

Franklin County

Audit Date: Monday, June 1, 2026

Contest Audited: State Senate, Legislative District 28

Precincts Audited: 01 Preston, 02 Preston, 03 Preston, 05 Preston, 06 Banida, 07 Clifton, 10 Franklin, 11 Mapleton, 12 Mink Creek, 13 Cleveland, 14 Treasureton, 15 Weston, 16 Whitney, 17 Worm Creek

Tabulation Method: Central Count Scanner

Findings: For the canvassed results, Franklin County reported 2,105 ballots cast within the selected precincts audited. The audited results compared to the canvassed results for the selected contest are as follows:

County Canvass Ballots Reported	2,105
Ballots Audited	2,105
Total Voters Recorded	2,104

<i>Party</i>	Candidate Names/ Type of Votes	Hand Count Audit Tally	Canvassed Results
<i>REP</i>	David Worley	945	945
<i>REP</i>	Jim Guthrie	961	961
<i>DEM</i>	Mandy Peace	45	45
<i>N/A</i>	Under Vote	90	90
<i>N/A</i>	Over Vote	2	2
<i>N/A</i>	Ballots Without Audited Contest	62	62
Total Votes		2,105	2,105

Discussion:

The audited ballots matched those reported in the canvass.

In Precinct 05 Preston, the total number of ballots cast was one higher than the voter history count. Poll workers reported that, at one point during the day, ballots were sticking together when being issued to voters. Election officials believe that a voter was accidentally given two ballots and the extra ballot was not returned, which could explain the discrepancy between the ballot count and voter history.

Recommendations:

The Secretary of State's Office recommends continued poll worker training on ballot issuance procedures and providing poll workers with rubber finger grips to help prevent multiple ballots from being inadvertently issued to a voter.