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## Levy County Supervisor of Elections Tammy Jones scores standing ovation



**Levy County Supervisor of Elections Tammy Jones stands at the front of the County Commission meeting room on Tuesday (Nov. 20). County Commission Chairman John Meeks is seen in this photo as well. They are two of the three members of the Levy County Election Canvassing Board. The other member is Levy County Judge J.T. ‘Tim’ Browning. County Commission Vice Chairman Mike Joyner invited Jones to the front of the meeting room Tuesday to recognize the supervisor of elections for her service to the people of Levy County, the people of Florida and the people of the United States of America in regard to the right to vote.**

### **Story and Photo**

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**BRONSON** – Everyone present for the regular twice-monthly meeting of the Levy County Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday (Nov. 20) gave Levy County Supervisor of Elections Tammy Jones a standing ovation.

County Commission Vice Chairman Mike Joyner brought Jones to the front of the County Commission Meeting Room in the Levy County Courthouse for recognition of her service.

The vice chairman mentioned that Commission Chairman John Meeks sat on the Levy County Canvassing Board with Supervisor of Elections Jones and County Judge J.T. “Tim” Browning for the elections in 2018. Joyner gave Meeks a break on one of those days, he said, but Supervisor of Election Jones is responsible for everything to do with election in this county every day.

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Jones and her staff put in 12 to 15 hours on many days, Joyner said.

“The public needs to know,” Vice Chairman Joyner said, “how good we have it in Levy County and how proud we should be of our elected officials such as Tammy. And I want to thank you (Supervisor of Elections Jones) very much.”

Joyner said he appreciates the time Chairman Meeks provided for his service to the people of Levy County as being part of the Canvassing Board.

Joyner called for the people to give her a standing ovation, and the people did.

Supervisor of Elections Jones said it is not her alone who makes the process successful and trustworthy. It is from a team effort, she said.

The Levy County Canvassing Board works tirelessly to make sure that every eligible vote counts, Jones said. The staff members of the Office of the Levy County Supervisor of Elections, Jones said, “are the best of the best.”

She went on to note her appreciation for the poll workers who serve at all 13 precinct polling places. They take their jobs seriously, Jones said.

With two statewide election recounts during this midterm election, Jones said she thinks every worker now understands why she demands such a high level of focus on the mission, and the necessity for great care.

Every single little detail is critical, she said, and the ballots remained under lock and key and remained secure through the whole process including the machine and manual recounts.

Local elections are just as important as state or federal elections, Jones said, as she reminded listeners that the first Levy County Commission race Lilly Rooks ran with Ryan Bell was decided by only three votes. That race required a recount, she said.

Jones said she is grateful to the Levy County Board of County Commissioners agreeing with her request in 2014 to obtain the voting machines that were again used in this 2018 midterm election.

“We are well ahead of the curve,” Jones said. “Some counties are just now getting the machines we have had for four years. It helps to be knowledgeable on the equipment we have.

“It streamlined the process for us,” she said, “to have the 100 percent accurate voting count. The Board is responsible for purchasing our equipment, and they did well by me in 2014, by listening to my needs and providing for them for me.”

Jones said she is thankful for the voters. She hopes even more people participate in using their right to vote.

“Hopefully,” Jones said, “everyone in Levy County will get registered and vote.”