

Certification of the Precinct Hand Count and Early Ballot Audit
Arizona Revised Statutes § 16-602(C)
Presidential Preference Election
February 5, 2008

Gila County, Arizona

The purpose of the Precinct Hand Count and Early Ballot Audit is to compare the results of the machine count to the hand count to assure that the machines are working properly and accurately counting the votes. The purpose of this procedure is to assure that the Precinct Hand Count and the Early Ballot Audit are conducted in a uniform manner in every county. Other than determining the intent of the voter, no other determinations regarding the ballot shall be made during the Precinct Hand Count and Early Ballot Audit.

A planning meeting for the hand count and early ballot audit of the 2008 Presidential Preference Election ballots began within twenty-four hours after the closing of the polls. The meeting was held at 2:00 p.m. on February 6th in the conference room at the Gila County Courthouse in Globe, Arizona. In attendance were members of the Gila County Democratic Party and members of the Gila County Republican Committee.

On Thursday, February 7, 2008, the precinct hand count began at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors meeting room at the Gila County Courthouse in Globe, Arizona, as follows:

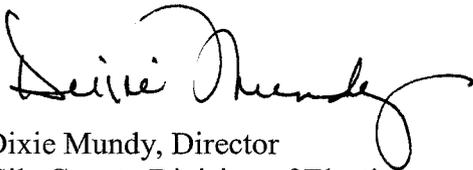
1. The four members of the Gila County Democratic Party and the four members of the Gila County Republican Committee were in attendance to conduct the precinct hand count and early ballot audit.
2. The districts selected by lot for the hand count were District #5 and District #19.
3. The office selected by lot was Republican candidate for President of the United States.
4. District #5 included votes cast on the Direct Recording Electronic Machine (Touch Screen voting unit).
5. Each District hand count of the ballots cast and votes cast in the selected race matched the Optical Scan machine count and Direct Recording Electronic count, with no differences between the hand count and machine count.
6. Upon completion of the two districts hand count the Early Ballot Audit was conducted.

7. As there were 31 early ballots selected from each selected district, the board members chose to audit all the ballots, without regard to party affiliation.
8. Each district early ballots cast and votes cast in all races matched the Optical Scan machine count, with no differences between the ballot audit and machine count.
9. Within the selected districts no early ballots were cast using the Direct Recording Electronic Machine (Touch Screen voting unit).
10. The conclusion of the Hand Count and Early Ballot board was that the electronic counting machines worked properly and that they (the board) are satisfied with the results indicated on the results tapes from both the optical scan and accessible voting machines.

Summary

District #	Optical Scan	Accessible	Early	Total	Differences
5	55	4		59	0
19	51	0		51	0
1			31	31	0
7			31	31	0

Dated this 8th day of February 5, 2008.



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