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NEWS RELEASE – ELK RUN HEIGHTS RECOUNT

A recount of the ballots cast in the Elk Run Heights mayoral race has verified the results of that race, confirming that Kristi Lundy will take office as mayor in January.

The Black Hawk County Board of Supervisors declared the election a tie at its official canvass on November 12, with the votes for incumbent Tim Swope and Lundy standing at 130 each, and 73 for former mayor Gary Wurtz. Pursuant to Iowa law, the Board then determined the winner by a random drawing between Swope and Lundy, and Lundy's name was drawn.

A recount is a statutory procedure in which ballots that were voted and counted in a race are counted again, in this case at the request of one of the candidates. A recount board consists of three members: a designee of the candidate requesting the recount, a designee of the apparent winning candidate, and a person chosen jointly by the members designated.

Thursday's recount was conducted at the request of Mayor Swope. The recount board elected to hand-count the ballots from election night and compare the results to the voting machine count. The recount matched the result recorded on election night in every respect. Both the machine count from Tuesday night and the hand count Thursday afternoon showed the following breakdown: Swope, 130. Lundy, 130. Wurtz, 73. Write-in, 0. Undervotes, 1. Overvotes, 0. Total, 334.

The recount was conducted under the supervision of Elections Manager Karen Showalter.

Questions about the recount and other election matters may be directed to the Election Office at 319-833-3007 or election@co.black-hawk.ia.us.