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Randolph's voting machine vendor goes out of business

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WINCHESTER — Randolph County Clerk Claudia Thornburg said Voting Technologies International, the county's election equipment vendor, apparently has gone out of business.

A former employee of VTI called the clerk last week to report that he and the rest of the company's employees had been let go.

"From the best we can tell they no longer exist, so we have no support for our equipment," Thornburg said.

The Wisconsin company's telephone is disconnected.

Randolph is one of four counties in the state that bought VTI equipment. Boone, Cass and Parke counties also used the company's electronic machines.

Randolph County used the equipment for the first time last year, and in both the spring primary and fall general election, getting tabulations was a huge problem.

Last spring, primary results weren't finalized until 40 hours after the polls closed.

In November, new problems surfaced when vote totals didn't add up, and in at least some areas, it appeared too many votes were cast compared to the number of people who actually voted.
