

MEMORANDUM

May 13, 2024

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

On Monday, May 6, 2024, the two (2) percent audit of ballots cast in the 2024 Primary Election was conducted.

Audit Teams

The audit was conducted by bipartisan teams of individuals appointed by the political parties, with each party appointing five (5) individuals. The teams are listed below.

Democratic Party	Republican Party
Jane Cleary	Gage Bartholomew
Deborah Fischer	Jean Gilliland
John Kiefer	Robert Hutchinson
Genevieve Monks	Bud Jennings
Dorothy Shomin	Donna Laver

Precincts Selected for Auditing

Election Day ballots in four (4) precincts were selected for the audit; the Democratic Party selecting two (2) precincts and the Republican Party selecting two (2) precincts. In addition, mail ballots in Hermitage NW-3 was selected for the audit. The total number of ballots audited for each precinct is listed below.

Precinct	Democratic Ballots	Republican Ballots	Total Ballots
Farrell 2-3	78	20	98
French Creek Township	77	22	99
Hermitage NE-2	43	108	151
Hermitage NW-3	58	23	81
Jackson Township	26	152	178
TOTAL BALLOTS AUDITED	282	325	607

In total, the audit teams recounted 3.7% of all ballots cast in the primary election, with 4.16% of the Democratic Party ballots being audited and 3.36% of the Republican ballots being audited.

Races Audited

All competitive races for civil offices were audited¹. The races audited are listed below.

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

¹ The delegate contests constitute party elections and were not included in the audit.

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 607 ballots. 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 are attached.

2023 PRIMARY ELECTION – REPUBLICAN

Precinct: Farrell 2-3 - Election Day

RACE	HAND COUNT	MACHINE COUNT
PRESIDENT (VOTE 1)		
NIKKI R HALEY	2	2
DONALD J TRUMP	18	18
ATTORNEY GENERAL		
DAVE SUNDAY	12	12
CRAIG WILLIAMS	6	6

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TEAM MEMBERS:

Bud Jennings

Jane Cleary

2023 PRIMARY ELECTION – DEMOCRATIC

Precinct: Farrell - 2-3

13 No-Vote

RACE	HAND COUNT	MACHINE COUNT
PRESIDENT (VOTE 1)		
JOSEPH R BIDEN JR.	70 71	71
DEAN PHILLIPS	6 7	7
ATTORNEY GENERAL		
JACK STOLLSTEIMER	6	6
EUGENE PASQUALE	36	36
JOE KAHN	12	12
KEIR BRADFORD-GREY	7	7
JARED SOLOMON	4	4
AUDITOR GENERAL		
MALCOLM KENYATTA	40	40
MARK PINSLEY	23	23
STATE TREASURER		
RYAN BIZZARRO	30	30
ERIN MCCLELLAND	36 37	37

TEAM MEMBERS: Bud Jennings

Jane Cleary

2023 PRIMARY ELECTION – REPUBLICAN

Precinct: FRENCH CREEK Election Day

RACE	HAND COUNT	MACHINE COUNT
PRESIDENT (VOTE 1)		
NIKKI R HALEY		
DONALD J TRUMP	66 75	1 75
ATTORNEY GENERAL		
DAVE SUNDAY	50	48 50
CRAIG WILLIAMS	14	0 14

TEAM MEMBERS:

John Kiefer

Jean Gilliland

2023 PRIMARY ELECTION – DEMOCRATIC

Precinct: FRENCH CREEK – Election Day

RACE	HAND COUNT	MACHINE COUNT
PRESIDENT (VOTE 1)		
JOSEPH R BIDEN JR.	13 15	15
DEAN PHILLIPS	4	4
ATTORNEY GENERAL		
JACK STOLLSTEIMER	1	1
EUGENE PASQUALE	8 9	9
JOE KAHN	10 9	9
KEIR BRADFORD-GREY	1	1
JARED SOLOMON	1	1
AUDITOR GENERAL		
MALCOLM KENYATTA	8	8
MARK PINSLEY	7 14	14
STATE TREASURER		
RYAN BIZZARRO	12 15	15
ERIN MCCLELLAND	6	6

TEAM MEMBERS:

JOHN Kiefer
JEAN Gilliland

2023 PRIMARY ELECTION – REPUBLICAN

Precinct: Hermitage NE-2 - Election Day

RACE	HAND COUNT	MACHINE COUNT
PRESIDENT (VOTE 1)		
NIKKI R HALEY	11	11
DONALD J TRUMP	94	94
ATTORNEY GENERAL		
DAVE SUNDAY	72	72
CRAIG WILLIAMS	27	27

