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Kalamazoo County Clerk Meredith Place Increases Transparency in Elections

Clerk Place announces new elections results website ahead of August 3rd Special Election

KALAMAZOO, Mich. –Kalamazoo County Clerk & Register of Deeds, Meredith Place, announced today the unveiling of a new website that will increase transparency in communicating the results of all elections in Kalamazoo County. For the first time, election results for each contest will include the total number of registered voters, poll book totals, turnout percentage, and the number of votes cast by absentee ballot and at the polls on Election Day for each precinct.

"My goal when I ran for Clerk in 2020 was to establish trust and public confidence in our election process by increasing transparency in election administration. If our system allows for more timely election results distribution and for more information to be reported, then we need to make it public for all." Place said.

Election Day, November 2020, the election's unofficial results did not come until over 24 hours after polls closed. The County results website showed 100% precincts reporting, but not all absentee ballots had been tabulated, giving members of the public a false view of who the winners and losers were. Starting with tomorrow's Special Election, even if ballot tabulation may not be complete on election night, this new website will show the public exactly which precincts have been counted and those precincts that are still outstanding, including ballots cast at the polls on Election Day or by absentee.

Tomorrow, August 3rd is Election Day for voters in the Portage Public School District and Charleston Township. Polls are open from 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM. For more information or to watch the results come in, please visit our website, www.kalcounty.com/clerk/elections_voting/elections/.

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