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Sample Hand-to-Eye Count to be Held at Board of Elections

March 5, 2020, Monroe, NC – A sample hand-to-eye count of paper ballots from the March 3, 2020 Primary Election will be conducted at the Union County Board of Elections at 316-B East Windsor Street in Monroe at 9 a.m. on Friday, March 6. The sample audit count is open to the public.

In every election, a mandatory sample hand-to-eye audit count (NC GS 163-182.1.(b)(1)) is performed by each county in North Carolina. The sample audit count is a comparison of the machine counts with hand-to-eye counts completed as a test to ensure voting equipment read voter's choices accurately.

The sample for this election, chosen randomly by the State Board of Elections, will consist of all votes cast at Precinct #009 Beaver Lane VFD and Precinct #042 New Salem Baptist Church. The contest to be counted is the Presidential Preference for all five parties.

A bi-partisan team of four officials, two each from the Democratic and Republican parties, will conduct the count. One official from each of the two parties will act as reader/observer with one person reading the vote out loud and the other observing to ensure the correct vote was read out loud. Two officials, one from each of the two parties, record the tally of votes for each candidate on paper and on every fifth vote will state aloud "tally".

Union County sends the machine counts and hand counts to the state along with an explanation of any anomalies. Union County also sends names of the bi-partisan volunteers who counted the votes.

For more information, call the Union County Board of Elections at 704-283-3809 or email union.boe@unioncountync.gov.

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