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Announcement of Election Hand Audit Results

From 9:00am until 12:30pm on November 18th, 2024, the Irwin County Board of Elections and Registrations, their staff and volunteers supplied by the Irwin County Republican and Democratic Parties met in order to not only hand-audit selected batches of the Presidential contest as required by law, but to, as our Board's bylaws outline, additionally audit all ballots for all contests which are within a 10% margin of victory within Irwin County.

2 total contests from 3,910 ballots were tallied and compared to the machine-generated results, and the results were as follows: In the contest for President of the United States, an additional 3 votes were tallied for Donald J. Trump than expected and 3 less votes were tallied for Kamala D. Harris than expected for an error rate of -0.12%. In the contest for County Commission District 3, 7 fewer votes were tallied for Mona W. MacKenzie than expected, and 12 less votes were tallied for Aldene Tyson than expected, leading to an error rate of -1.5%. Studies have shown that human ballot tally error rates are roughly 4%, so Irwin County's volunteer auditors well surpassed average human limitations.

The winners of each contest were the same in every case, and elections office staff performed an intensive review of hand-scanned high resolution ballot images over the course of the preceding week. These images were scanned by hand on non-elections system equipment at our office in an open to the public ceremony on November 6th and 7th to better comply with new open records requirements passed earlier this year and taking effect in January, and those images are available freely to the public upon request for independent counts to be performed, both in 1200dpi original image pdfs and 600dpi text searchable pdfs.

To ensure true and accurate results, the hand-scanned images for all ballots for all batches and sub-batches were inspected and hand counted to compare to the local elections system results and the results of a complete ballot image audit performed by the state on all ballot images made by the elections system itself.

The results of the ballot image reviews, performed at both the state and local levels, were a true and perfect match to the originally reported results from the elections system, and any member of the public can confirm the same for themselves- with the overall results per contest, the ballot images from the elections system and from our office all available for open records requests.

A sincere thank you to both county parties for providing volunteers to help make this audit a reality and supporting the Irwin County Board of Elections and Registrations' efforts to not only comply with all applicable state and federal laws, but to provide excellence, accuracy and transparency for the voters of Irwin County whom we serve.

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