**Orange County Canvassing Board Minutes**

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

**Monday, November 2, 2020, at 2:00 PM**

**Attendance**

Jeanette Bigney, County Judge, Board Chair

Victoria Siplin, County Commissioner

Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections

Steve Jewett, County Judge

Whitney Evers, Canvassing Board Attorney

Nick Shannin, SOE Attorney

Silvana Bermudez, Recording Secretary

**Public Attendees**

Jessica Lange, FL Democratic Party

CJ Williams, LWV- OR County

Ron Schirtzer, Biden-Harris Attorney

Karen Perois, Biden-Harris

Michael Sasso, Trump-RNC

Katy McGinnis, RNC

Lashawnda K. Jackson, Biden-Harris Campaign

Cristian Waugh, RNC

Braemen Weiner, Trump

**Canvassing Board Business**

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 P.m.

Acknowledgment of Public Notification advertisement published in the Orlando Sentinel on October 11, 2020.

Meeting Minutes from Monday, October 26, 2020, Orange Canvassing Board meeting were reviewed. **Victoria Siplin, County Commissioner, made a motion to approve the Minutes. Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections, seconded. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.**

No members of the public requested to comment.

Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections, gave an update on Vote-by-Mail and Early Voting.

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

* 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.**
* 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. Bill Cowles, Supervisor of Elections, 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
* 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.
* Unusual/Other Issues
* 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.
* The ballots rejected from Precinct 430C, were rejected because the correct ballot was received.

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

Canvassing Board will reconvene on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Silvana Bermudez, Recording Secretary