

CONDUCT OF ELECTION REPORT

[Section 102.141(9), Florida Statutes]

This report is due to the Division of Elections/Bureau of Voting Systems Certification at the same time that the county canvassing board submits its certified official election results for any presidential primary, general, primary, and special elections, whichever is applicable.

1. **County:** Hernando2. **Election Year:** 2016

3. **Election** (check only one). ☐ Presidential Preference Primary Election
☐ Primary Election
☒ General Election
☐ Other election (specify): _____

4. **Election Definition.** Definition created by (Check one): ☒ County Supervisor of Elections' Office (SOE)
☐ Vendor
☐ Consultant
☐ Other (describe): _____

5. **Voting Devices** (fill-in the applicable number):

Absentee (Central) Count Marksense Scanners		
Initial Total AB Scanners	Removed	Replaced or Added
1		

Precinct Count Marksense Scanners				
	Polling Locations	Initial Total Deployed	Removed	Replaced or Added
Early Voting	4	4		2
Election Day	33	36		

ADA Voting Devices (e.g., Marking device and/or DRE Touchscreen)				
	Polling Locations	Initial Total Deployed	Removed	Replaced or Added
Early Voting	4	4		
Election Day	33	33		

6. **Ballot-Printing** (check all that apply):

	Early Voting	Election Day	Absentee
Ballot-on-Demand (BOD)	X		
Ballot Printer Service (provided by SOE's Voting System Vendor)			
Ballot Printer Service (provided by other than SOE's Voting System Vendor)	X	X	X

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7. Did **equipment or software malfunctions** occur at the precinct level, at a counting location, or within computer and telecommunications networks supporting county location (*Section 102.141 (9)(a)1., F.S.*)?

☐ **NO** Proceed to 8.

☒ **YES** Summarize the number of malfunctions by location on the chart. Then mark on the checklist below the type of malfunctions. Also attach an explanation of the steps that were taken to address the malfunction(s).

		Number of malfunctions		
		Early Voting Site	Election Day Polling Places	Central Location
Equipment	Marksense Scanner			1
	ADA Marking Device			
	ADA DRE Touchscreen			
Software	Marksense Scan	4		
	ADA Marking Device			
	ADA DRE Touchscreen			
Computer	Election Management			
Telecommunications	Modems and Phone lines			

Notes: Election Day refers to the polling locations. American Disability Act (ADA) Media refers to a tabulator's memory cards, memory packs, USB flash memory, zip drive, PEBs, etc.

Checklist for type of malfunctions	
<p>Early Voting and Election Day</p> <p><i>Voting devices</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Voting devices -- not connected to electrical power or power source failure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Voting devices -- battery backup failure -- battery not charged</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Voting devices -- battery backup failure -- removed from service</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ADA device failure -- repaired -- remained in service</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ADA device media failure -- media replaced</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Marksense scanner failure -- repaired -- remained in service</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marksense scanner memory media failure -- media replaced</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Marksense scanner failure to reject a blank ballot</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Marksense scanner failure to reject a ballot with an over voted contest</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Marksense scanner failure to accept one or more under voted contests</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ballot box diverter failure -- removed from service</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ballot box diverter failure -- repaired -- remained in service</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Used the marksense scanner's ballot box emergency bin</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cannot complete a planned modem upload or problems with the phone lines</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other. Provide the description: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Central Location</p> <p><i>Absentee tabulation</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marksense scanner failure -- repaired -- remained in service</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Marksense scanner memory media failure -- media replaced</p> <p>Election Management</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Problem or malfunction with uploading results or creating reports.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other. Provide the description: _____</p>

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8. Were any **election definition errors** discovered after the logic and accuracy test?
(Section 102.141 (9)(a)2., F.S.)?

- ☐ **NO** Proceed to 9.
- ☒ **YES** Summarize the number of errors in the appropriate columns in the table below. Attach an explanation of the steps that were taken to address the errors.

