Winnebago County/Town of Algoma Prepares for Pre-Election Testing of Voting Equipment

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Winnebago County/Town of Algoma, Wis. – Residents in Town of Algoma can have a front-row seat as local election officials hold a statutorily required public meeting to conduct pre-election testing of voting equipment that will be used in the November 5 General election.

On October 29, election workers in Town of Algoma will conduct open-to-the-public preelection testing of voting equipment. The testing will take place at Town of Algoma Town Hall at 15 N Oakwood Rd, Oshkosh, WI 54904 at 10:00 a.m.

The testing provides an additional way to ensure that voting machines are working properly, and that the election will be conducted accurately.

By state law, a pre-election test of voting equipment occurs before every election and in every municipality across Wisconsin. In the public tests, voting machine programming is verified by feeding a set of pre-marked ballots into each machine and reviewing the results tape that is generated. An errorless count is required at the conclusion of the testing. According to Wis. Stat. 5.84(1), any anomalies identified in testing must be remedied before the equipment can be used in an election.

More information about audits generally can be found here: https://elections.wi.gov/elections/voting-equipment-wisconsin/voting-equipment-security