



**Media Advisory**

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**Office of the Crawford County Clerk**

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## **Preliminary Results – Ballots Yet To Count**

The Crawford County Clerk's Office wants to remind the public that the final results of the 2021 General Election held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, will not be determined until the Board of Canvassers (Commissioners) meet on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 9:00 AM. There should be over 100 more ballots to count before the results are finalized. This is a breakdown of the ballots yet to be counted.

**Advance ballots by mail.** We have already tabulated 608 ballots returned to us through the mail or deposited in our 2 ballot drop boxes. We have also tabulated 209 ballots voted in advance at the Homer Cole Center and at our office in the Girard Courthouse. These are already included in our Unofficial Results from Election Day along with all the ballots tabulated in our polling places on election day. We still have 13 ballots to process that were sent by mail to voters and were left at our polling places on election day, in accordance with KSA 25-1132. We also have ballots that were picked up from our 2 drop boxes at 7:00 PM on election day and ballots that were received in the mail today with a postmark indicating the post office received them on or before election day.

We will process these ballots today and update our Unofficial Results on our website by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, November 3, 2021. There will be approximately 35 votes from all across the county that will be added to the Unofficial Results at that time. We will update our Unofficial Results on our website again by 5:00 PM on Friday, November 5, 2021, with all advance ballots received through the mail by 4:00 PM on Friday, November 5, 2021, that have a postmark that indicate that they were mailed by November, 2, 2021.

**Provisional Ballots.** Provisional Ballots are ballots that are cast by voters because there was some kind of issue with their voter registration information at the polling place. Most of these ballots are for people that are registered but they have a different address, their name has changed (usually due to marriage), they had an advance ballot sent out for them through the



mail, they don't have a valid photo ID, they went to the wrong polling place or they are not listed as a registered voter in the poll book. Usually, 50 % to 75% of these ballots are due to changes in name or address of the voter and these ballots will be counted.

Our office will review the issues that caused the voter to vote a provisional ballot.

We will make a recommendation to count or not count each ballot to the Board of Canvassers when we meet with them on November 9, 2021. Each of these ballots remain sealed in an envelope until the Board of Canvassers gives us permission to count them. We only open the envelopes containing ballots that we are allowed to count at the canvass and the votes on those ballots are added to the Unofficial Results to arrive at the Official Election Results.

There are approximately 115 provisional ballots from election day to process and we estimate that 75% or more will be recommended for counting. Our early counts indicate that approximately 70 of the provisional ballots are from Pittsburg polling places and the other 45 are from the other polling places in the county. We will not know how many of these ballots will actually be counted and which races are affected until we meet with the Board of Canvassers on November 9.

***Please call the Office of the Crawford County Clerk if you have any questions or concerns about the remaining ballots to be counted or with any other questions.***