

Talbot County Board of Canvassers
215 Bay St., Suite 7
Easton, MD 21601

Thursday, November 07, 2024- Pre-Mail-in Ballot Canvass Day 4

ATTENDEES

Board of Canvassers:

Name	Position	Party
Susan J. MacKinnon	Board President	Democratic
Denise Lovelady	Board Vice President	Republican
Barbara H. Perry	Board Secretary	Democratic
Gugy Irving, III	Board Member	Republican
Walter W. Black	Board Member	Democratic

Additional Attendee:

Lyndsey Ryan, Board Attorney.

LBE Staff (in person):

Name	Position
Tammy Stafford	Election Director
Donna Kegley-Hacker	Election Program Manager II
Fred Gleockler	Election Program IT Specialist II
Jim Butts	County Tech
Marianne Miles	County Support Tech

Public:

Name	Position
Renaë Bozarth	Citizen/Observer
Gary Judy	Citizen/Observer
Jennifer B. Voshell	Citizen/Observer
Charles E. Yonkers	Citizen/Observer
Cindy Wright	Citizen/Observer
Catherine Nobles	Citizen/Observer
Lori Stepp	Citizen/Observer

All canvassing teams, duplicating team members, and ballot scanner operating team members in attendance are listed under the Canvass Participants section below.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM PRESENT

RECONVENING THE MEETING

The meeting was scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. However, it was delayed because Election Director Tammy Stafford had a report that she had to review in preparation for this canvass.

Updated: 10/09/2024

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The mail-in ballot canvass was reconvened on Thursday, November 07, 2024, at 9:54 a.m. in the Talbot County Board of Elections Training Room, 215 Bay St., Suite 7, Easton, MD 21601. A quorum of the Board of Canvassers was present, and at least one member of the Board of Canvassers who is a registered voter of the principal minority party was present.

Tammy Stafford announced that the Board of Canvassers had met previously for MIB1 on 10/15/2024, 10/17/2024, and 10/22/2024.

CONFIRMATION OF OATH

Kathi Dulin Duvall, the Clerk of the Court for Talbot County, administered and recorded the oath of each member of the Board of Canvassers on Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS

At a meeting on Monday, April 22, 2024, the Board of Canvassers elected Walter W. Black as Chairperson of the Board of Canvassers and Talbot County LBE staff member Donna Kegley-Hacker as Secretary.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CANVASS

Tammy Stafford noted that public notice of the mail-in ballot canvass was provided and that the notice was provided by posting the notice on the main door to the building and the main door to the office, as well as posted on the website. In addition, written notification was provided to the Maryland State Board of Elections, the Democratic Central Committee, the Republican Central Committee, and candidates.

VERIFICATION OF THE SCANNING UNIT(S)

On 10/15/2024, Tammy Stafford presented documents to the Board of Canvassers showing that the ballot scanner(s) being used in the canvass successfully passed Logic and Accuracy Testing on 09/16/2024 and the BMDs on 09/13/2024. Tammy Stafford reported that the memory sticks(s) created for this canvass was/were placed in the ballot scanner(s) and sealed. Tammy Stafford provided the Board of Canvassers with the results from the Logic and Accuracy Testing. Tammy Stafford noted the Ballot Scanner Serial Number(s) and Seal Numbers from the Logic and Accuracy Testing documentation for each ballot scanner being used in the canvass.

Tammy Stafford & Fred Gleockler verified that the seal(s) on the ballot scanner(s) was/were intact and recorded the scanner's serial number and seal number on the Scanning Unit Opening Integrity Report. Tammy Stafford & Fred Gleockler noted that the ballot

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scanner('s/s') serial number(s) and seal number(s) from Logic and Accuracy Testing matched the ballot scanner('s/s') serial number(s) and seal number(s) before the canvass began.

The Board of Canvassers confirmed that the count(s) on the ballot scanner(s) was/were zero. Marianne Miles posted one copy of the Zero Report from the ballot scanner(s) on the inside wooden door, visible through the outside glass door of the training room. Tammy Stafford printed a second copy of the Zero Report, which remained attached to the ballot scanner(s). The Board of Canvassers signed the Zero Report attached to the ballot scanner(s). Tammy Stafford also confirmed that the ballot boxes were empty.

A copy of the *Scanning Unit Opening Integrity Report* is attached to the minutes.

CANVASSING OF BALLOTS

Overview of Canvass Process

Tammy Stafford explained the rules concerning public observation of the canvass. Tammy Stafford provided an overview of the canvassing process and noted that the rules were posted in the canvass room. Ballots were distributed to the ballot processing canvassing teams in batches. Each canvassing team reviewed the envelope first to determine whether it was timely received.