	Election definition errors	Precinct count media errors	Central count media errors
County created definition or media	1		
Vendor created definition or media <u>with correct</u> county information			
Vendor created definition or media <u>with incorrect</u> information from the county			

9. Did any **ballot printing and ballot supply problems** occur?
(Section 102.141 (9)(a)3., F.S.)?

- ☒ **NO** Proceed to 10.
- ☐ **YES** Summarize the number of errors in the appropriate column in the table below. Mark on the checklist below the type of problems or errors and attach an explanation of the steps that were taken to address the problems.

	Electronic ballot layout errors	Paper ballot layout errors	Paper ballot printer errors	Paper ballot supply problems
County created the ballot				
Vendor created <u>with correct</u> county information				
Vendor created <u>with incorrect</u> information from the county				

Checklist for type of ballot or printer problems

Early Voting and Election Day

Polling location (*please identify the location*)

- ☐ Incorrect ballots to the voter – poll worker error
- ☐ Ballot moisture (humidity) cannot scan

Absentee

- ☐ Incorrect ballots to the voter – election staff error
- ☐ Incorrect ballots to the voter – vendor error

Ballot-on-demand (BOD)

- ☐ Printed incorrect ballots – printer error such as duplex
- ☐ Printed incorrect ballots – software error
- ☐ Printer failure
- ☐ Incorrect ballots given to the voter – poll worker error

Other

- ☐ Provide the description: _____

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10. Did you have any **staffing shortages and procedural violations by employees or precinct workers** during the conduct of the election?

(Section 102.141 (9)(a)4., F.S.)

☐ **NO** Proceed to 11.

☒ **YES** Summarize the number of issues in each of the appropriate columns in the table below. Attach an explanation of who (the supervisor of elections or the canvassing board, as applicable) and what the steps that were taken to address the shortages and/or procedural violations.

	Number of shortages	Number of instances of insufficient training	Number of times when procedures were violated
Poll workers			1
Election staff			
Security			
Temporary support			

11. Were there instances when the needs for **staffing and equipment were insufficient** to meet voters' needs?

(Section 102.141 (9)(a)5., F.S.)

☒ **NO** Proceed to 12.

☐ **YES** Fill in the numbers in each of the appropriate columns in the table below. Attach an explanation of the steps that were taken to address the insufficiency.

	Number of <u>planned</u> resources for Election Day	Number of resources <u>available</u> for Election Day	Number of <u>insufficient</u> resources on Election Day to meet the voters' needs
Poll workers			
Election staff			
Voting devices		Note below and see page 1	
Other equipment and supplies			

Note: The number of "planned" items is based on the Election Day estimates, and "available" is the actual items at the start of the Election Day. Note that the number of voting devices available is based on the actual initial total deployment including ADA devices as provided on page 1 for Election Day. Other equipment and supplies, for example, refers to summation of the number of electronic pollbook devices, provisional ballot supplies, ballot boxes, transfer bags, etc.

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12. If the canvassing board conducted a manual recount of overvotes and undervotes, does the canvassing board have suggested revisions for the standards for determining a voter's choice as set forth in law or rule to better determine the voter's choice for any ballot on which a determination could not be made?
(Sections 101.6952(2) and 102.166(4), F.S. and Rules 1S-2.027 and 1S-2.051)

☒ **N/A** Proceed to 13.

☐ **NO** Proceed to 13.

☐ **YES** If yes, provide suggested revisions to the standards below and, as necessary, attach additional pages and a copy of a representative ballot for which a determination could not be made to illustrate the issue.

13. Do you have **any additional information regarding material issues and problems** associated with the conduct of election?

(Section 102.141 (9)(a)6., F.S.)

☐ **NO** Proceed to 14.

☒ **YES** Indicate on the checklist below the type of issue(s) or problem(s). Attach an explanation of the steps that were taken to address the issue(s) or problem(s).

