring Primary Election - WisVote Documentation
Attachments: _WisVote User Manual V5.pdf; Absentee Ballot - Guidelines - Instructions.pdf; Election Night Procedures Clerk Memo 4.7.2020.pdf; Guidance on Election Night Procedures - COVID-19.pdf; 19A1016 - Supreme Court Ruling.pdf

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From: Chris Wery <chriswery@att.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 2:18:26 PM
To: Jesse Brunette <jb0880@hotmail.com>
Subject: Fw: Spring Primary Election - WisVote Documentation

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From: "Kohlheim, Ronda" <Ronda.Kohlheim2@milwaukee.gov>
To: "Chris Wery" <chriswery@att.net>
Cc: "Owczarski, Jim" <jowcza@milwaukee.gov>
Sent: Thu, Apr 30, 2020 at 2:01 PM
Subject: Spring Primary Election - WisVote Documentation
Ald. Wery,

Attached to this email is additional information that you may find helpful:

- WisVote User Manual
 - Chapter 3 - Absentee Voting
 - Chapter 5 - Post Election Activities (5.4 Election Reconciliation process)
- Absentee Ballot Guidelines (during the Spring Primary Election)
- Election Night Procedures
- Guidelines of Election Night Procedures
- 19A1016 - Supreme Court Ruling

Hopefully the information in this email will provide you with some type of guidance.

Again, please feel free to contact me with additional questions or concerns.

Regards

Ronda M. Kohlheim, MBA

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From: Jesse Brunette <jb0880@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 11:45 AM
To: Deanna Debruler
Subject: FW: Inspector General
Attachments: Review of Election Commission Announcement Letter.pdf; Alderwoman Coggs - Request for Investigation.pdf

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From: Chris Wery <chriswery@att.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 1:15:41 PM
To: Jesse Brunette <jb0880@hotmail.com>
Subject: Fw: Inspector General

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To: "Owczarski, Jim" <jowcza@milwaukee.gov>, "Chris Wery" <chriswery@att.net>
Sent: Thu, Apr 30, 2020 at 1:13 PM
Subject: Re: Inspector General

Alderman Wery,

Yes, I have been tasked with investigating the City of Milwaukee's Election Commission's Absentee Ballot processes during the Spring Primary Election.

My review will examine the Election Commission's administration of the Absentee processes as prescribed by the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC); Wis. Stat. §§ 6.22; § 6.24; 6.86(1)(b),(3)(a); §§6.84(1), 6.875; § 7.15(1)(cm); and all other applicable rules and regulations.

The objective of the audit is to determine what happened with the Election Commission's absentee ballot processes and to recommend opportunities for improvement in preparation for the upcoming Presidential election in November, as well as future elections. They have also been tasked with preparing a plan to fulfill the Council's new SafeVote initiative for absentee voting.

Additionally, the Wisconsin Election Commission (WEC) held a teleconference call for clerks yesterday to discuss improvements to the myvote.wi database as well as improvements for tracking absentee ballot request. Although I was unable to listen in on the call, it has been arranged for me to speak with a representative from WEC in the near future.

Attached to this email, I have included a copy of my letter announcing a review of the absentee ballot process as well as the request from Alderwoman Coggs requesting the investigation.

If you have additional questions, concerns or if I can be of additional assistance to you, please feel free to let me know.

Best Regards,

Ronda M. Kohlheim, MBA

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From: Chris Wery <chriswery@att.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 12:28 PM
To: Owczarski, Jim <jowcza@milwaukee.gov>; Kohlheim, Ronda <Ronda.Kohlheim2@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: Re: Inspector General

Good afternoon,

I understand that you have been tasked with investigating some or parts of the April 7, 2020 election? I am wondering what you have been tasked with looking into? We have a similar situation here, however we don't have an Inspector General.

I appreciate your help!

