



From the desk of...

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A message from your Supervisor of Elections

We saw record-breaking turnout in Flagler County for this Presidential Preference Primary. With the highest early voting and absentee totals ever seen for this type of election, my predictions for a busy election year were met with a solid response from the voters. Overall turnout was 49% as compared to 43% in 2012.

The Ballot On Demand printers also exceeded our expectations, all of the testing, planning and preparation was a great payoff for the 9,506 voters who cast their ballot during early voting. These printers expedite the process for voters, ensure the correct ballot style being issued and save the county money on ordering pre-printed ballots in large quantities.

During this election we saw the return rate increase to over 75% for mail ballots returned from absentee voters. There were 6,348 absentee ballots cast in this election. Official results of this election were certified on March 25, after the 10-day extension for the return of absentee ballots from our men and women serving in uniform overseas.

Election Day saw the highest turnout by method for this election, with 10,550 ballots cast at polling locations throughout the county on Tuesday, March 15. Florida was in the spotlight again as the third largest state and the largest swing state in the nation. Overall turnout statewide was 46%.

Thank you to all of the dedicated election poll workers who served during this election and the hardworking and enthusiastic Elections Team, your combined efforts made this another successful election! It's an honor and a privilege to lead this office and improve the elections experience in Flagler County.

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BE ELECTION READY

Ballot On Demand Printing



For the first time in Flagler County history, early voting ballots were printed, on demand, as voters needed them during early voting. This process saved taxpayer dollars for the cost of ordering sufficient ballot stock for three early voting sites in the county. Federal grant funds were used to purchase these printers which have modernized the process



2016 ELECTION DATES & DEADLINES

Presidential Preference Primary Election

Deadline to register to vote or change your party:

February 16

Early Voting:

March 5 - March 12

Election Day:

March 15

Primary Election

Deadline to register to vote or change your party:

August 1

Early Voting:

August 15 - August 27

Election Day:

August 30

General Election

Deadline to register to vote or change your party:

October 11

Early Voting:

October 24 - November 5

Election Day:

November 8

Polls are always open from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Vote By Mail ballots must be received by the Elections Office by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

of conducting elections in Flagler County. Grant funds haven't been applied for or received by the Elections Office since 2010.

Historically, a supply of ballot stock was ordered based upon the expected turnout of each precinct ballot style, spread across three early voting sites in the county. This is an enormous quantity of ballots during a busy election cycle. On-demand printing reduces the cost of ballots and reduces the waste of unused ballots, a benefit to the taxpayer and to the environment. These printers have already saved nearly \$6,500 taxpayer dollars on the cost of ballot printing, during their very first election.

Additionally, they decreased the margin of error in the process of issuing ballots during early voting. In previous elections, election poll workers were challenged with selecting the one correct ballot style from a wooden cabinet which contained over 90 different ballot styles during a Primary election. With on-demand ballot printing, once a voter's eligibility is verified, their specific ballot style is printed automatically.

These printers are a major advancement in elections technology for Flagler County. We are one of the last counties of our size in Florida to implement this type of innovative ballot printing solution for early voters.

City of Bunnell Municipal Election

Official results of this election were certified on March 25. In this Vote For Two race for City Commissioner, the winners were Bill Baxley and Elbert Tucker, receiving 41.25% and 36.85% of ballots cast, respectively. The overall turnout of 37.25% was higher during this election, in comparison to previous City of Bunnell elections. This increase can be attributed to the fact that this election was held concurrently with the Presidential Preference Primary election.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Over the past several years, I have taken note of the most frequently asked questions which we receive in the Elections Office. This section of the newsletter will highlight one question and provide an answer to a question we hear often.

Q: I have moved since the last time I voted and I forgot to change my address. Can I vote in my old precinct?

A: You must vote in your assigned precinct on Election Day. It is against the law to vote in a precinct in which you do not live. This is why it's important to always make sure you are election ready! Use this online tool to find your precinct online: www.FlaglerElections.com/Precinct-Finder

- Before Election Day, call the Supervisor of Elections office or use the online form available on the Elections Office website at www.FlaglerElections.com to change your address. You can make the address change over the phone or online, and find your new precinct and polling location.
- On Election Day, call the Elections Office or use the [Precinct Finder](#) online to find your new polling location. You can change your address over the phone OR at the new polling place.

OFFICE HAPPENINGS



Our precinct tabulators are 18 years old, purchased in 1998

New Voting Equipment

Supervisor Lenhart and two other Supervisors of Elections have been leading negotiations with the Department of State to secure Federal grant funding at a state level to purchase new voting equipment in Flagler County. These grant funds will help our county and twelve (12) other small counties in Florida update their voting system.

Our aged voting equipment has been in service since 1998, which makes the precinct-level tabulators old enough to vote this year. Like any type of technology, voting equipment is not designed to last forever. After being appointed, Supervisor Lenhart completed an inventory of the Optical Scan and Touch Screen (ADA compliant) tabulators and a few machines have been repaired under the warranty agreement with our voting system vendor. Preventative maintenance is being completed in the coming months, as Supervisor Lenhart has implemented a voting system maintenance schedule to prepare for each election this year.

Working with the Florida Department of State, our Flagler County Purchasing Department, and other Supervisors of Elections, Supervisor Lenhart is hopeful that Flagler County could see a new voting system implemented in the Spring of 2017. This target date would meet the state-mandated requirement to upgrade our ADA touch screen tabulators by the year 2020 and we'll be using grant funding to accomplish this goal.

VOTER OUTREACH

Over 100 New Resident Voter Packets have been distributed since January 2016!

New Residents Voter Packet

We are fortunate to live in a diverse community of people who have moved to our beautiful county on the coast of Florida from places around the world. Flagler County was the fastest growing county for many years in Florida and our voter registration totals reflect that as of March 2016, we have over 76,000 voters! To help our new residents understand the laws related to elections in Florida, Supervisor Lenhart has created a New Residents Voter Packet, filled with elections information to help educate citizens who have recently moved to Florida. This packet includes a current Voter's Guide, Election Dates and Deadlines, Vote By Mail Request Forms and information explaining the Closed Primary process in Florida. New residents in Flagler County are welcome to visit the Elections Office and pick up a New Resident Voter Packet. Ask for your packet at the front counter when you register to vote.

Voter Registration Drives

Saturday, April 9	Rock N Rib Festival	12:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.
Flagler County Fairgrounds More information about this event, contact the Elections Office: (386) 313-4170		

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