

Board of Elections & Registrations
Irwin County Georgia

**Announcement of Certification Meeting, Results Audit
and High-Resolution Ballot Scanning Ceremonies**

The next meeting of the Irwin County Board of Elections will be at the Elections and Registrations office at 225 E 4th St, Ocilla, GA 31774 on Friday, May 24th, 2024 at 5:15 PM.

At the meeting we will be certifying the results of the May 21st, 2024 General Primary, Nonpartisan General and Special Election.

This notice also serves to announce the conduction of a Risk Limiting Audit (RLA) of the results of the May 21st, 2024 General Primary, Nonpartisan General and Special Election exceeding the procedures outlined in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-498. Instead of only auditing randomly selected batches as is regular state procedure, the Irwin County Board of Elections and Registrations will hand-audit **ALL BALLOTS** cast in this election.

Beginning at 9:00am on Tuesday May 28th, 2024, staff of the Irwin County Board of Elections and Registrations, as well as one additional witness to ensure the minimum of three persons present during any handling of voted ballots in accordance with state law, will separate the batches of ballots cast into sub-batches to assist with consistent hand-auditing. At this time, we will also scan all ballots cast at a minimum resolution of 600dpi, as required for open records requests due to recently passed legislation. This process is open for observation by any member of the public, and all interested persons may do so at our office located at 225 E 4th St, Ocilla, GA 31774.

Starting at 9:00am and projected to end at 4:00pm, breaking between Noon and 2pm, on Thursday May 30th at the Irwin County Commission Meeting Room located at 225 E 4th St, Ocilla, GA 31774, eight auditor teams of two as supplied by the **Irwin County Republican and Democratic Parties** will be handed batches to hand count the results of all contested races on the ballot, having to come to a consensus in order for a ballot to be tallied as a vote for that specific selection until all ballots are tallied in this method.

The results from the hand-tallied batches will then be compared to those reported by our county's tabulators to ensure their accuracy with the purpose to prove a greater level of confidence in the accuracy of our election results.

All members of the press, of both county parties and members of the public are invited to observe this auditing process and help us verify the accuracy of the results we report as part of our service and duty to the people of Irwin County.

Ethan Compton, Irwin County Election Supervisor