Alderman Chris Wery
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On Thursday, April 30, 2020, 08:47:49 AM CDT, Kohlheim, Ronda <ronda.kohlheim2@milwaukee.gov> wrote:

Hello Alderman Wery,

My name is Ronda Kohlheim, Inspector General for the City of Milwaukee.

My role and mission is to protect the integrity of City of Milwaukee programs and operations by promoting economy, efficiency, and effectiveness; and to prevent and detect fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in such programs and operations.

Please feel free to direct your questions and concerns to me directly. Please note that as I am currently working remotely, email will be the quickest for of communication to contact me. If a phone call is most appropriate, we can definitely do that as well.

I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Best Regards,

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From: Owczarski, Jim <jowcza@milwaukee.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 8:29 AM
To: Chris Wery <chriswery@att.net>
Cc: Kohlheim, Ronda <Ronda.Kohlheim2@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: RE: Inspector General

Good Morning,

I have cc:'d Ms. Ronda Kohlheim, our inspector general, to this e-mail for the purpose of making an introduction.

Questions, &c., of me, please let me know.

Regards,

Jim

Jim Owczarski, CMC
City Clerk
(414)-286-2998
@mkeclerk

From: Chris Wery [mailto:chriswery@att.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 5:21 PM
To: Owczarski, Jim
Subject: Inspector General

Hello,

I am wondering how I get in touch with your inspector general?

Thank you,

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From: Jesse Brunette <jb0880@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 11:45 AM
To: Deanna Debruler
Subject: FW: Election Inquiry

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From: Chris Wery <chriswery@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 10:38:01 AM
To: Jesse Brunette <jb0880@hotmail.com>
Subject: Fw: Election Inquiry

This is what good management looked like.

Chris

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From: "Kami L. Lynch" <Kami.Lynch@Appleton.org>
To: "Chris Wery" <chriswery@att.net>
Sent: Wed, Apr 29, 2020 at 10:25 AM
Subject: RE: Election Inquiry

Good Morning Chris,

Thank you for the congrats! I apologize for the delayed response as I have been out of the office the last few days.

Here are the answers to your questions, and should you have additional questions please do not hesitate to reach out.

1. We had 38 poll workers confirmed the week before the election, typically for a Spring Election with a Mayor's race and Presidential Preference Vote we have at least 115 workers.
2. We reached out to our poll workers utilizing our normal methods about 5 weeks prior to the election. We ended up communicating with them changes as time went on and closer to 2-3 weeks to the election we sought national guard assistance and reached out to City staff to fill the holes. In addition, we had members of the public step up and used a few of those individuals. For training, I put together a few short training videos that were distributed to everyone working who had not been previously trained to watch at their convenience. In addition, I worked one on one with some City staff members that would serve as Chief Inspectors for the Districts where we had none.
3. We requested 45 National Guard members and were able to receive and use all 45 (3 per polling place). The decision was made the week before the election- once it was confirmed that we were able to receive all of the workers. I believe on Saturday, April 4th is when we got confirmation and chose to

send three to each polling place. Most performed poll worker duties such as checking in voters, distributing ballots, and processing absentee ballots. The Guard members did a fantastic job, they were eager to help and learned tasks very quickly.

Again, if any other questions come up please don't hesitate.

Take Care!

Kami

Kami Lynch, *WCMC*

City Clerk

City of Appleton

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920-832-6443

From: Chris Wery <chriswery@att.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 3:29 PM
To: Kami L. Lynch <Kami.Lynch@Appleton.org>
Subject: Election Inquiry

Good afternoon!

Congratulations on a well-run election :) In Green Bay, we are trying to figure out what went wrong and how to improve.

I was wondering if you could answer a few questions for me?

- 1) How many poll workers were you down?
- 2) How and when did you reach out for poll worker volunteers? How many did you get? Who trained them and when?
- 3) How many National Guard members did you utilize? When was this decision made and how did they perform?

I appreciate your help!!

