

MEMORANDUM

November 27, 2024

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

On Tuesday, November 12, 2024, the two (2) percent audit of ballots cast in the 2024 General Election was conducted.

Audit Teams

The audit was conducted by bipartisan teams of individuals appointed by the political parties, with each party appointing seven (7) individuals. The teams are listed below.

Democratic Party	Republican Party
Daniel Biddle	Connie Santell
Jace Condavy	Robert Verholek
Melanie Schall	Bud Jennings
Milo Shaffer	Gregory Murphy
Lorna Slater	Dolly Curtin
Kathy Martynuska	Jean Gilliland
Melissa Biddle	Donna Laver

Precincts Selected for Auditing

Election Day ballots in seven (7) precincts were selected for the audit; the Democratic Party selecting three (3) precincts and the Republican Party selecting four (4) precincts.. The number of ballots audited for each precinct is listed below.

Precinct	Total Ballots
Grove City 2	496
Hempfield 2	568
Hermitage NW-4	648
Hermitage SE-4	628
Sandy Lake Township	598
South Pymatuning 2	544
West Salem East	478
TOTAL BALLOTS AUDITED	3,960

The audit teams recounted 6.7% of all ballots cast in the general election.

Races Audited

All statewide races for were audited.

Democratic Party
President of the United States
United States Senate
Attorney General
Auditor General
State Treasurer

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 results of the hand counts are shown on the pages that follow.

The following precincts had no discrepancies:

- Grove City 2
- Hempfield 2
- Hermitage SE-4
- West Salem East

The following discrepancies were found in the recount.

Hermitage NW-4:

- One (1) more vote was seen for Harris (President), based on a stray mark.
- Two (2) more votes were identified for McClelland (Treasurer), based on unclear marks that may not have scanned.

Sandy Lake Township:

- One fewer votes was found for Cowburn (Attorney General).

South Pymatuning 2

- The team had difficulty counting the presidential race, counting nine (9) fewer ballots for Trump and one (1) more McCormick ballot. The team did not have time to recount the ballots again but all other races were accurate.

2024 GENERAL ELECTION

Precinct: Grove City 2

RACE	HAND COUNT	MACHINE COUNT
PRESIDENT (VOTE 1) <i>3 write-in</i>		
HARRIS	153	153
TRUMP	332	332
OLIVER	6	6
STEIN	0	0
US SENATE		
CASPY	153	153
MCCORMICK	307	307
THOMAS	17	17
HAZOU	5	5
SELKER	6	6
ATTORNEY GENERAL		
DEPASQUALE	131	131
SUNDAY	329 329	329
COWBURN	12	12
WEISS	6	6
MAGILL	6	6
SETTLE	1	1
AJD TOR GENERAL <i>write-in 1</i>		
KENYATTA	127	127
DEFOOR	323	323
SMITH	20	20
ANTON	2	2
GOODRICH	10	10
TREASURER		
MCCLELLAND	134	134
GARRITY	400 330	330
CIESIELSKI	9	9
BOWMAN	7	7
FOSTER	5	5

2024 GENERAL ELECTION

Precinct: Hempfield Township 2

RACE	HAND COUNT	MACHINE COUNT
PRES DENT (VOTE ²) <i>WRITE IN 2</i>		
HARRIS	152	152
TRUMP <i>406</i>	406	406
OLIVER	2	2
STEIN	6	6
US SENATE		
CASEY	388 402	150
MCCORMICK	402	402
THOMAS	7	7
HAZOU	1	1
SELKER	1	1
ATTORNEY GENERAL		
DEPASQUALE	140	140
SUNDAY	393	393
COWBURN	13	13
WEISS	6	6
MAGILL	5	5
SETTLE		0
AUDITOR GENERAL		
KENYATTA	125	125
DEFOOR		404
SMITH	15	15
ANTON	2	2
GOODRICH	9	9
TREASURER		
MCCLELLAND	134	136
GARRITY	408	408
CIESIELSKI	8	8
BOWMAN	2	2
FOSTER	3	3

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2024 GENERAL ELECTION

Precinct: HERMITAGE NW-4

RACE	HAND COUNT	MACHINE COUNT
PRESIDENT (VOTE 1)		
HARRIS	230 231	232
TRUMP	405 407	407
OLIVER	3	3
STEIN	1	1
US SENATE		
CASEY	229 229	229
MCCORMICK	392 392	392
THOMAS	9	9
HAZOU	1	1
SELKER	1	1
ATTORNEY GENERAL		
DEPASQUALE	222 222	222
SUNDAY	383 382	382
COWBURN	9	9
WEISS	3	3
MAGILL	8 8	8
SETTLE	1	1
AUDITOR GENERAL		
KENYATTA	201 201	201
DEFOOR	399 399	399
SMITH	12	12
ANION	2	2
GOODRICH	8 8	8
TREASURER		
MCCLELLAND	212 212 *	214
GARRITY	390	390
CIFSIELSKI	13	13
BOWMAN	4	4
FOSTER	2	2

