

**McIntosh County Board of Elections and Registration**  
**Special Called Meeting**  
**October 21, 2024**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**Agenda**

David Gardner Called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Attending: David Gardner - CHAIRMAN, Mary Fly – SECRETARY, Emily Holcomb, Rhoda Stachur, Toniae Thomas, Doll Gale – ELECTION SUPERVISOR and Jason Nix,- ATTORNEY. Mr. Gardner recognized that there was a quorum.

**Agenda Item:**

The purpose of this meeting is to approve a pre-certification audit of the Sheriff's contest in the November 5th election.

Emily Holcomb made the following motion to approve a Pre-Certification Audit of the Sheriff's contest in the November 5<sup>th</sup> General Election:

The McIntosh County Board of Elections shall conduct a hand count audit of every ballot, sometimes called an Extreme Risk Limiting Audit, cast in the Sheriff's contest of the November 5<sup>th</sup> General Election.

The purpose of the audit is to build public confidence in our elections.

The time and place of the audit shall be Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at the Board of Elections office at 103 Jefferson Street, Darien, Georgia. A notice shall be published in The Darien News and any other place the Elections Supervisor deems necessary or appropriate.

The manner of the audit shall be the utilization of four teams of two to count, overseen by the Elections Supervisor supported by the Elections office staff, and observed by Elections Board members and any interested members of the public. The count teams shall comprise four volunteers from each political party represented on the Board.

Prior to the day of the audit, the Elections Supervisor shall coordinate with one Board member from each party to design an efficient process for the count. A Board member may take the lead if necessary due to the daily election responsibilities of the Supervisor. The process for counting shall be easy to explain, and to execute, by any person with basic math and writing skills.

Prior to the unsealing of the ballots on November 7<sup>th</sup>, the Elections Supervisor shall administer the oath taken by all poll workers to the count volunteers and explain the audit process to them.

After the completion of the audit, the Elections Supervisor shall prepare a report comparing election day machine tallies with the hand counted audit tallies. Any discrepancies shall be specifically noted with an explanation when possible. The audit

report shall be kept on file with other records from the 2024 General Election and for the same required period, and shall be available for public inspection. A copy shall be provided to each Board member, to each Candidate upon request, and to The Darien News for publication.

After much discussion a vote was taken; the results are as follows:

David Gardner – no vote

Mary Fly – No

Emily Holcomb – Yes


Rhoda Stachur – No

Toniae Thomas – No

Motion failed.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Rhoda Stachur and seconded by Emily Holcomb. Meeting adjourned at 6:43pm.

  
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DAVID GARDNER, CHAIRMAN

  
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MARY FLY, SECRETARY