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From: Jesse Brunette <jb0880@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 11:45 AM
To: Deanna Debruler
Subject: FW: April 7th, 2020 Election Review Question

Email 11...

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From: Chris Wery <chriswery@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:53:11 PM
To: Jesse Brunette <jb0880@hotmail.com>; Tom Sladek <district12@greenbaywi.gov>
Subject: Fw: April 7th, 2020 Election Review Question

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From: "Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS" <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>
To: "Chris Wery" <chriswery@att.net>, "Jesse Brunette" <district12@greenbaywi.gov>
Cc: "Magney, Reid - ELECTIONS" <Reid.Magney@wisconsin.gov>
Sent: Tue, Apr 28, 2020 at 2:37 PM
Subject: RE: April 7th, 2020 Election Review Question

Chris and Jesse-

Thank you both for reaching out. Would we be able to set up a time for a scheduled call? My schedule makes it difficult for impromptu meetings, especially with all of the remote phone meetings lately. I have some availability tomorrow from 9-10 and then from 2:30 to 3:30. I also have some time on Thursday between 11-12 and then 1-2. Would any of those times work for you? I will also have a few other WEC team members join me for the conversation to ensure we are able to answer all your questions.

Thank you,

Meagan

From: Chris Wery <chriswery@att.net>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 6:52 PM
To: Wolfe, Meagan - ELECTIONS <Meagan.Wolfe@wisconsin.gov>; Jesse Brunette <district12@greenbaywi.gov>
Cc: Magney, Reid - ELECTIONS <Reid.Magney@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7th, 2020 Election Review Question

Hi Meagan,

I am looking for some guidance to share with my city council. Obviously, we experienced some major issues with our elections from closing early voting (then restarting later), to not processing all absentee ballots, to not asking the public for more poll workers or utilizing the Nation Guard on election day. This led to 4 hours waits and many, many people not being able to vote.

To hold an election and not be able to give every citizen the opportunity to vote is horrible. Citizens in Green Bay are demanding answers other than a simple apology.

How can we as a City Council get an 'outside' review of what happened with a report of what went wrong and why... and suggestions for improvement to avoid future failures.

I don't believe any member of the city council wants to accuse anyone of illegal activity or misconduct. However, it seems likely that the election was mismanaged. When our staff only self-reports, I am not sure we get to the root causes behind the decisions.

Can we ask the WEC staff to conduct a review and give a report? If not, how is a municipality supposed to review and improve?

Is the only way to get a review, is for somebody to allege illegal activity and send it to the Commission?

I have cc'd our Council President, Jesse Brunette.

Your advice is greatly appreciated.

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From: Jesse Brunette <jb0880@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 11:44 AM
To: Deanna Debruler
Subject: FW: Notes From Clerk Juno
Attachments: city of green bay contact journal Juno.docx

Email 10...

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From: Chris Wery <chriswery@att.net>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 12:29:49 PM
To: Chris Wery <chriswery@att.net>
Subject: Fw: Notes From Clerk Juno

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From: Chris Wery <chriswery@att.net>
To: Chris Wery <chriswery@att.net>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020, 12:23:10 PM CDT
Subject: Notes

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From: Jesse Brunette <jb0880@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 11:44 AM
To: Deanna Debruler
Subject: FW: Info
Attachments: IN PERSON VOTING TIMELINE.docx; Polling Location Information.xlsx

Email 9...

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From: Chris Wery <chriswery@att.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 6:42:29 PM
To: Chris Wery <chriswery@att.net>
Subject: Info

Here is where I am at.

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From: Jesse Brunette <jb0880@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 11:44 AM
To: Deanna Debruler
Subject: FW: School Facilities and City of Green Bay Elections

Email 8...

