**Orange County Canvassing Board Minutes**

**Manual Recount for U.S. Senator and Commissioner of Agriculture**

**For November 6, 2018, General Election**

**November 15-17, 2018**

**Attendance**

Jeanette Bigney, County Judge, Board Chair

Steve Jewett, Alternate County Judge

David Johnson, Alternate County Judge

Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections

Nick Shannin, SOE Attorney

Silvana Bermudez, Recording Secretary

Michelle Torres, SOE Staff

Osun Daethea, Wilson, SOE Staff

**Public/Candidate Attendance**

Lee Ann Reid, RPR

Susan C. Riesdorph, RPR

Rick Mitchell, Designated Representative: Rick Scott, Caldwell, RPOF

Michael Sasso, Designated Representative: Rick Scott, Caldwell, RPOF

Emma Rebhorn, Designated Representative: Bill Nelson Campaign

Melissa Battles, FLA Democratic Party Representative

Leigh Sigman Zehnder, Designated Representative: Bill Nelson, Nicolle Fried

Gretchen Bennett, FDP Representative

Mary A. “Molly” Nardella, Designated Representative, Rick Scott, Caldwell, RPOF

**November 17, 2018**

Rich Siwica, Attorney, FDP

Gretchen Bennett, Attorney, FDP

Rick Mitchell, Attorney: Rick Scott, Caldwell, RPOF

News Channels and Radio

**Canvassing Board Business**

**November 15, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

Acknowledgement of Public Notification advertisement published in the Orlando Sentinel on October 28, 2018.

No members of the public requested to comment.

Review of Agenda for today’s meeting given by **Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections.**

Meeting Minutes from November 12, 13 and 14, 2018, Orange County Canvassing Meetings were reviewed and accepted. **Jeannette Bigney, County Judge, made a motion to approve the Minutes. Steve Jewett, County Judge, seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion approved.**

Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Election, reviewed and explained legal matters and procedures about:

1. Canvass Military and Oversea Ballots.
2. U.S. District Judge Mark Walker ruled that all voters, whose mail-in ballots were rejected due mismatched signature, have until Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. to present the cure affidavit form.
3. Manual Recount.

**Steve Jewett, County Judge**, made a motion to authorize staff to separate the Cure Affidavit for signature mismatch that came after November 5, 2018. **David Johnson, County Judge, seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion approved unanimously.**

Canvassing Board signed the Logic & Accuracy Test for the DS850’s for U.S. Senator Contest, Staff started sorting all the Over and Under-Votes for Manual Recount for that race.

**Nick Shannin, SOE Attorney**, reported that both political parties are in favor of the method and procedure for Manual Recount.

At 4:45 p.m. **Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Election**, received an email notice of Manual Recount from Secretary of State for:

* U.S. Senator
* Commissioner of Agriculture

**David Johnson, County Judge,** made a motion to authorize staff to continue sorting Over and Under-Voter Ballots for Manual Recount in all Categories, Early Voting, Election Day, and Vote-by-Mail. **Jeanette Bigney, County Judge, seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion approved unanimously**.

**Canvassing Board went to recess at 5:50 p.m.**

Canvassing Board re-convened on November 16, 2018.

**Friday, November 16, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. - continued….**

The Logic & Accuracy Test of the voting equipment for the Commissioner of Agriculture recount was conducted and signed by the Canvassing Board.

**Jeanette Bigney, County Judge**, reviewed rules and method for the Manual Recount.

**Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Election**, gave an Orientation for Manual Recount and Voter Intent Rule to those present.

Manual Recount for U.S. Senator Contest begins, starting with Election Day, Early Voting and Vote-by-Mail.

Manual Recount for U.S. Senator Contest finished.

Canvassing Board went to lunch recess at 1:10 p.m., and returned at 2:14 p.m.

The Canvassing Board members address the staff to thank them for the great effort and transparency in the process of the Election and Recount.

Manual Recount for Commissioner of Agriculture Contest begins.

Manual Recount for Commissioner of Agriculture finished.

Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Election, dismissed the staff after everything was done.

Nick Shannin, SOE Attorney, explained to the Board and political party representatives, about U.S. District Judge Mark Walker’s new rule on the process to cure affidavits on mismatch signatures new deadline, November 17, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Members of the Canvassing Board and the political party representatives talked about views and position in the new rule.

**Jeanette Bigney, County Judge**, made a motion at 9:15 p.m. to recess until the next day at 4:00 p.m.

**Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 4:10 p.m. - continued….**

**Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Election, made a motion based on the rule by U.S. District Judge Mark Walker to accept voters whose mail-in ballots were rejected due mismatch signature in two categories, 1- All Cure Affidavits old forms that came after November 5, 2018 thru November 17, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. 2- All new Cure Affidavits forms that were received through November 17, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Steve Jewett, County Judge, seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion approved unanimously**.

The Canvassing Board Canvassed Vote-by- Mail, including these categories:

* Overseas Ballots Envelope.
* Military Ballots Envelope.
* Signature No Match with old and new Cure Affidavits forms.

The manual Audit Report for Division of Election was signed by the **County Judge, Jeanette Bigney, Steve Jewett, and Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections.**

The Conduct of Election Report for the November 6, 2018 General Election was reviewed and signed by **Jeanette Bigney, County Judge, Chair, Steve Jewett, Alternate County Judge, Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections.**

Generation of the Official Results for the November 6, 2018 General Election, will be available for review and signature Monday, November 19, 2018. Each board member has agreed to review and sign on Monday, November 19, 2018. **Jeanette Bigney, Chair, County Judge, Steve Jewett, Alternate County Judge and Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections signed the Official Results.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Silvana Bermudez, Recording Secretary