For timely received ballots, each canvassing team determined whether the voter signed the oath. After verifying that the oath is signed, each canvassing team opened the envelopes. With the envelope face down, each canvassing team removed the ballot, taking care that the envelope stays face down. After removing all of the ballots in the batch, the ballot envelopes were set aside. Each canvassing team reviewed the ballots for compliance and tabulating acceptability.

Web delivered ballots were duplicated by a bi-partisan ballot duplication team and verified for accuracy.

Ballots that were untimely or otherwise not in compliance were placed in a folder/envelope, with the canvassing team's number, or other information identifying the canvassing team to which the ballot belonged, and the reason(s) for the referral written on the envelope. The envelope with the ballots inside was referred to the Board of Canvassers for later review.

Those timely ballots that were in compliance and could be read by the ballot scanner were referred to the Board of Canvassers for acceptance.

The Board of Canvassers ruled on whether to accept or unanimously reject the referred ballots.

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Tammy Stafford explained the process to provide information to the Board of Canvassers or challenged a decision of the Board.

Canvass Participants

Canvasser	Names of Ballot Processing Canvassing Teams
Team #1	Susan J. MacKinnon & Denise Lovelady
Team #2	Barbara Perry & Gagy Irving, III
Team #3	Walter W. Black & Bill Ewing
Team #4	Cynthia Cooper-Smothers & Beth Shortall
Team #5	Virginia Hayman & Joann Genova

Team	Names of Bi-Partisan Duplicating Team Members
Team #1	Cynthia Cooper-Smothers & Beth Shortall
Team #2	Virginia Hayman & Joann Genova

Team	Names of Ballot Scanner Operating Team
Team #1	Fred Gleockler, with Marianne Miles providing relief
Team #2	Jim Butts, with Marianne Miles providing relief

Edward Forte operated the envelope opening machine.

Canvassing of Ballots

Denise Lovelady made a motion to accept and approve the opening and tabulation of the ballots. Susan J. MacKinnon seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. At 10:27 a.m. the distribution of ballots began.

Challenges During Canvass

There were no challenges brought forth in the canvass.

A copy of the *Scanning Unit Closing Integrity Report* is attached to the minutes.

Canvass Closing

After scanning all accepted mail-in ballots, Tammy Stafford & Fred Gleockler verified the total public count matched the amount of ballots canvassed. Tammy Stafford & Fred Gleockler then closed the machines and printed the reports. The Board of Canvassers signed the totals tapes from today's canvass and these were posted on the inside wooden door, visible through the outside glass door of the training room. Fred Gleockler will upload the results from today's canvass this afternoon.

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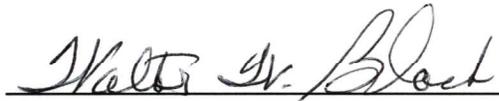
DAILY CANVASSING STATISTICS

Mail-In Ballot Canvass Statistics- Day 1	Number of Ballots
Total Ballots Presented	1375
Accepted Ballots	1373
Rejected Ballots	0
Ballots held over by the Board of Canvassers (if applicable)	2 to cure

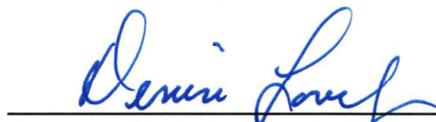
RECESS

The canvass recessed at 1:30 p.m. and will reconvene on Wednesday, November 7, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Submitted by,



Walter W. Black, Board of Canvassers Chair



Denise Lovelady, Member

Scanning Unit Opening Integrity Report
2024 Presidential General Election

County: **TALBOT COUNTY**

Date: **November 5, 2024**

District/Ward/Precinct: **Mail-in Ballots – MIB-1 FINAL CANVASS DAY 4 November 7, 2024**

- Put all security seals you remove in the used seal bag.
- Attach the *Zero Report* and *Configuration Report* from each scanning unit to this report. *Remove Report* and explain why the tamper tape or seal was removed.
- Post a *Zero Report* from each scanning unit for public viewing on Day 1.

