



# COUNTY OF ELBERT

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### Re: Hand Count of Elbert County 2022 Primary Election Results

The Elbert County Clerk and Recorder’s office proudly announces that a hand count of all 8,529 ballots accepted for the 2022 Primary Election was conducted at the Clerk and Recorder’s office on September 26, 27 and 28. All four contested races on the Republican ballot were hand tabulated. In Elbert County there were no contested races on the Democratic ballot. The results showed only one discrepancy, attributed to a judge adjudication error that reduced the total count for Candidate Robert Lewis in the CD 4 race by one vote.

Elbert County Clerk and Recorder, Dallas Schroeder, stated, “I was pleased with the enthusiastic efforts by the election judges and staff to verify our official count from the 2022 Primary Election. Our goal and desire is always to count every legally eligible ballot that we receive in an accurate way. “

When asked why Elbert County decided to conduct a hand count, Mr. Schroeder explained the following: “It is now confirmed and acknowledged by the Secretary of State’s office that every device in our Dominion System has wireless devices imbedded in them. The Secretary has denied access to the very log files that could confirm that these devices were not accessed during the election. Conducting the hand count is the only way I can confirm that this back door access was not utilized to affect the Elbert County results in the 2022 Primary Election.”

This recount was also the only verification of the Congressional District 4 primary race as the Secretary of State did not select the CD4 race to be audited in any of the 17 counties contained within the district.

Elections Manager, Rhonda Braun, relayed that she was pleased to explain Elbert County’s procedures for conducting a hand count to representatives from the Secretary of State’s office. “The county support manager from the Secretary’s office asked if he could come see what we do here in Elbert County. Of course, we agreed and two employees from the Secretary’s office showed up. They used words like ‘ironclad’ and ‘very well done’ after I explained our process. They stated that other counties had expressed interest in conducting hand counts and our procedures were very duplicable.”

Elbert County Election Staff will conduct an Election Processes presentation on October 11, 2022. This will take place at the Elbert County fairgrounds. Please call the elections office at 303-621-3127 to RSVP.