

To ensure the integrity and accuracy of unofficial election results of the Kansas Primary Election, the Cherokee County Clerk's Office recently conducted a post audit of election ballots cast.

As a result of the audit, Cherokee County Clerk Rebecca Brassart discovered that the thumb drives improperly switched votes cast for incumbent District 1 County Commissioner Myra Frazier and attributed them to challenger Lance Nichols.

"The integrity of our elections is of the utmost importance to me and the team within the County Clerk's Office. Upon discovering the improper programming, I immediately contacted representatives of Atchison Kansas based Lockwood Elections, who is responsible for programming the thumb drives used in our elections. The company recognized their error, and my office has since re-tabulated the ballots by a hand count audit, which resulted in Commissioner Frazier retaining her party's nomination for the November General Election later this year. The commission race was the only one impacted by the company's error and I have already visited with both candidates impacted," according to County Clerk Rebecca Brassart.

"This is a good example of why we verify the accuracy of election results by conducting a post audit of election results, regardless of what the unofficial election night numbers might indicate. I again want to assure the citizens of Cherokee County how important election accuracy is to me and reiterate my commitment to ensuring every valid vote is properly counted," concluded Brassart.