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From: Chris Wery <chriswery@att.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 1:45:24 PM
To: Eric Genrich <mayorgenrich@greenbaywi.gov>; Michelle Langenfeld <msslangenfeld@gbaps.org>
Subject: Re: School Facilities and City of Green Bay Elections

Thank you,

I look forward to receiving the agreement or communication regarding such.

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On Thursday, April 23, 2020, 01:30:20 PM CDT, Michelle Langenfeld <msslangenfeld@gbaps.org> wrote:

Hello Alderman Wery,

Yes, there was an agreement reached between the District and the City. I am including Mayor Genrich so that he can provide you with a copy. The document reflects the date of the agreement for the use of our 4 high schools (East, West, Southwest and Preble). Please let me know if you are unable to obtain the document.

With regard to use of any other schools as polling sites, the District determined that the use of our middle schools was not advisable as there is no direct access to the gyms and that we have meal program service going on at 3 of the 4 middle school sites.

Thank you,
Michelle

Dr. Michelle Langenfeld - Superintendent of Schools and Learning
Green Bay Area Public Schools



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Green Bay, WI 54303

(920) 448-2100

On Wed, Apr 22, 2020 at 4:36 PM Chris Wery <chriswery@att.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Superintendent Langenfeld,

I am inquiring into the discussed use of various GB schools during the past election. I believe that an agreement was reached to use all 4 high schools? Would you be able to provide the agreement between the two parties? When was this agreed to? Further, when was it changed to go down to only 2?

Had the city needed more facilities, would we have been granted use of the middle schools and/or some of the grade schools?

I greatly appreciate your help!

Take care,

Alderman Chris Wery

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From: Jesse Brunette <jb0880@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 11:43 AM
To: Deanna Debruler
Subject: FW: Timeline
Attachments: Election Timeline.docx

Email 7...

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: Chris Wery <chriswery@att.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 12:38:05 PM
To: Sandy Juno <juno_sl@co.brown.wi.us>; Sandy Juno <sandy.juno@browncountywi.gov>
Subject: Timeline

Hi Sandy,

I am working on a timeline regarding the in person voting issue. The absentee issue is entirely a different one and more complex.

Can you fill in any gaps of communications or attempted communications between your office and the city? Feel free to point out any errors or omissions.

Thanks!

IN PERSON VOTING TIMELINE

3/16/20 WEC (Wisconsin Elections Commission) Guidelines provided to all city clerks. **Prepare for absences by recruiting and maintaining a list of backup poll workers** High School and college students a good pool to recruit from. Counties can reserve a pool for their municipalities.** Pollworker training available online. **

3/20/20 Sample News Release for Poll Worker Recruitment sent to all city clerks encouraging them to put out a call for election inspectors.

3/23/20 WEC issues a pollworker training information

3/24/20 Mayor Genrich directs City of GB to sue State of WI. Lack of pollworkers cited as one reason.

3/26/20 Ald. Wery volunteers to be a pollworker. Asked how he can encourage people sign up to help? Asked if the city has let the public know we need help?

3/26/20 Email to Ald. Wery from Mayor Assistant Celestine Jeffries explaining that the Clerks office is not taking volunteers to be pollworkers and is focusing on absentee ballots instead.

3/27/20 GB lawsuit dismissed by Federal Court

3/30/20 Brown County Republican Party Chairman offers volunteers to be pollworkers.

4/1/20 Governor Evers directs National Guard to assist in elections.

4/1/20 GB Press Gazette Article: **Green Bay may cut down from 31 polling sites to just four**

Genrich said the city won't make any final decisions until there's a court ruling, but noted that "we are contemplating a dramatic reduction in polling places, based upon the number of trained poll workers that are available." -- "Even to the extent a gymnasium space would allow for social distancing, there are multiple opportunities for close contact during the voting process, such as when signing the poll books, and depending upon the number of people in line and any number of other factors, social distancing may become difficult," City Attorney Vanessa Chavez wrote.

4/1/20 Wery email to Clerk Teske asking how many polling locations, referenced newspaper article. Teske replies that she did not have an answer to that question.

