

MEMORANDUM

November 27, 2023

To: Mercer County Board of Elections
From: Thad Hall, Elections Director
Subject: Two-Percent Election Audit, Municipal General Election

On Tuesday, November 14, 2023, the two (2) percent audit of ballots cast in the 2023 Municipal General Election was conducted in Mercer County.

Audit Teams

The audit was conducted by four bipartisan teams of individuals.

Precincts Selected for Auditing

Election Day ballots in four (4) precincts were selected for the audit. In total, the audit teams recounted 3.14% of ballots cast in the primary election. The precincts audited were:

Precinct	Ballots Counted
Farrell 2-1	174
Hermitage SW-2	138
Otter Creek Township	112
Worth Township	196
TOTAL BALLOTS AUDITED	620

Races Audited

For this election, every audit team hand counted the following races:

Democratic Party
Justice of the Supreme Court
Judge of the Superior Court
Judge of the Commonwealth Court
County Commissioners

Audit Method

The audit was a hand count of each precinct, with each race counting using a stacking method. For each race, the team members reviewed the candidate choice on the ballot and sorted the ballots it into piles. There was one (1) pile for each candidate. After the sorting process was complete, the team members counted each pile into stacks of 10, with the remainder on top. One team member entered the number of ballots in each stack onto the Audit Tally Sheet.

An election office staff person checked the hand count totals against the unofficial election results for that precinct. If a discrepancy was identified, the team re-counted the race to determine the issue.

Results

The audit involved the hand counting a total of 620 ballots (3.14% of all ballots cast). For every precinct, the hand count results matched the results of ballots scanned at the precinct on Election Day. The tally results for each precinct is attached.

Precinct: **Farrell 2-1**

Contest	Machine Count	Hand Count	Difference
JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT			
DANIEL MCCAFFREY	126	126	0
CAROLYN CARLUCCIO	16	16	0
JUDGE OF SUPERIOR COURT			
JILL BECK	81	81	0
TIMIKA LANE	89	89	0
MARIA BATTISTA	14	14	0
HARRY F SMAIL JR	12	12	0
JUDGE OF COMMONWEALTH COURT			
MATT WOLF	125	125	0
MEGAN MARTIN	15	15	0
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS			
TIMOTHY MCGONIGLE	122	122	0
JIM MCLUSKY	81	81	0
ANN COLEMAN	11	11	0
BILL FINLEY JR	11	11	0

Precinct: **Hermitage SW-2**

Contest	Machine Count	Hand Count	Difference
JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT			
DANIEL MCCAFFREY	62	62	0
CAROLYN CARLUCCIO	72	72	0
JUDGE OF SUPERIOR COURT			
JILL BECK	60	60	0
TIMIKA LANE	49	49	0
MARIA BATTISTA	61	61	0
HARRY F SMAIL JR	53	53	0
JUDGE OF COMMONWEALTH COURT			
MATT WOLF	63	63	0
MEGAN MARTIN	67	67	0
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS			
TIMOTHY MCGONIGLE	61	61	0
JIM MCLUSKY	68	68	0
ANN COLEMAN	67	67	0
BILL FINLEY JR	48	48	0

Precinct: **Otter Creek Township**

Contest	Machine Count	Hand Count	Difference
JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT			
DANIEL MCCAFFREY	22	22	0
CAROLYN CARLUCCIO	88	88	0
JUDGE OF SUPERIOR COURT			
JILL BECK	16	16	0
TIMIKA LANE	10	10	0
MARIA BATTISTA	75	75	0
HARRY F SMAIL JR	73	73	0
JUDGE OF COMMONWEALTH COURT			
MATT WOLF	19	19	0
MEGAN MARTIN	91	91	0
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS			
TIMOTHY MCGONIGLE	21	21	0
JIM MCLUSKY	23	23	0
ANN COLEMAN	68	68	0
BILL FINLEY JR	64	64	0

Precinct: **Worth Township**

Contest	Machine Count	Hand Count	Difference
JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT			
DANIEL MCCAFFREY	38	38	0
CAROLYN CARLUCCIO	157	157	0
JUDGE OF SUPERIOR COURT			
JILL BECK	33	33	0
TIMIKA LANE	25	25	0
MARIA BATTISTA	132	132	0
HARRY F SMAIL JR	138	138	0
JUDGE OF COMMONWEALTH COURT			
MATT WOLF	27	27	0
MEGAN MARTIN	166	166	0
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS			
TIMOTHY MCGONIGLE	34	34	0
JIM MCLUSKY	37	37	0
ANN COLEMAN	118	118	0
BILL FINLEY JR	139	139	0