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County and Federal Officials Meet to Review Investigatory Findings

Late yesterday, County Officials met with U.S. Attorney David Freed, District Attorney Stefanie Salavantis, and investigators to review their investigatory findings on the 2020 election in light of the County's discovery of ballot issues. The following information was provided at this meeting:

- It was confirmed that the time period for any ballot concerns in Luzerne County was limited to the time period of employment of the temporary seasonal worker - September 14, 2020 through September 16, 2020. There were no issues discovered prior to September 14 and none since the temporary seasonal worker was released on September 16;
- Copies of all documents retrieved by the FBI were provided to the County for vote processing purposes. The County is in the process of contacting the impacted voters and will be working with the Pennsylvania Department of State to ensure that these ballots are counted;
- The investigation into the activities of September 14 through September 16 is ongoing. United States Attorney Freed stated that the County Elections Bureau has been fully cooperative throughout;
- Luzerne County has enhanced its training methods and security measures in the Elections Bureau. These methods will be provided to the U.S. Attorney's Office in order to show the County's commitment to an open and fair election.

“Looking around the table at the meeting, it was evident that every person and every agency involved at all levels of government have one goal – that every properly cast ballot is counted” said County Manager David Pedri. “I’m confident that the November 2020 general election here in Luzerne County will be secure, fair and transparent” continued Pedri. “On behalf of Luzerne County, I want to once again thank U.S. Attorney David Freed, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Luzerne County District Attorney’s Office and the Pennsylvania State Police for their diligent work in this matter.”

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