

Board of Elections statement regarding the Hall County Board of Elections audit

As chairman of the Hall County Board of Elections and on behalf of Election Board members, I am pleased to report that the Hall County elections office, in cooperation with the Hall County Board of Elections, and with the help of volunteers appointed by the Republican and Democratic parties working together in bipartisan teams, has completed the State mandated audit of the results of the presidential election.

The purpose of this audit was to confirm the validity of the vote count for the presidential election.

The printed ballot receipts scanned by voting machines in each precinct were confirmed by the hand count. The variation in margin of approximately 120 receipts between the tabulator count and the hand count is believed to be due primarily to human error in the hand count. It does not affect any vote total of any candidate. Each candidate has received 100% of every qualified vote cast in their name.

The audit confirmed that the election result as originally published and certificated by the Board Elections is valid.

There is no question as to the integrity of the election in Hall County. Every legally cast vote in Hall County has been properly counted.

The Hall County Board of Elections would like to commend Hall County Elections Director, Lori Wurtz, the Election staff, our poll workers, and all those whose hard work and dedication made it possible to successfully carry out this unprecedented election during these unprecedented times.

In addition, I'd like to express grateful appreciation to Election Board members David Kennedy, Craig Lutz, Gala Sheats and Ken Cochran. It is a pleasure to serve with a board that demonstrates a spirit of integrity and cooperation.

Respectfully on behalf of the Hall County Board of Elections,

Dr. Tom Smiley
Chairman of the Hall County Board of Elections