4/2/20 WEC phone call with City of GB, confirming 'at least' 60 National Guard poll workers to be provided to GB

4/2/20 City of Green Bay announces reduction from 31 polling locations to 2.

4/5/20 Brown County Clerk Sandy Juno communicates to Mayor Genrich, reminding the city that 48 trained National Guard members are ready to assist. Offer declined.

4/7/20 ELECTION DAY

4/8/20 WBAY report

"The failure yesterday was not because of COVID-19 because we had 1850 municipalities that successfully performed, all their elections went off with excellence. We had two that failed. (she is referring to the City of Milwaukee and City of Green Bay) That was not COVID 19 that was mismanagement of the election." Brown County Clerk Sandy Juno

Alderman Chris Wery

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To: Deanna Debruler
Subject: FW: April 7th, City of Green Bay Election Questions

Email 6

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From: Chris Wery <chriswery@att.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 12:32:32 PM
To: Meagan.Wolfe@wi.gov <Meagan.Wolfe@wi.gov>
Cc: elections@wi.gov <elections@wi.gov>; Reid - ELECTIONS Magney <reid.magney@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: April 7th, City of Green Bay Election Questions

Greetings,

Our city council here in Green Bay will be discussing the election issues we experienced. The meeting will be Monday, April 27th.

I am hoping you can help fill in some gaps for us.

- 1) Who is 'in charge' of an election? Is it the city clerk, mayor, city attorney? When decisions are need to be made regarding bringing in replacement poll works and reducing the number of polling locations, who makes the final decision? I understand, under normal circumstances, that the legislative body is involved. However, due to COVID, exemptions were made for clerks to make the call on these decisions. Thus the question on who makes the final decision on such matters?
- 2) Did the WEC advise or approve of Green Bay reducing polling locations down to 2, when 4 (or more) were available?
- 3) What communications with the WEC did the City of Green Bay have about the election? What communication did the Brown County clerk have regarding Green Bay? Can you provide those dates and communications?
- 4) We are trying to get answers about what happened and why so that we can take corrective action and plan for the future to avoid a repeat of these failures. If we send you a request to investigate and provide a report will this be acted on?

Respectfully,

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From: Jesse Brunette <jb0880@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 11:42 AM
To: Deanna Debruler
Subject: FW: Election Report

Email 5... a chain.

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From: [Chris Wery](#)
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 12:13 PM
To: [Kris Teske](#)
Subject: Re: Election Report

Thanks Kris,

Can you forward that to me and the rest of council?

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On Monday, April 20, 2020, 11:44:47 AM CDT, Kris Teske <kriste@greenbaywi.gov> wrote:

Hi Ald. Wery,

I am giving a presentation on the April 7, 2020 election.

From: Chris Wery [<mailto:chriswery@att.net>]
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 10:11 AM
To: Celestine Jeffreys <celestineje@greenbaywi.gov>
Subject: Re: Election Report

Hi Celestine,

I don't need to call to discuss. I am just looking for the written report that was promised to us.

When can we expect to see that? Can my item be placed on the agenda for discussion since P&P did not meet?

Thanks,

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On Monday, April 20, 2020, 10:08:26 AM CDT, Celestine Jeffreys <celestineje@greenbaywi.gov> wrote:

You may call at 448-3006 to discuss.

Celestine Jeffreys
Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office
City of Green Bay

From: Chris Wery [mailto:chriswery@att.net]
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 9:40 AM
To: Celestine Jeffreys <celestineje@greenbaywi.gov>
Subject: Election Report

Hi Celestine,

I cannot find an attachment regarding the report that was promised for the April 7th election issues/decisions.

Thanks,

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From: Jesse Brunette <jb0880@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 11:41 AM
To: Deanna Debruler
Subject: FW: Appleton and Neenah Smooth Election

Email 4... a chain.

