

What You Are Observing In The...

Red Room

This is the ballot counting room. Scanning ballots can begin 1-week prior to the Election and continues until the ballots are counted.

There is a PC to your far right. This PC is a stand-alone system (it is not networked to anything outside of this room and has no outside connection at all).

There are at least six optical scanners (more as needed) in this room used for counting ballots. The ballots are fed into each scanner from the right, both sides of the ballot are counted simultaneously by optical scan and are stacked in the hopper to the left after going thru the scanner.

When there is an unreadable ballot or a ballot jam, the scanner will stop and the operator will receive a message. The operator will then determine whether to re-run the ballot or set the ballot aside for reconciliation. Ballots that need reconciliation are marked with the precinct number and other information as needed and placed in a box on top of each scanner. These ballots will go to a reconciliation or duplication board to be resolved and counted later.

On Election Day the ballot scanners are connected to the stand-alone network. Ballot results are available when the polls close Election Night at 8:00 PM.

The counted ballots are stored by precinct on the shelves along the red wall.