* problem w/count counted several times

2024 GENERAL ELECTION

Precinct: HERMITAGE SE-4

RACE	HAND COUNT	MACHINE COUNT
PRESIDENT (VOTE 1) <i>written</i> $\text{\textcircled{A}}$		
HARRIS	180	180
TRUMP	442	442
OLIVER	1	1
STEIN	3	3
US SENATE		
CASEY <i>-234</i>	182	182
MCCORMICK <i>-1431</i>	431	431
THOMAS <i>+1</i>	4	4
HAZOU	2	2
SELKER	1	1
ATTORNEY GENERAL		
DEPASQUALE	171	171
SUNDAY	434	434
COWBURN	5	5
WEISS	3	3
MAGILL	0	
SETTLE	3	3
AUDITOR GENERAL		
KENYATTA <i>158</i>	158	158
DEFOOR <i>437</i>	437	437
SMITH	11	11
ANTON	0	0
GOODRICH	4	4
TREASURER		
MCCLELLAND <i>167</i>	167	167
GARRITY <i>437</i>	437	437
CIESIELSKI	4	4
BOWMAN	4	4
FOSTER	0	0

2024 GENERAL ELECTION

Precinct: SANDY LAKE TOWNSHIP

RACE	HAND COUNT	MACHINE COUNT
PRESIDENT (VOLE 1)		
HARRIS	77 79	79
TRUMP	518 516	516
OLIVER	1	1
STEIN	1	1
US SENATE <i>NO VOTE - 3</i>		
CASEY	480 81	81
MCCORMICK	486 503	503
THOMAS	5	5
HAZOU	1	1
SELKER	3	3
ATTORNEY GENERAL <i>NO VOTE = 7</i>		
DEPASQUALE	73 73	73 73
SUNDAY	502	502
COWBURN	5	5
WEISS	3	3
MAGILL	6	6
SETTLE	1	1
AUDITOR GENERAL		
KENYATTA	71 71	71
DEFDOR	503 501	501
SMITH	9	9
ANTON	2	2
GOODRICH	7	7
TREASURER		
MCCLELLAND	72	72
GARRITY	498 498	498
CIESIELSKI	8	8
BOWMAN	7	7
FOSTER	1	1

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2024 GENERAL ELECTION

Precinct: SOUTH PYMATUNING 2

RACE	HAND COUNT	MACHINE COUNT
PRESIDENT (VOTE 1)	1 - 0 - Blanks	
HARRIS	184	184
TRUMP	347	356
OLIVER	2	2
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US SENATE		
CASEY	182	182
MCCORMICK	343	342
THOMAS	9	9
HAZOU	3	3
SELKER	2	2
ATTORNEY GENERAL	7 Blanks	
DEPASQUALE	176	176
SUNDAY	342	342
COWBURN	6	6
WEISS	8	8
MAGILL	2	2
SETTLE	1	1
AUDITOR GENERAL	14 Blanks	
KENYATTA	169	169 169
DEFOOR	341	341
SMITH	8	8
ANTON	1	1
GOODRICH	11	11
TREASURER	13 Blanks	
MCLELLAND	166	166
GARRITY	349	349
CIESIELSKI	7	7
BOWMAN	7	7
FOSTER	2	2

2024 GENERAL ELECTION

Precinct: WEST SALUDY EAST

RACE	HAND COUNT	MACHINE COUNT
PRESIDENT (VOTE 1)		
HARRIS	153 133	341 133
TRUMP	341	341
OLIVER	1	1
STEIN		
US SENATE		
CASEY	136	136
MCCORMICK	371 327	327 327
THOMAS	3	3
HAZOU	1	1
SELKER	+ 2	2
ATTORNEY GENERAL		
DEPASQUALE	125 125	125
SUNDAY	320 320	320
COWBURN	6	6
WEISS	4 4	4
MAGILL	2	2
SETTLE	2	2
AUDITOR GENERAL		
KENYATTA	117	117
DEFOOR	331	331
SMITH	10	10
ANTON	0	0
GOODRICH	6	6
TREASURER		
MCCLELLAND	122 122	122
GARRITY	331 331	331
CIFSIFLSKI	6	6
BOWMAN	+ 2	2
FOSTER	1	1

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