

PUBLIC LEGAL NOTICE: MEETINGS OF THE SUMTER COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD AND CANVASSING OF THE ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND AUDIT FOR THE NOVEMBER 4th, 2014 GENERAL ELECTION INCLUDING THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS OF BUSHNELL, CENTER HILL AND WILDWOOD (WHEN APPLICABLE)

This NOTICE is in accordance with 101.5612(2), Florida Statutes

The Sumter County Canvassing Board will convene at the office of the Supervisor of Elections, 900 North Main Street, Bushnell, FL at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 15, 2014 to conduct a Logic and Accuracy Test of the early voting and November 4, 2014 General Election ballot tabulating equipment to be used in Sumter County. In accordance with the Sunshine Law of Florida, this meeting is open to the public.

This NOTICE is in accordance with 102.141, Florida Statutes

The Sumter County Canvassing Board will reconvene on Wednesday October 29, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of canvassing absentee ballots and performing a pre-test on the tabulation equipment. Sealed absentee ballots for the General Election will be available for public inspection from 9:00 a.m. until 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday October 29, 2014, at the office of the Supervisor of Elections. Immediately afterwards, those absentee ballots will be opened and processed.

Any absentee ballots received after Wednesday October 29, 2014 will be canvassed by the Canvassing Board (if needed) as follows: Thursday, October 30, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Public inspection from 9:00 a.m. until 9:15 a.m., Friday October 31, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Public inspection from 9:00 a.m. until 9:15 a.m., Monday November 3, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Public inspection from 9:00 a.m. until 9:15 a.m. and Tuesday November 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Public inspection from 10:00 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. and a public inspection from 5:00 p.m. until 5:15 p.m. Eligible provisional ballots received election night may also be canvassed at this time, if any. The Sumter County Canvassing Board will remain in session until the results of the election are obtained. A selection of a precinct and race for the manual audit will be made at this time.

Pursuant to Section 101.68(2), Florida Statutes, if any elector or candidate present believes that an absentee ballot is illegal due to a defect apparent on the voter's certificate, he or she may, at any time before the ballot is removed from the envelope, file with the canvassing board a protest against the canvass of that ballot, specifying the precinct, the ballot, and the reason he or she believes the ballot to be illegal. A challenge based upon a defect in the voter's certificate may not be accepted after the ballot has been removed from the mailing envelope.

The Sumter County Canvassing Board will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Friday November 7, 2014 to canvass all other provisional ballots, if any. The canvassing board will reconvene at 3:00 p.m. on Friday November 14, 2014 to canvass any overseas ballots and certify the final results of the General Election. A post election test of the tabulation equipment will be performed. If it becomes necessary for the Sumter County Canvassing Board to reconvene due to a re-count, the time and date will be posted at the office of the Supervisor of Elections as well as online at www.sumterelections.org.

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NOTE: Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, states that if any person decides to appeal any decision by a board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding/event should call 352-569-1540, Fax 352-569-1541.

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