**Orange County Canvassing Board Minutes**

**Public Test**

**For the Primary Election**

**Friday, July 24, 2020 at 9:00 AM**

**Attendance**

Steve Jewett, County Judge, Board Chair

Victoria Siplin, County Commissioner

Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections

Tina Caraballo, County Judge Alternate

Whitney Evers, Canvassing Board Attorney

Silvana Bermudez, Recording Secretary

**Public Attendees**

Julio Rocha, Candidate

Alexandre Nunez, Voter

Andirson Nunez, Voter

Nina Yoakum, Candidate

Carmen Torres, Voter

Chelsie Castro, Voter

Daisy Morales, Candidate

Carolyn Lucas, Voter

**Canvassing Board Business**

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Steve Jewett, County Judge, reviewed acknowledgement of Public Notification advertisement published in the Orlando Sentinel on July 19, 2020**.**

Minutes from March 27, 2020 meeting was reviewed and accepted. **Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections, made a motion to approve the Minutes. Victoria Siplin, County Commissioner, seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion approved.**

No members of the public requested to comment.

Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections, explain to the Canvassing Board and public the procedure for the Public Test.

Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections, ask for staff authorization to run the L&A on the DS 850’s (VBM tabulators)

**Steve Jewett, County Judge, made the motion to authorize the staff to proceed with L&A Test. Motion seconded by Victoria Siplin, County Commissioner. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously**.

The Canvassing Board Conducted the required test of voting equipment per Ch. 101.5612, FS.

Equipment Tested:

7 DS850s (Vote-by-Mail Machines)

Serial Number(s) 755772, 772409, 772411, 755768, 755771, 755770, 772410.

19 DS 200’s (7 EV and 12 Precincts)

(Total of 380 Tabulators available for Distribution)

Serial Number(s) 737051, 737124, 737066, 736953, 737077, 737202, 736993, 737014, 737026, 737194, 737018, 737065, 772769, 772804, 772761, 772805, 772790, 772772, 772773.

1 Express Vote: Demonstration and audio verification

Refer to Public Test Certification attached to minutes.

Public Test of DS850 and DS200 Tabulating Equipment- Primary Election was signed denoting successful completion of testing by Steve Jewett, County Judge, Chair, Victoria Siplin, County Commissioner, Bill Cowles, Supervisor of

Elections. **(See attached)**

Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections, gave an update on the Nielsen/Dream Finder lawsuit and explained the settlement.

Supervisor Cowles, talked about HB 1005 changes in the F.S. 101.5612(2), how Public Test days changed from 10 to 25 days prior the commencement of early voting and the extension of the days for early voting.

Supervisor Cowles introduced new Division Directors to the Board, Marissa Crispell, Voter Services Director and Brian Freid, IS Director.

Supervisor Cowles explained the different measures being taken to protect voters and Poll workers in Early Voting, precincts and office from Covid-19.

Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections, gave an update on Vote-by-Mail ballots, drop boxes have been added in each early voting location for voters to drop off Vote-by-Mail ballots. So far, the numbers for Vote-by-Mail returned are 14.413.

Supervisor Cowles gave an updated on the Eatonville lawsuit.

Supervisor Cowles explained the New Ballot Image lawsuit, what it is about and it how would affect ballot count process for elections.

Supervisor Cowles gave a brief reminder about the email that was sent to the Board with the Signature Verification Refresh course.

Canvassing Board will re-convene on Monday, August 10, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

There being no further business, **Steve Jewett, County Judge made a motion to adjourn the meeting.** **Victoria Siplin, County Commissioner, seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion approved.**

The meeting adjourned 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Silvana Bermudez, Recording Secretary.