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From: Jesse Brunette <jb0880@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2020 9:31:26 AM
To: chriswery@att.net <chriswery@att.net>
Subject: RE: Appleton and Neenah Smooth Election

Yep! Interesting!

Jesse

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From: chriswery@att.net <chriswery@att.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2020 9:21:16 AM
To: Jesse Brunette <jb0880@hotmail.com>
Subject: Fw: Appleton and Neenah Smooth Election

Sent from Chris Wery's phone

----- Original message-----

From: Wery, Christopher
Date: Sat, Apr 11, 2020 8:37 AM
To: chriswery@att.net;
Cc:
Subject: Appleton and Neenah Smooth Election

Election Day passes smoothly in Appleton and Neenah under extraordinary circumstances

[Duke Behnke](#), Appleton Post-Crescent Published 4:19 p m. CT April 8, 2020

Appleton City Clerk Kami Lynch was feeling a bit less stressed Wednesday after Election Day passed smoothly under extraordinary circumstances stemming from the coronavirus pandemic.

Lynch credited city staff, community volunteers and the Wisconsin National Guard for rallying to make the voting process as efficient and safe as possible for people venturing out during Gov. Tony Evers' safer-at-home order.

"It was incredible," Lynch told The Post-Crescent. "I'm feeling grateful that it went off as well as it did here in Appleton."

A few concerns were raised over Appleton poll workers not wearing protective equipment. Lynch said the city supplied masks and gloves for poll workers but didn't require that they use them.

"They could wear as much protective equipment as they wanted or as little as they wanted," she said. "That was the only complaint. Otherwise we got a lot of positive feedback on the screens and the spacing for voters to wait in line and the overall layout."

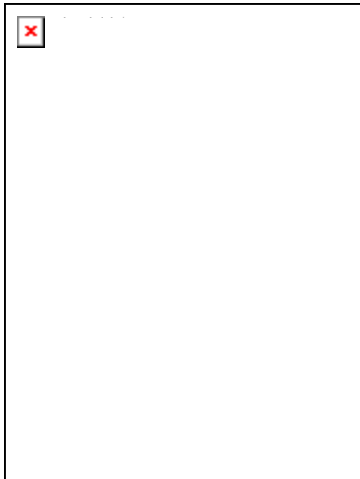
Neenah consolidated its six polling places into the former Shopko store. About 1,800 people voted at the store, typically completing the process in less than 10 minutes.

"Poll workers and voters really liked it," Neenah Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Cheslock said. "I even had poll workers ask if we could do it like that from now on."

There is no guarantee the Shopko store would be available in the future.

Cheslock said the social distancing and safety measures implemented by the city to mitigate the threat of the coronavirus drew praise from voters.

"We had done our due diligence, they thought, with the precautions we took," she said.



Appleton City Clerk Kami Lynch (Photo: Courtesy of Appleton)

Appleton kept all 15 of its polling places open. To replace poll workers who chose to stay home because of the coronavirus threat, the clerk's office relied on employees from other city departments, volunteers and 45 members of the National Guard — three at each location — to administer the election.

"They had minimal training, but they learned very quickly," Lynch said.

Appleton voters typically were able to cast a ballot in less than 20 minutes. By contrast, [voters in Green Bay waited in line for as long as four hours](#).

"Having all of the polling places open and dividing up voters into their usual locations, as well as the high number of absentee ballots, allowed for a pretty efficient election," Lynch said.

In a normal spring election, with fewer absentee ballots, the voting process might take as long as 30 minutes.

Lynch said her office received "a substantial number of complaints" from people who requested an absentee ballot but didn't receive it in time to return or postmark it by Tuesday, as was required by the 5-4 ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Lawrence University student Malcom Davis sanitizes his hands after voting Tuesday at Memorial Presbyterian Church in Appleton. (Photo: Dan Powers/USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin)

The deadline to request an absentee ballot had been extended to 5 p.m. Friday. The clerk's office worked Saturday to process the late requests, but some ballots weren't mailed until Monday.

