Election Absentee Process Audit

JUNE 26TH, 2024

Commissioner Bridget Thorne
District 1

Carter Jones Report

- **Chain of Custody Issues**: Throughout absentee ballot processing, there were frequent chain of custody issues, including ballots being transported in unsecured mail carts and inadequate managerial oversight.
- **Technological and Procedural Errors**: Issues with equipment delivery, ballot processing, and inaccurate terminology usage led to confusion and operational inefficiencies.
- **Transparency and Monitoring**: There were numerous concerns regarding transparency, including controversial decisions like bringing in ballots through back doors and issues with monitoring compliance.
- **Recount Challenges**: Poor record-keeping and procedural errors during the recount process exacerbated challenges, including mixing ballots and technological failures.
- **Runoff Election Challenges**: Communication issues with monitors, accuracy problems with data entry, and concerns over ballot security were highlighted during the runoff election.

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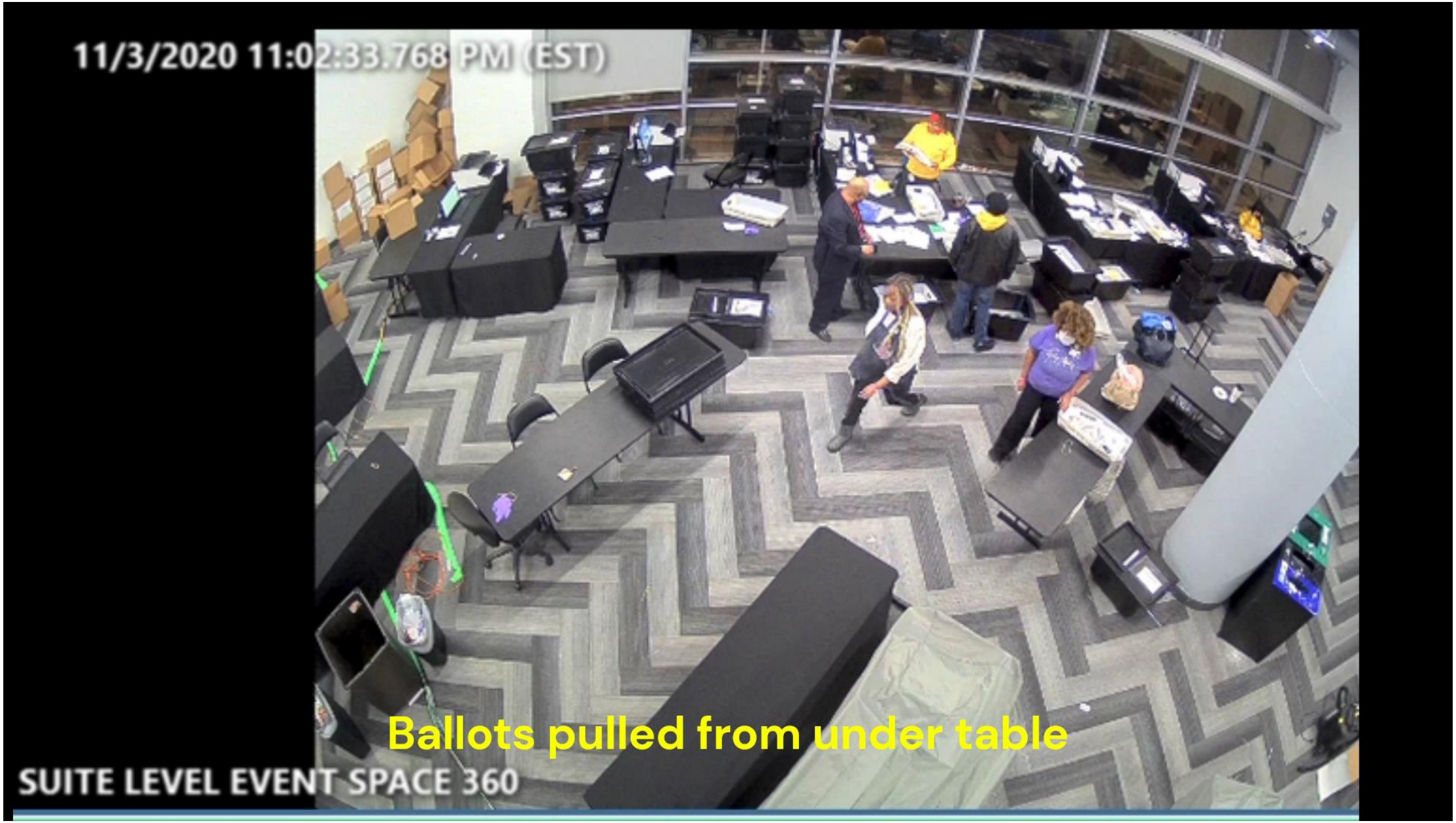
- **Processing Timeliness:** While most applications were processed promptly, *there were instances where ballots were delayed significantly, highlighting the need for improved efficiency.*
- **Ballot Processing Issues:** During the general election, *there were major organizational issues and chain of custody problems in handling absentee ballots, leading to delays and procedural errors.*
- **Document Retention:** Adequate procedures observed at State Farm for securing ballots.
- **Risk-Limiting Audit (RLA) and Recount:** Managed RLA effectively but *encountered significant delays and procedural errors during the recount.*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