



# Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners' Meeting

June 22, 2021

**Title:** Letter to Michigan Department of State Bureau of Elections- Audit Request

**Summary:** Letter requesting audit of 2020 Presidential Election by conducting the following by an accredited election auditor:

1. Conduct a hand recount of the Cheboygan County presidential ballots and compare the results of that hand recount to the electronic vote results that were reported.
2. Confirm the actual vote tally within Cheboygan County was accurately reported to the state election officials.
3. Confirm whether the County's Dominion vote tabulator and/or Election System and Software machine had a modem installed capable of connecting to the internet. In connection with this question, and more importantly, whether there is any evidence that the County's Dominion vote tabulator and/or Election System and Software machine was actually in communication with any unauthorized computer actually manipulated the actual vote tally within Cheboygan County.

**Financial Impact:**

**Recommendation:** Board Consideration

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Department: Administration- Civil Counsel

June 22, 2021

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SUBJECT: Request by Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners for election audit  
under MCL 168.31a

Dear Mr. Brater:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners. As commissioners, we have heard from many of our constituents expressing concerns/questions related to the November 3, 2020 election. We believe we have a responsibility to address these concerns/questions. We are mindful of the legal requirement under MCL 168.31a to obtain your approval, as the representative of the Secretary of State, to conduct an election audit. Therefore, please accept this letter as the formal request of the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners to conduct an audit of the November 3, 2020 election held within Cheboygan County, under the terms and conditions specified in this letter.

If your approval is granted, Cheboygan County will engage the services of an accredited election auditor such as from Pro V&V or Voting System Test Labs ("VSTLs"). If you would like input concerning the selection of the accredited election auditor, we would be happy to receive your input.

There are three areas of concern that the Board would like to have addressed in the election audit.

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1. Whether the actual vote tally for the presidential election within Cheboygan County was accurately reported by the county's Dominion vote tabulator and Election System and Software machine. We believe the best evidence of this accuracy is to conduct a hand recount of the Cheboygan County presidential election ballots and to compare the results of that hand recount to the electronic vote results that were reported.
2. Whether the actual vote tally for the presidential election within Cheboygan County was accurately reported to the state election officials.
3. Whether the county's Dominion vote tabulator and/or Election System and Software machine had a modem installed capable of connecting to the Internet. In connection with this question, and more importantly, whether there is any evidence that the county's Dominion vote tabulator and/or Election System and Software machine was actually in communication with any unauthorized computer and whether there is any evidence that any unauthorized computer actually manipulated the actual presidential election vote tally within Cheboygan County.

If you have any questions related to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Jeffery B. Lawson, the Cheboygan County Administrator. His telephone number is (231) 627- 8857. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Yours truly,

John B. Wallace, Chairperson  
Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners

cc: Karen L. Brewster, Clerk (via email)