"That's not a good amount of time for some people to get their ballots," Lynch said.

Voters who didn't receive an absentee ballot in time were advised to vote in person Tuesday.

Absentee ballots that were received or postmarked by Tuesday will be accepted and counted until 4 p.m. Monday, at which time clerks will tabulate and report the results. Only then will Appleton know whether [James Clemons or Jake Woodford](#) will be Appleton's next mayor.

Thank you,

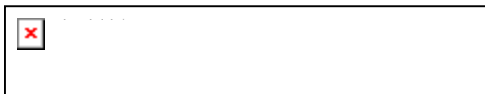
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Deanna Debruler

From: Jesse Brunette <jb0880@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 11:41 AM
To: Deanna Debruler
Subject: FW: Poll Working Question

Email 3

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: Chris Wery <chriswery@att.net>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 11:52:34 AM
To: Vanessa Chavez <vanessach@greenbaywi.gov>; Kris Teske <kriste@greenbaywi.gov>; Mark Steuer <mjsteuer@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Fw: Poll Working Question

Good morning,

Please see below communication with the Wisconsin Election Commission. As I had originally thought, I was able to work as a pollworker. Too bad I was denied by your office. My help could have been utilized. Training is a 3 hour online course. I also could have joined in with the Nat Guard when they were trained.

Thanks,

Alderman Chris Wery
920-490-9282
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----- Forwarded Message -----

To: chriswery@att.net <chriswery@att.net>
From: David Steffen
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020, 10:02:43 AM CDT
Subject: Re: Poll Working Question

Response to your question from WEC:

Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 9:54 AM
Cc: Elections HelpDesk <elections@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Poll Worker

Good morning,

Absolutely. As long as the alderperson in question was not on the ballot in any of the wards that vote in that polling place, there is no issue with him serving as an election inspector.

Please let me know if you have additional questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Cody

----- Original message-----

From: David Steffen

Date: Fri, Apr 10, 2020 7:23 AM

To: Chris Wery;

Cc:

Subject:Re: Poll Working Question

I'll find out and get back to you.

On Thursday, April 9, 2020, 09:51:53 PM CDT, Chris Wery > [wrote](#):

Howdy Dave,

Perhaps you can get a clearer answer to a question thru some of the state Legal Eagles?

Can I, as an Alderman in Green Bay (Class 2 City), be a poll worker even if I am on the ballot but work in a different district than mine where I am not on the ballot?

We used to have an alderman who always worked the polls, just not in his district. Of course, that was 10+ years ago.

Thanks!

Alderman Chris Wery

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Deanna Debruler

From: Jesse Brunette <jb0880@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 11:40 AM
To: Deanna Debruler
Subject: FW: Election

Email 2

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 5:40:44 PM
To: jb0880@hotmail.com <jb0880@hotmail.com>
Subject: Re: Election

No, Jesse, we voted absentee by mail.

And, for what it's worth, my experience with requesting ballots via the state MyVote website, and with the timely USPS delivery of our ballots a few days after the request, was very good.

Tom

-----Original Message-----

From: Jesse Brunette <jb0880@hotmail.com>
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, Apr 9, 2020 2:47 pm
Subject: Election

Hello Tom,

Hope all is well!

Working through some election issues. What a mess. Did you vote at the polls?

Jesse

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Deanna Debruler

From: Jesse Brunette <jb0880@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 11:40 AM
To: Deanna Debruler
Subject: FW: Proof read
Attachments: Election Investigation.docx

From Jesse Brunette- Email 1

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Chris Wery](#)
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 6:42 PM
To: [Jesse Brunette](#)
Subject: Proof read

Hi Jesse,

How does this look? I am going to send this either to a committee or council as a whole.

Thoughts? Changes or additions?

Alderman Chris Wery
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