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St. Charles County Completes Hand Count Audit of Election Day Vote

St. Charles County, Mo—A hand count audit of a sampling of votes from Election Day in St. Charles County has been completed, showing the hand count perfectly matches the machine count.

Director of Elections Kurt Bahr issued a statement:

“Each team of judges found the Election Day totals matched their count. It took nine teams six hours to complete this hand count audit,” Bahr says.

The routine process, mandated by the State of law, began at 9 o’clock this morning, when a Republican and Democratic volunteer helped randomly pick which nine of the more than 100 precincts would be audited.

The counting took place in an open area of the Election Authority with members of the public watching, as the bi-partisan teams went through boxes of ballots to tally the results for the races and ballot issues.

“One of the things we do is not give them the vote totals from election night until after they have finished the hand count, so there’s no way they could try to make the numbers match,” Bahr says.

A record number of people—228,700—cast their ballots in St. Charles County during the absentee voting period through Election Day.

That breaks the earlier record of 223,533 voters set in November 2020. Voter turnout in St. Charles County was 76%, slightly lower than 2020 due to increased voter registrations.

There are currently 301,218 registered voters in St. Charles County. Of those, 76,338 voted before Election Day, while 152,362 voted on Election Day.

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About St. Charles County:

St. Charles County, Missouri, founded in 1812, is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri. With a population of over 415,000, it is the state’s third largest county. It is home to 21 scenic county parks of which three are in reserve, encompassing 4,509 acres.

With one of the largest economies in the state, St. Charles County is home to multinational companies including General Motors, Citi, MasterCard Worldwide and Boeing. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.

St. Charles County Government has more than 1,170 employees in more than 30 departments and offices who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop. For more information, please visit sccmo.org.