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GUZZARDI EXPLANATION

On May 1, 2014, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania ordered the name of Robert Guzzardi, candidate for Governor, removed from the Republican Primary ballot. That action was followed up by a confirmation from the Pennsylvania Department of State, directing counties to remove the name from the official ballot.

Mercer County was able to address this issue with its paper ballots, but because of the late timing of the order the county was unable to remove his name from the touchscreen voting system so it still appeared on the electronic ballot. The report that appears in this official book still shows Mr. Guzzardi's name as a result.

On May 23, 2014, the Mercer County Board of Elections, by a 3-0 vote, agreed in the wake of the court order and subsequent direction from the Pennsylvania Department of State, that it was not authorized to certify any non-write-in electronic vote that was cast for Mr. Guzzardi on the touch screen voting systems in the precincts on May 20, 2014. This affected 1,103 votes.

While Mr. Guzzardi was properly awarded 16 votes on the absentee ballots and ultimately 23 write-in votes for a total of 39 in the county, the additional 1,103 votes for historical purposes should be read as cast for a candidate who was stricken from the ballot.

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