TEAM MEMBERS:

Gage Bartholomew
Genevieve Monks

2023 PRIMARY ELECTION – DEMOCRATIC

Precinct: Hermitage NE-2 - Election Day

RACE	HAND COUNT	MACHINE COUNT
PRESIDENT (VOTE 1)		
JOSEPH R BIDEN JR.	21 31	31
DEAN PHILLIPS	11	11
ATTORNEY GENERAL		
JACK STOLLSTEIMER	2	2
EUGENE PASQUALE	25	25
JOE KAHN	7	7
KEIR BRADFORD-GREY	4	4
JARED SOLOMON	4	4
AUDITOR GENERAL		
MALCOLM KENYATTA	21	21
MARK PINSLEY	19	19
STATE TREASURER		
RYAN BIZZARRO	23	23
ERIN MCCLELLAND	19	19

TEAM MEMBERS: Genevieve Monks
Gage Bartholomew

2023 PRIMARY ELECTION – DEMOCRATIC

Precinct: Hermitage NW-3 - ABSENTEE

RACE	HAND COUNT	MACHINE COUNT
PRESIDENT (VOTE 1)		
JOSEPH R BIDEN JR.	53	53
DEAN PHILLIPS	3	3
ATTORNEY GENERAL		
JACK STOLLSTEIMER	2	2
EUGENE PASQUALE	40	40
JOE KAHN	6	6
KEIR BRADFORD-GREY	7	7
JARED SOLOMON	1	1
AUDITOR GENERAL		
MALCOLM KENYATTA	34	34
MARK PINSLEY	19	19
STATE TREASURER		
RYAN BIZZARRO	15	15
ERIN MCCLELLAND	39	39

TEAM MEMBERS: Robert Hutchinson
Dorothy Shomin

2023 PRIMARY ELECTION – DEMOCRATIC

Precinct: Hermitage NW-3 - ABSENTEE

RACE	HAND COUNT	MACHINE COUNT
PRESIDENT (VOTE 1)		
JOSEPH R BIDEN JR.	53	53
DEAN PHILLIPS	3	3
ATTORNEY GENERAL		
JACK STOLLSTEIMER	2	2
EUGENE PASQUALE	40	40
JOE KAHN	6	6
KEIR BRADFORD-GREY	7	7
JARED SOLOMON	1	1
AUDITOR GENERAL		
MALCOLM KENYATTA	34	34
MARK PINSLEY	19	19
STATE TREASURER		
RYAN BIZZARRO	15	15
ERIN MCCLELLAND	39	39

TEAM MEMBERS: Robert Hutchinson
Dorothy Shomin

2023 PRIMARY ELECTION – REPUBLICAN

Precinct: Hermitage NW-3 - ABSENTEE

RACE	HAND COUNT	MACHINE COUNT
PRESIDENT (VOTE 1)		
NIKKI R HALEY	5	5
DONALD J TRUMP	16	16
ATTORNEY GENERAL		
DAVE SUNDAY	13	13
CRAIG WILLIAMS	7	7

TEAM MEMBERS:

Robert Hutchinson
Dorothy Skomin

2023 PRIMARY ELECTION – DEMOCRATIC

Precinct: JACKSON TWP - Election Day

RACE	HAND COUNT	MACHINE COUNT
PRESIDENT (VOTE 1)		
JOSEPH R BIDEN JR.	12 13	13
DEAN PHILLIPS	8	8
ATTORNEY GENERAL		
JACK STOLLSTEIMER	2	2 2
EUGENE PASQUALE	12	12 12
JOE KAHN	8 9	9
KEIR BRADFORD-GREY	1	1
JARED SOLOMON	1	1
AUDITOR GENERAL		
MALCOLM KENYATTA	3	3
MARK PINSLEY	21	21
STATE TREASURER		
RYAN BIZZARRO	13	13
ERIN MCCLELLAND	10	10

TEAM MEMBERS: DONNA LAYER Donna Layer
DEB FISCHER Deborah Fischer

2023 PRIMARY ELECTION – REPUBLICAN

Precinct: JACKSON TWP

RACE	HAND COUNT	MACHINE COUNT
PRESIDENT (VOTE 1)		
NIKKI R HALEY	15	15
DONALD J TRUMP	136	136
ATTORNEY GENERAL		
DAVE SUNDAY	87	87
CRAIG WILLIAMS	45	45

TEAM MEMBERS:

DEB FISCHER *Deborah Fischer*
DONNA LAVER *Donna Laver*