

## Summary of Poll Watching 10-31-12

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1. Observed operations at the Ballot Processing facility at the Boulder County Clerk's election facility from 12:45 pm until about 8:00 pm.
2. **I was told before I went into the ballot processing area that we would be permitted to perform immediate challenges in the signature verification process. Mary Beth didn't know anything about this and said she would have to talk to Molly who was not available.**
3. About 12:45 in the opening area 5 tables of 4 people were busy opening envelopes and removing ballots. I noticed a backlog of about 45 trays of 150 envelopes waiting to be opened. This must be the backlog created yesterday with problems with the B&H scanner/ sorter.
4. **When observing the signature verification process, I noticed that when the expanded screen was brought up the envelope image appeared to have a clear white background including the area around the signature. Why is that image have a clear background yet the small image of the "Captured image" used on the screen of 4 for signature have such a dark gray background?**
5. About 1:35 there was a B&H "Error" message that popped up on the screen of the workstation just right of the door inside the signature Verification room. **Both B&H technicians were called in and they weren't able to solve the problem.** The young lady that is normally in the locked room next to the B&H hardware came to the rescue. She was able to get what looked like the "VBM" software going again.
6. **Multiple times the operators turned off the monitors at their workstation so I could not read the screen.** I asked Mary Beth about this and she said that was only being done when there isn't anyone at the workstation. There were many times when one person walked away that the monitor was turned off when there was still a person at the workstation. To me this appeared as a continuation of the effort to hide as much as they could from us watchers. I think the process should be as open and visible as possible. Why should they be trying to hide anything from us?
7. It appeared to me that at times a staff person (such as Crystal?) was acting as a team member in the bi-partisan team activities. Is that staff person an unaffiliated person?
8. About 2:34 a workstation in Signature Verification area processing UOCAVA ballots using the SCORE systems **locked up**.

9. About 2:57 in the opening area several people were comparing envelopes to a list. I asked what was happening and Mary Beth said she didn't know.
- 10. About 2:46 I noticed two people with same last name of "Ladd", Ann and Kristan. I think one was rejected but didn't get a good look at signatures.**
11. About 3:27 the B&H technicians were working "under the hood" again.
12. About 3:31 one B&H technician said, "**all wires rerouted**" on the console end. What level and kind of modification was being performed?
13. About 3:54 Larry pointed out a team of two were using two workstations to verify signature. This turned out to be second pass checking previously rejected signatures. The second workstation was connected to SCORE. I think that may have been a staff person operating the SCORE system.
14. About 5:30 I started watching the **Ballot Resolution** process for the first time.
15. The questionable ballots are placed on top of normal ballots when scanned by the Kodak scanner. They are turned end for end to aid the staff in separating them later. It appears that ballots are scanned only once contrary to what I had observed on first day of scanning.
- 16. I noticed several ballots did not have a block printed for each candidate.** In those cases the voter filled in the existing box. I did not see any marking where the missing box should have been. This is a problem in printing the ballots. But I wonder if that could be a miscast vote for those candidates. Maybe they need to reexamine all images for this problem and notify the applicable candidates. This is something that should be watched for by other watchers and witnesses when observing the resolution process.
17. As a side note , my wife was a watcher at the Longmont annex and **observed voters being given SAMPLE ballots but the voters seemed to catch this before using the ballot.** But how would a ballot marked SAMPLE be processed if they actual got in the ballot process.