

**PUBLIC NOTICE: MEETING OF THE SUMTER COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD
AND CANVASSING OF THE ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR THE
NOVEMBER 4, 2008 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, 900 North Main Street., Bushnell, FL at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 14, 2008 to conduct a Logic and Accuracy Test of the early voting and November 4, 2008 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, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of canvassing absentee ballots and performing a pre-election test of the tabulating 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, 2008, 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, 2008 will be canvassed by the Canvassing Board (if needed) as follows: Thursday, October 30, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. Public inspection from 9:00 a.m. until 9:15 a.m., Friday October 31, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. Public inspection from 9:00 a.m. until 9:15 a.m., Monday November 3, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. Public inspection from 9:00 a.m. until 9:15 a.m. and Tuesday November 4, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Public inspection from 10:00 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Public inspection from 6:00 p.m. until 6:15 p.m. A post election test of the tabulating equipment will be performed. 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 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 challenged 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, 2008 to canvass provisional ballots and again 5:00 p.m. on Friday November 14, 2008 to canvass overseas absentee ballots (if any). They will sign the Official Results Certificates and Conduct of Election. 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 4, 2008.

The Canvassing Board will meet at 9:00 a.m. Monday November 17, 2008 to conduct a manual audit. The Sumter County Canvassing Board will remain in session until the audit is completed.

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 352-793-0230, Fax 352-793-0232.

**Karen S. Krauss
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