

February 2, 2010 Special Election Post-Election Audit Summary

A total of 686 ballots were hand-counted as part of the audit, representing 8.5% of the total ballots cast. Within this sample no errors were identified, indicating a 100% rate of accuracy.

The audit began with the random selection of precincts whose ballots cast totaled at least 5% of the total ballots cast in the election. With 8,000 total ballots cast, the target number for selection was set at 400. After the initial selection of 2 precincts totaling 686 ballots cast, one contest was selected:

Olmsted Falls CSD Tax Levy

One bi-partisan team of Board of Elections employees was designated to hand-count the precincts selected. Each precinct was hand-counted along with a precinct-specific, contest-specific tally sheet. The team counted the ballots in each count group- Election Day, Absentee, and Provisional separately, and recorded the results for each candidate, along with over-votes and under-votes within each count group. Results were then compared to the Official Canvass results by Ballot Department management.

There is no need to amend any results for this election based on the audit hand count.