Scanning Unit #	A. Main Ballot Box Security Seal # (Do Not Remove)		B. New Main Ballot Box Security Seal #		C. Emergency Ballot Compartment Security Seal # (Do Not Remove)		D. New Emergency Ballot Compartment Security Seal #		E. Left Case Seal # (Do Not Remove)		F. Right Case Seal # (Do Not Remove)	
	Verify		Verify		Verify		Verify		Verify		Verify	
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6906710	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6906183	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0803106	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0803165
2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6906200	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6906972	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0803171	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0803172

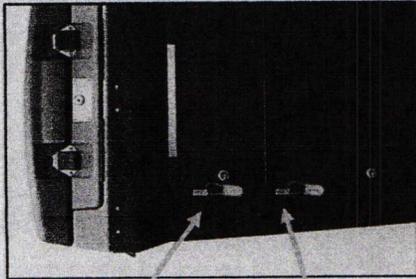
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	Verify		Verify		Verify		Verify		Verify		Verify	
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6906258	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DS0315320970	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	21-211009	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	21-20977	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	24,727
2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6906268	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DS0315331469	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	21-211010	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	21-20978	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9,468

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Republican Chief Judge: *[Signature]*

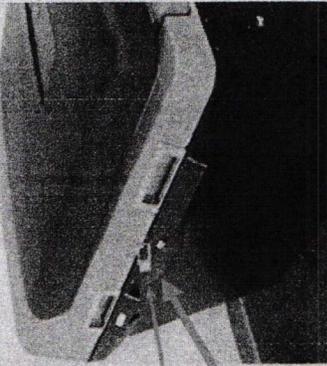
Opening
Tamper Tape and Security Seal Location Diagram



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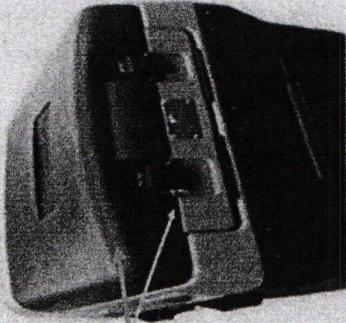
A & B

Left case seal
(column E).
Right case seal on
opposite side is not
shown (column F).

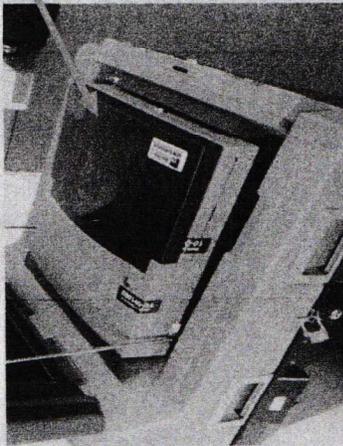


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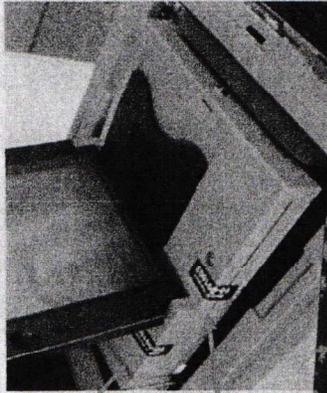
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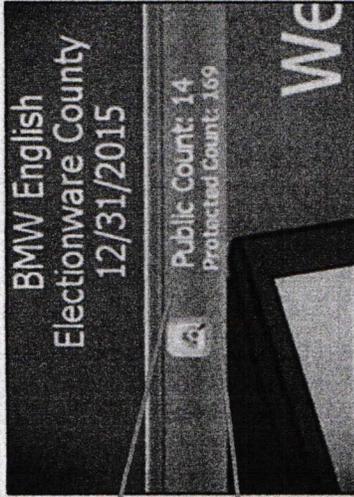


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BMW English
Electionware County
12/31/2015
Public Count: 14
Protected Count: 169
WE

Scanning Unit Closing Integrity Report
2024 Presidential General Election

County: TALBOT COUNTY

Date: Nov. 5, 2024

District/Ward/Precinct: Mail-in Ballots-1 - MIB-1 FINAL CANVASS Day 4 Thursday, November 7, 2024

Complete all gray areas as needed for each table.

Scanning Unit #	A. Emergency Ballot Compartment Security Seal # (Do Not Remove)	B. Main Ballot Box Security Seal #	C. Public Count	D. Protected Count	E. Rear Access Door Tamper Tape # (Do Not Remove)	F. Front Access Door
1	Record N/A	Record N/A	Record 530	Record 25,257	Verify 21-20883 <i>See opening</i>	n/a
2	Record N/A	Record N/A	Record 843	Record 10311	Record 21-20884	n/a

Scanning Unit #	Post E.D. Canvasses UPLOAD to SWEM Daily Do not remove until All power is off		H. New Scanning Unit Lid Seal #	I. Tamper Tape on Front of Ballot Transfer Bin	J. Tamper Tape on Rear of Ballot Transfer Bin	Number of MIB's scanned today
	Memory Stick --	Verified upon removal:	Record	Record	Record	
1	AA040127000 32861	MIB-1 Stick 2	Record 6906770	Record	Record	530
2	AN040127000 32870	MIB-1 Stick 2	Record 6906062	Record	Record	843

