**Orange County Canvassing Board Minutes**

**For the March 17, 2020, Presidential Preference Primary and Municipal Elections**

**Monday, March 16, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Attendance**

Jeanette Bigney, County Judge, Board Chair

Victoria Siplin, County Commissioner

Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections

Steve Jewett, Alternate County Judge

Whitney Evers, Canvassing Board Attorney

Nick Shannin, SOE Attorney

Silvana Bermudez, Recording Secretary

**Public Attendees**

No public attendees were present.

**Canvassing Board Business**

The meeting was called to order 2:07 p.m.

Acknowledgement of Public Notification advertisement published in the Orlando Sentinel on March 8, 2020.

Meeting Minutes from March 9, 2020, Orange County Canvassing Board meeting were reviewed. **Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections, made a motion to approve the Minutes.** **Victoria Siplin, County Commissioner, seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

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

Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections, gave an update about the change in two polling places locations. Supervisor said other counties are going through the same situation. These are consequences of the measures and precaution the counties are taking for the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Poll workers are dropping out too, but we have enough back up workers to be able to run all the polling places without a problem. Update on Vote-by-Mail Ballots and Early Voting was given. Supervisor talked about a Records request the office received and that Nick Shannin, SOE Attorney, will help to complete the request.

The Canvassing Board canvassed Vote-By-Mail Ballots, including these categories:

* Signed Wrong Ballot Envelope
* Unusual/Other Issues
* Signature No Match / No signatures
  + Ballots rejected, were rejected contingent on no affidavit being received from the voter by pre 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 2020.
  + See attachment for those actions taken for each of the categories above.

Canvassing Board determined it will re-convene on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

There being no further business, **Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections, made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Victoria Siplin, County Commissioner, seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion approved.**

The meeting adjourned 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Silvana Bermudez, Recording Secretary