**Orange County Canvassing Board Minutes**

**For the November 3, 2020, General Election**

**Tuesday, November 3, 2020, at 4:00 PM**

**Attendance**

Jeanette Bigney, County Judge, Board Chair

Victoria Siplin, County Commissioner

Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections

Steve Jewett, Alternate County Judge

Tina Caraballo, Alternate County Judge

Whitney Evers, Canvassing Board Attorney

Nick Shannin, SOE Attorney

Silvana Bermudez, Recording Secretary

**Public Attendees**

Ronald Schirtzer, Biden/Harris Campaign Observer/Attorney

Michael Sasso, Donald J. Trump Campaign/ RNC

Jeff Aaron, Donald J. Trump Campaign/ RNC

Lashawnda K. Jackson, Biden /Harris Campaign

Braemer Weiner, Trump Campaign

Karen Persis, Biden/Harris Attorney

Michael Kaney, Trump Campaign

Leigh Zehnder, Orange County Voter Protection/Biden-Harris

Eben Self, Biden/Harris Attorney

**Canvassing Board Business**

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

Acknowledgement of Public Notification advertisements published in the Orlando Sentinel on October 11, 2020.

Meeting Minutes from November 2, 2020, Orange County Canvassing Board meeting were reviewed**. Victoria Siplin, County Commissioner, made a motion to approve the Minutes.** **Jeanette Bigney, County Judge, seconded. All voted in favor, motion approved.**

No members of the public requested to comment.

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

Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections, gave an update about Vote-by-Mail and Election Day.

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

* No Signatures
* **Jeanette Bigney, County Judge, made a motion to provisionally reject the ballots in the No Signature category for failure to sign the voter certificate. Victoria Siplin, County Commissioner, seconded. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.**
  + Those ballots that were rejected, were rejected contingent on no affidavit being received from the voter prior to 5:00 p.m. Thursday, November 5, 2020.
* Signature Differs
* **Jeanette Bigney, County Judge, made a motion to provisionally reject the ballots in the Signature Differs category because, beyond a reasonable doubt, the signatures do not match. Victoria Siplin, County Commissioner, seconded. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.**
  + Those ballots that were rejected, were rejected contingent on no affidavit being received from the voter prior to 5:00 p.m. Thursday, November 5, 2020.
* Signed Wrong Ballot Envelope
* Ballots Duplications Issues Group 1
* **Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections, made a motion to accept the ballots and order the duplication of the ballots to the correct precinct and ballot style. Jeanette Bigney, County Judge, seconded. All voted in favor, motion approved.**
* Unusual/Other Issues
* The ballots rejected from Precinct 430C, were rejected because a subsequent correct ballot was received.
  + Those ballots that were rejected, where a cure would be applicable, were rejected contingent on no affidavit being received from the voter prior to 5:00 p.m. Thursday, November 5, 2020.

See attachment for the actions taken for each of the categories above.

Canvassing Board broke at 6:06 p.m. and re-convened at 6:50 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 6:51 p.m.

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

* Signature Differs
* **Tina Caraballo, County Judge, made a motion to provisionally reject the ballots in the Signature Differs category because, beyond a reasonable doubt, the signatures do not match. Jeanette Bigney, County Judge, seconded. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.**
  + Those ballots that were rejected, were rejected contingent on no affidavit being received from the voter prior to 5:00 p.m. Thursday, November 5, 2020.
* Ballot Duplication Issues Group 2
* **Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections, made a motion to accept the duplication of the ballots to the correct precinct and ballot style. Jeanette Bigney, County Judge, seconded. All voted in favor, motion approved.**
* Ballot Duplication Issues Group 3
* **Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections, made a motion to accept the duplication of the ballots to the correct precinct and ballot style. Victoria Siplin, County Commissioner, seconded. All voted in favor, motion approved.**
* No Signature
* **Jeanette Bigney, County Judge, made a motion to provisionally reject the ballots in the No Signature category for failure to sign the voter certificate. Victoria Siplin, County Commissioner, seconded. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.**
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Canvassing Board will reconvene on Friday, November 6, 2020, at 9:00 a.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 9:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Silvana Bermudez, Recording Secretary