

It has come to our attention that a rumor is circulating on Facebook and other media sites that ballots marked with a Sharpie will not be counted. This is false. Your ballot will be counted no matter the marking device you use. When you vote on Election Day in Oconto County you may have been given a Papermate Flair felt tip pen. This is the marking pen recommended by the manufacture of our election equipment. The Papermate Flair dries much more quickly than a regular pen or Sharpie; thus keeping our voting equipment clean.

We are working as fast as we can to enter voter participation records. Clerks cannot begin to record Voter participation until after Election Day. We were made aware of a concern that absentee ballots received by your Clerk and tracked in WisVOTE aren't being counted as it is not showing up in your voter participation history. This must be entered into the WisVOTE Election Management system within 45 days of the election, but we typically get it entered much faster than that.

Another concern we were made aware of is, the number of registered voters vs. the number of ballots. In Wisconsin, voters are allowed to register on Election Day. So when you look at the number of votes cast compared to the number of registered voters, please note that some late registrations and Election Day registrations are not included in that number. Late registration is any registration received after October 14, 2020.

Please continue to check [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) and thank you so much for voting!

If you have any questions about the election process in Oconto County, I encourage you to contact our office at 920-834-6806 or email [kim.pytleski@co.oconto.wi.us](mailto:kim.pytleski@co.oconto.wi.us). We are more than happy to discuss the election process with you! Thanks for voting Oconto County!