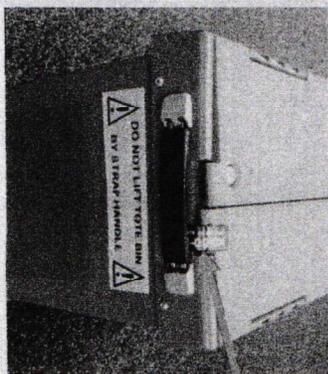
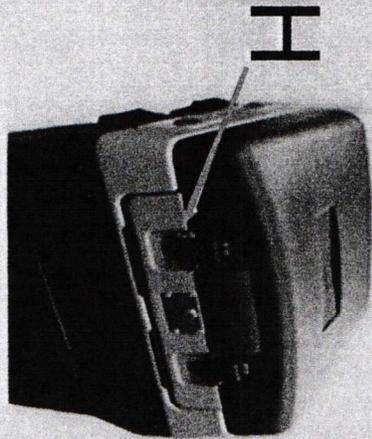
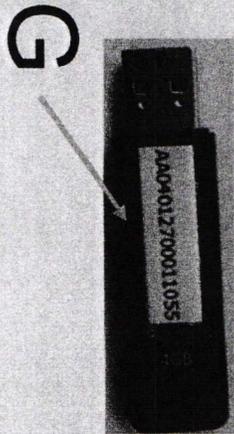
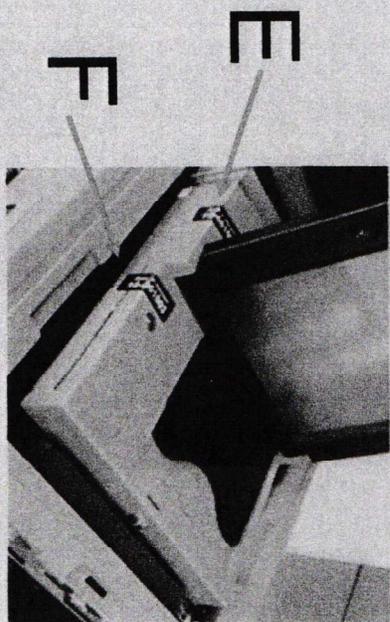
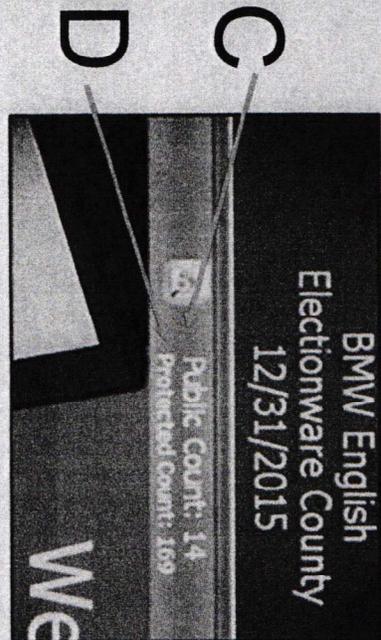
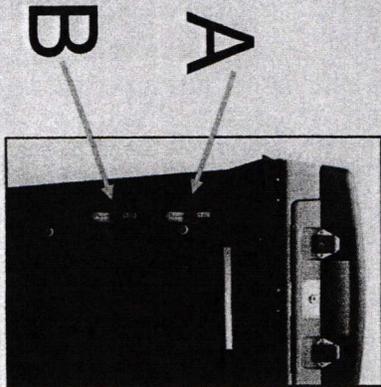
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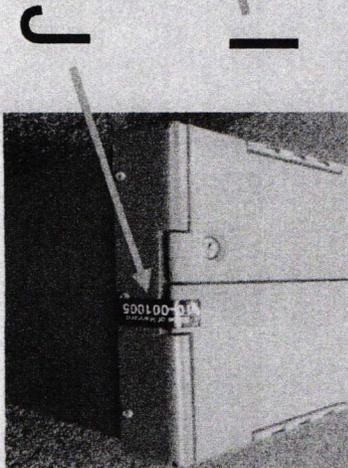
Democrat: *[Signature]*

Republican: *[Signature]*

Closing Tamper Tape and Security Seal Location Diagram



Front with Handle



Rear

K → Count the number of VACs from the scanning unit VAC envelope.



F Department Tamper Tape