

**PUBLIC NOTICE: MEETING OF THE SUMTER COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD
AND CANVASSING OF THE VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS FOR THE
NOVEMBER 6, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION**

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, 316 E. Anderson Ave., Bushnell, FL at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 17, 2018 to conduct a Logic and Accuracy Test of the early voting and November 6, 2018 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 31, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of canvassing vote-by-mail ballots and performing a pre-test on the tabulation equipment. Sealed vote-by-mail ballots for the General Election will be available for public inspection from 9:00 a.m. until 9:15 a.m. at the office of the Supervisor of Elections. Immediately afterwards, those vote-by-mail ballots will be opened and processed.

Any vote-by-mail ballots received after Wednesday October 31, 2018 will be canvassed by the Canvassing Board (if needed) as follows: Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Public Inspection from 9:00 a.m. until 9:15 a.m., Friday November 2, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Public Inspection from 9:00 a.m. until 9:15 a.m., Monday November 5, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Public Inspection from 9:00 a.m. until 9:15 a.m., and upload results of ALL early voting and vote-by-mail ballots that have been canvassed and tabulated by the end of the early voting period. Tuesday November 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Public Inspection from 10:00 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. and a Public Inspection from 4:00 p.m. until 4:15 p.m. The Sumter County Canvassing Board will remain in session until the results of the election are obtained.

Pursuant to Section 101.68(2), Florida Statutes, if any elector or candidate present believes that a vote-by-mail ballot is illegal due to a defect apparent on the voter's certificate or the vote-by-mail ballot affidavit, 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 or the vote-by-mail ballot affidavit 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 9, 2018 to canvass provisional ballots. The Sumter County Canvassing Board will reconvene on Friday November 16, 2018 to canvass any overseas ballots and certify the results of the election if no recount is required. 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 and announced at the conclusion of the meeting on November 16, 2018. Also, if necessary the canvassing board will meet on Sunday November 18, 2018 to certify the final results of the General Election if recount conducted.

In accordance with the Sunshine Law of Florida, this meeting is open to the public.

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.

All meetings of the Sumter County Canvassing Board will be held at 316 E. Anderson Ave., Bushnell FL 33513.

William "Bill" Keen, Sumter County Supervisor of Elections