

Notice of Partial Manual Count

Panola County elections office will have a partial manual count on March 12, 2024 for the March 5, 2024 Primary Election at 9:00 a.m.

Confidentiality of Ballots: At all times relevant to the count, the designated election official shall take every precaution necessary to protect the confidentiality and security of the ballots cast by the voters.

Notice Requirement: On selection or notification, as applicable, of the precincts to be counted, the general custodian of election records shall post in the custodian's office a notice of the date, hour, and place of the count. (127.201(c)). Although the notice is posted in a public location, the partial manual count is not open to the public. Only authorized individuals may be present during the partial manual count.

Authorized Personnel: The General Custodian must be present along with any staff they designate to assist with the partial manual count. Each candidate in the election is entitled to be present and to have a representative present. A representative must deliver a certificate of appointment to the general custodian at the time the representative reports for service. The certificate must be in writing and must include:

1. Loretta Mason, Kelsey Gates and Raven McPherson will be doing the partial count. *March 5, 2024 Primary Election*
2. For the ~~November 2, 2021 Constitutional Amendment~~.
3. We will be doing a partial manual count on Boxes ordered by the Secretary of State'sP office, early votes, election day and ballots by mail.

Ballot Box Entry: The general custodian of election records is authorized to enter into the ballot box or container containing election records for the purpose of the partial manual count. When the count has been completed, the records shall be restored to their secured condition for the preservation period. (213.007). The general custodian of election records shall track chain of custody of ballot boxes, and document the breaking of any tamper evident seals used on ballot boxes.



Loretta Mason

Elections Administrator