

# THE **WATCHDAWG** REPORT

## HAND COUNTING PAPER BALLOTS ALREADY IN MISSOURI

**DID YOU KNOW:** Missouri election law (1977 legislation) states that individual counties have the right to make their own decisions about how they tally votes?

Worth County, MO, has been utilizing a hand count system in their small county for the past ten years. And on April 4, 2023, in Osage County MO, residents were introduced to the new hand-count system in a statewide election. Instead of watching their ballots being inserted into a machine, voters instead dropped their ballots into a secure ballot box and trusted the teams of Democrats and Republicans who volunteered to count their ballots, in the open, at the same facility where they voted. All votes were counted, certified, and reported to the clerk's office before day's end. It was discovered that the Osage County Clerk has probably violated statute by opening certified ballots during the verification process which should involve only military, overseas, and provisional ballots. There is an investigation underway by the county sheriff, and ongoing discussion with the Secretary of State's Office.

The right to cast a legal vote and have it legally counted is one of the MOST IMPORTANT FREEDOMS that We the People exercise. By now, most of us have realized that this FREEDOM has been corrupted to its core, and most likely has been so for more than just our recent elections. The exposure of George Soros money, the state's Uniparty of paid politicians with their blatant disregard for the people's wishes, and the suspect justice system that redistricts counties for the Uniparty's continued control has opened the eyes of this sleeping population.

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## Camden County

Last month, The Watchdawg surfaced concerns about the absence of promised improvement with county purchasing processes. In June, proposed bids for auctioneer and auditing services received zero bids for consideration. You can watch the June 27<sup>th</sup> Commissioner meeting where the lack of bids was addressed. Instructions to view the meeting are at the bottom of this page.

Regarding the Auctioneer bid, the Presiding Commission said, "We have put out requests for bids from auctioneers."

He means an advertisement was placed in the classifieds in one local paper asking for a full bid response without a bidders list compiled or a bid package created.

He continues, "We received nothing. We then contacted individually several different auctioneers and we finally got one return. That was Bryant Auction. So, we're probably gonna go with them and have them auction off that piece of property. We've gone through the proper procedures to do what we need to do, and we just haven't come up with anything."

The Commissioner's understanding appears to be that one newspaper advertisement, with no bidders list and no bid package prepared, is the proper procedure. Once the ad has run, they apparently believe they can just call and give the contract to whomever they choose.

As an experiment, I completed a 15-minute on-line search and two phone calls. I found two real estate qualified auctioneer services that would like to be on a bidders list for Camden County. One is in Greenvew, and one is in Jefferson City. Bryant Auction is great, and I'm sure would have been happy to respond to an ethical RFQ (Request for Quote) had they received a legitimate bid package. Bidders Lists are not used in our county process.

The Commission meeting can be viewed at [www.camdenmo.org](http://www.camdenmo.org), Choose Departments in the top menu. Choose Commissioner in the drop-down menu. Scroll down and click on "View Past Meetings," June 27.

Case in point, on June 14th, the Federal District Court for the Northern District of Georgia unsealed the 96-page Halderman Report – the Security Analysis of Georgia’s ImageCast X Ballot Marking Devices – which Secretary of State Raffensberger had been hiding for 2 years. From Prof. Halderman, “The known breaches in Georgia would be sufficient to uncover and exploit every vulnerability we found—and likely others we missed. Yet MITRE’s (a non-profit researcher funded by the federal government) risk assessment assumes that Georgia perfectly protects the equipment from illicit access across all of its 159 counties.”

In addition, SOS Raffensberger announced the state will not get around to installing security patches on the machines until AFTER the 2024 election.

Research at: <https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2023/06/update-halderman-report-reveals-georgias-dominion-voting-machines/>

General Michael Flynn has had one message that has been resonating throughout the country: “Local action equals National Impact.” In a recent post on social media, the General has expressed his concern about the 2024 election. He warned that not enough citizens are getting involved in securing their vote. He questions just how bad must it get before people ENGAGE!

A Sunshine request revealed that the majority of MO counties use Unisyn voting machines. Approximately 24 counties use Dominion and a couple use ESS (Election Systems & Software). Camden County uses Unisyn voting machines. Unisyn is owned by International Tabulator whose parent company is registered in Hong Kong and run by a CEO with CCP (Chinese Communist Party) ties. In fact, there is not one voting system that is certified and 100% U.S. manufactured with 100% U.S. components. There is no supply chain security on those components, and NO SYSTEM has been certified past 2005 standards. Listen to Col. Shawn Smith explain the multitude of vulnerabilities in not just our voting systems but in ALL MACHINE VOTING SYSTEMS:

<https://frankspeech.com/video/return-hand-counting-webinar-clip-col-shawn-smith>

If you are a regular reader of the Watchdawg Report, you are already part of the active community of local citizens. We have an opportunity to establish a clear and powerful public mandate to urge our County Clerk, Rowland Todd to remove the Unisyn voting machines and return to hand counting at the polling stations.

Citizens in Camden County who support paper ballots intend to petition our county commissioners and county clerk to update our voting process so that fraud cannot occur in Camden County. If you have an opinion to share and/or are interested in supporting this effort, please advise in an email to [contact@watchdawgreport.com](mailto:contact@watchdawgreport.com) with “Ballots” in the subject line.