Checklist

Early Voting and Election Day

Polling location

- ☐ Incorrect setup
- ☐ Solicitation area violated
- ☐ Incompatible for ADA accessibility
- ☐ Incompatible for use as a polling location

Voter check-in

- ☐ Electronic poll book / precinct register error
- ☐ Paper poll book / precinct register error
- ☐ Process error

(Checklist continued on next page)

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Voters

- ☐ Fleeing voter
- ☐ Disruptive behavior
- ☐ Disruptive photography

Observers

- ☐ Not approved
- ☐ Disruptive behavior
- ☐ Disruptive photography

Media and/or citizen polling

- ☐ Disruptive behavior

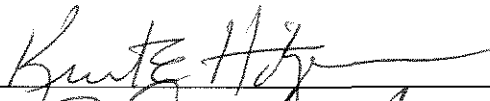
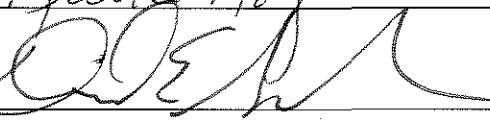
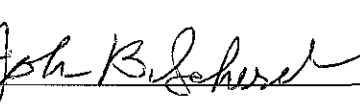
Other

- ☒ Provide the description:

See attachment.

14. Signatures

County Canvassing Board

Signature	Title	Date
1. 	COUNTY JUDGE	Nov 18, 2016
2. 	CHADMAN HENSHAW	11/18/16
3. 	CITY PTZ BOARD	11/18/16

NOTICE: A statutory duty exists to report the discovery of any new or additional information on any of the items required to be included in this report. The supervisor of elections must notify the Division of Elections no later than the next business day after the discovery. The supervisor must then submit a signed written report amended report no later than no later than 10 days after the discovery. §102.141(9)(b), F.S.

Section 7

There were a total of four instances of tabulator failure at Early Vote Site 1. The same error was received for each instance that caused the tabulators not to completely load the software. On the first instance, new media was created and put into the same tabulator. On the second instance, the tabulator was replaced with a spare tabulator and new media. On the third instance, the entire unit was replaced including tabulator, ballot box and media. On the fourth instance, the media was replaced and the poll workers were instructed to not power the unit down. It could not be determined whether these malfunctions were related to the media, equipment, software or poll worker error. The vendor is currently reviewing the log files to determine the cause. The auxiliary bin was opened as a backup.

On the first day of VBM canvassing, the pick-up arm on the central scanner malfunctioned rendering it unable to scan ballots. The vendor came onsite and repaired the central scanner the same evening allowing ballot scanning to continue the next day.

Section 8

The State Representative, District 35 race was inadvertently put on all ballots. Voters in Precincts 13, 17 and 24 received ballots which included that race even though they are in District 34. The mistake was discovered during Early Voting and the ballot was corrected on subsequent Early Vote days and VBM mail outs. The Election Day ballots were reprinted. The votes in that specific race from the aforementioned precincts that incorrect ballots were cast were not tabulated. All other votes in those precincts were tabulated normally.

Section 10

The Voting Equipment Specialist at Precinct 25 cut the seal, which secured the write-in ballot compartment within the ICE Unit's ballot box, removed the 17 write-in ballots housed inside and allowed them to be mixed in with the regular voted ballots.

When another Poll Worker from that location advised SOE of this procedural violation (prior to convening of canvassing board to review/tabulate candidates on write-in ballots), the Voted Ballot Bags for Precinct 25 were retrieved and opened and the 17 write-in ballots were located and placed in the write-in ballot envelope for review by canvassing board.

Section 13

The SOE Office was not notified by the City of Brooksville that there had been residential annexations that changed the city boundaries. Due to this, the annexed voters were never moved into the City's precinct and therefore did not have the City race on their ballots. There were 35 ballots cast during Early Vote and VBM that did not include the City race. The affected voters were sent a supplemental ballot that only included the City race.

Following the filing of our first unofficial results we discovered a discrepancy in our vote by mail numbers. After not being able to clearly define the discrepancy we worked diligently re-running every vote by mail ballot. After we re-ran the ballots once, staff was asked to run them again to provide 100% confidence that our numbers were accurate. The numbers matched both times-34, 446.

We believe the initial mistake came from human error when a batch of 98 ballots and a batch of 25 ballots were fed into the tabulator twice. There were no changes to the outcomes of any races due to this issue.