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**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE CLAY COUNTY CANVASSING BOARD AND  
CANVASSING OF THE ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR THE MARCH 9, 2004**

**DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION**

Sealed absentee ballots received prior to 8:30 am Friday, March 5, 2004, for the Democratic Presidential Preference Primary Election on March 9, 2004, will be available for public inspection from 8:30 am until 9:30 am on Friday, March 5, at the office of the Supervisor of Elections, 1417-1 S. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida, immediately afterwards, those absentee ballots will be opened; however, not tabulated. Tabulation of all absentee ballots will not begin until after 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 9, 2004.

Any absentee ballots received on Friday, March 5, after 8:30 am and prior to Monday, March 8, 2004 before 8:30 am, will be available for inspection between 8:30 am and 9:30 am on Monday, March 8, 2004. Immediately thereafter, those absentee ballots will be opened; however not tabulated.

Any absentee ballot received between 8:30 am Monday, March 8 through 7:00 pm Election Day, March 9, will be available for public inspection until opened. Shortly after receipt, those ballots will be opened; however, not tabulated.

The Clay County Canvassing Board will meet at 5:00 pm, Tuesday, March 9 to canvass absentee ballots. At that time the Canvassing Board will conduct the logic and accuracy test on the absentee ballot tabulating equipment.

Beginning at approximately 6:00:30 pm, Tuesday, March 9, the absentee ballots will be processed through the high-speed absentee ballot tabulators; however, not tabulated. Tabulation of the absentee ballots will not occur prior to 7:00 pm that day. The Clay County Canvassing Board will remain in session until the results of the election are obtained.

The It may be necessary for the Clay County Canvassing Board will to reconvene at 9:00 am on Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at the office of the Supervisor of Elections to canvass precinct returns. It may be necessary for the Canvassing Board to reconvene after March 10, 2004.. If so, the time and date will be posted at the office of the Supervisor of Election and announced at the conclusion of the March 109 meeting.

In accordance with the Sunshine Law of Florida, all Canvassing Board meetings are open to the public.

Note: Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, states that if a 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.

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