Note to Readers – I (Jennie Wall) am proud to include this article from a local Camden County Contributor. While I did not write this article, I 100% support the effort to bring hand counted paper ballots to Camden County. We have an opportunity to become another example of a county that runs legitimate elections.

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This month, I thought I'd ask about the county asset inventory. It's another sore spot that was highlighted by those seeking to replace the previous commission. A summary of these emails might be viewed as biased (not to mention you might miss the humor), so I've copied/pasted most of the actual emails for you to see. I sent a Sunshine Request to the County Clerk's Office asking about the county's asset inventory list. Here's the contents of my first email:

*Under the auspices of the RSMo guide on sunshine requests, please provide the following:*

*A digital or paper of the Camden County Asset Inventory List.*

*Please let me know as soon as possible who will be my contact for this delivery, and the pathway for escalation if not delivered within three days. Also, it's important that fees for providing the document be shared back to me prior to the work being done. I would like to receive the inventory document as it exists today, not an updated copy based on work performed following submission of this request.*

**Keep in mind, I requested a digital or paper copy of the inventory as it existed that day.** The simple answer would have been to let me know that complete inventory information does not exist, and maybe a timeline for when they were working on it. Instead, I received an email from County Attorney Jeff Green letting me know that asset inventory meant different things to different people and could I be more specific in my request.

In response to the County Attorney, here's my second email:

*Here's the statute regarding the inventory. Looks like everything originally worth over \$1000 should be on a list owned by the auditor. If Camden County doesn't have this, they should...or am I missing something? There was huge hoopla the last year or so about the lack of a comprehensive inventory of automobiles and other valuable items.*

*55.160. Duties (second classification and certain first classification counties). — The auditor of each county of the first classification not having a charter form of government and of each county of the second classification shall keep an inventory of all county property under the control and management of the various officers and departments and shall annually take an inventory of such property at an original value of one thousand dollars or more showing the amount, location, and estimated value thereof.*

*I'm sorry my requests have landed in your lap. I would expect the responsible elected office holder to respond directly. They know these statutes better than any of us. The Sunshine request would ideally go from the clerk's office to the auditor's office, and a response provided based on the county's process and documentation compared to the statute. What seems simple is apparently not.*

Response by County Attorney Jeff Green:

*If I'm not mistaken, I believe it is your intent to help the county to improve itself and become more efficient with taxpayer funds. Therefore, before I simply provide a response, I need to provide a little background.*

*When the County was a 3<sup>rd</sup> Class County Inventory was a responsibility of the Purchasing Department. When Camden County became a 1<sup>st</sup> Class County no changes were made to that process with apparent acquiescence to continue that process and procedure. During the 2018 State Audit the State Auditor identified the issue and recommended the current process remain in place until new accounting software could be fully implemented.*

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*That software implementation was accomplished and many improvements to many processes and procedures continue; the full implementation of Inventory Control being one of those efforts Camden County is pursuing. In the meantime, Inventory has remained with the Purchasing Department.*

*Having said that, Inventory Control/Management remains a multi-level and often times cumbersome process; there is not a simple report that can be generated from the “system” In order to fulfill your request. It is estimated it will take approximately 3 days (21 hours) of time to provide these documents at an average salary of \$16.67/hour. It is also estimated the report will consist of approximately 10,500 pages of paper at ten cents per page (\$0.10). Therefore, the cost to provide this information based on these estimates is \$1,500.00 for the paper, \$341.67 for labor, for a total of \$1,841.67.*

*If you would still like us to provide this information, please forward your payment of \$1,841.67 and we will get started on this request immediately. If you wish to withdraw your request, please let me know that as well so we can clear this Sunshine Request. Thank you. Jeff, Jeffrey E. Green, Camden County Counselor*

So, for only \$1841.67, one can obtain a paper copy of the incomplete county asset inventory that does not exist in a single database controlled by the auditor. Remember, I requested a digital or paper copy. Readers may draw their own conclusions regarding sarcasm and condescension in the county attorney’s email. I never take anything personally per Agreement Number Two, if you read Don Miguel Ruiz (highly recommended). It’s been a minute since 2018, wouldn’t you say? The same Auditor we have now was in office then. We missed an opportunity for improvement during the 2022 election.

It’s interesting to note that in the list of responsibilities on the County Auditor’s page at camdenmo.org, the final bullet states:

- Keep and perform inventory of all County property under the control and management of the various officers/departments

While the irony is somewhat amusing, this is a serious gap in county business practices for which there is no plan or commitment for improvement. If you consider a well-kept Asset Inventory an important priority within the business of running Camden County, please contact your County Commissioner with a cc to the Auditor’s office and ask them to focus time and effort to complete and maintain an asset inventory per Missouri State Statute. For many of us, Asset Inventory and Purchasing are two critical areas for responsible handling of the taxpayer’s hard-earned dollars that make up the county budget. These process improvements should have been Job One in January 2023.

It was not all that long ago that some Commissioners carried The Watchdawg Report with them and spoke of it as a valuable guide to the concerns of Camden County Citizens. This newsletter’s purpose has not changed. Citizen concerns have not changed. The issues raised here are guidance from Camden County voters to their elected employees. We hope they’ll step up, educate themselves about good business practices, and prioritize documented process improvements within the county purchasing and Auditor’s offices. Minimally, they should research Competitive Bids and Managing by Process Improvement.

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The phone number to the Commissioner’s office is 573-317-3850.