

Results of Hand Count and Early Voting Audit
September 2, 2008 Primary Election

On September, 3 at 1:00pm, Coconino County Elections started the hand count process according to ARS 16-602C. The participating political parties were Republican, Democrat and Libertarian. Two polling locations were selected by lot as required. Each board consisting of four members were registered voters in Coconino County and were equally divided per political party representation.

The polling locations selected was Doney Park (#50) and Tuba City South East (#95). The hand count and early voting audit was finished on September 4, 2008 at 1:00pm

Below is listed the races selected to be counted and the summary of the results:

RACES TO BE COUNTED –PRECINCT

Corporation Commission-REP
Corporation Commission- DEM
US Representative District 1- REP
* State Representative LD 2- DEM
(Tuba City Southeast)
*State Senator District 1- REP
(Doney Park #50)

RACES- EARLY BALLOT AUDIT

Corporation Commission- REP
Corporation Commission- DEM
US Rep District 1- DEM
State Senator LD 1- REP

* It was required to count two different contested legislative district races as the precincts chosen to hand count are in different legislative districts.

For both precincts Doney Park and Tuba City Southeast the total number of ballots cast in the precincts and the hand count total for every candidate in each race listed above matched the machine total (**100% match**).

EARLY BALLOT AUDIT

There were 8 Early Voting batches (25 each) created and the two selected by lot to audit were Batch 1 and Batch 2.

Batch 1 matched 100%

Batch 2 did not match in the races listed below:

Corporation Commission- Republican

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Hand Count Total</u>	<u>Machine Count Total</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Joseph Hobbs	2	1	-1
Marion McClure	5	4	-1
Bob Stump	4	3	-1

Corporation Commission- Democrat

Kara Kelty	13	14	+1
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After recounting Early Voting Batch 2 and then performing the calculations it was determined that the margin was greater than the acceptable designated margin and an expanded count was performed. Two additional early voting batches were selected by lot.

Early Voting Batches 4 and 7 matched **100%**

In conclusion, the precinct ballots for the two hand count precincts matched **100%** and the three out of the four early voting ballot batches matched 100%. Early Voting Batch 2 that did not match, it was determined the reason why is that the batch showed that there was one more Democrat ballot counted than Republican. We have surmised the following occurred due to operator error.

The early voting counting boards are made of two members of the opposite political parties. Each board feeds batches consisting of **100** ballots into the central count machines. The procedure is that when a ballot does not feed properly and therefore has to be re-fed these ballots are set in a bin labeled "refeed" and those ballots, are re-fed at the end of that batch. The counting board after completing the batch makes sure that the number of ballots counted equals the number on the batch header. However, I believe that a Republican ballot did not feed properly and instead of that ballot being placed into the "refeed" bin a Democrat ballot was placed in the bin. This would account for the over vote for Kara Kelty and the under votes for the three Republicans.

The Elections Office will revise their procedures so that when a ballot is to be placed in the "refeed" bin that both members of the counting board will review and agree which ballot is to be re-fed.

Dated this 5th day of September, 2008

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Coconino County Recorder

