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Announcement of Election Hand Audit Results

From 10:00am until 11:25am on November 13th, 2025, 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 Public Service Commission District 2 contest as required by law, but to additionally audit all ballots for that contest as well as all ballots for the Ocilla City Council District 1 contest, hand-tallying all ballots for all contested races.

2 total contests from 857 ballots were tallied and compared to the machine-generated results, and the audited results were a true and perfect match of the initial results for Public Service Commission District 2, and one vote was under-counted for a candidate in the Ocilla City Council District 1 contest, although the winner did not change. Out of checking a total of 1,579 votes between the two contests, an error rate of 1, or 0.06%, is well below the expectations of human error for such a task.

High Resolution searchable ballot images were scanned by hand on non-elections system equipment at our office in an open to the public ceremony on November 5th to better comply with new open records requirements, sub-batched in the same groupings as the envelopes handed to auditors. Those images are available freely to the public upon request for independent counts to be performed in 600dpi original image pdfs, not only allowing our initial results to be audited, but also our audits. Through a brief search of said images, the missed vote was found within Early Voting Batch 1 Sub-Batch 4, which was under-tallied in the hand-audit by one vote.

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.

Ethan Compton
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