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**MACOUPIN COUNTY TO BE REIMBURSED FOR  
OVERSIZED BALLOTS**

*Ensuring no taxpayer dollars are spent on problem*

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**Carlinville** - Macoupin County Clerk Pete Duncan recently announced that the county taxpayers won't pay a dime for the oversized ballots from the March 20<sup>th</sup> Primary or any of the extra work required to make sure every vote was counted and counted correctly.

"On Election Day, the printing house was very upfront with taking responsibility for this unprecedented problem that hit dozens of counties across the state," Duncan said. "Part of that responsibility was agreeing to credit the County for all the wrong size printed ballots and the work we did on Election Day to fix the problem."

This agreement reached between the county and the printing house will save well over ten thousand dollars. "I'm very satisfied with this result in making sure taxpayers weren't on the hook for a problem our county didn't cause."

Duncan also stressed that a recent discovery recount of a County Board race showed no difference between the official results and the hand count, showing voters that even with the extraordinary circumstances of the past election, every vote was counted accurately. "Credit for that goes to my staff and the many volunteers from both the Democratic and Republican parties who stayed until very early the next morning to make sure all ballots were being counted."

When asked about November's election, Duncan discussed that his office has cooperated with the State Board of Elections as well as the ballot printers to put in place steps to avoid this problem again.

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