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TO: The Honorable Karen Seel, Chair, Board of County Commissioner
The Honorable Members of the Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Deborah Clark, Supervisor of Elections *dc*

DATE: March 18, 2019

RE: FY19 Special Appropriation Request
November 6, 2018 - General Election – Machine and Manual Recounts

This is a request for a special budget appropriation to cover the costs of the machine and manual recounts that were required after the November 6, 2018 – General Election.

Pursuant to Florida Statutes 102.141(7) and 102.166, we were ordered by the Secretary of State to conduct countywide machine recounts for the United States Senate, Governor and Commissioner of Agriculture contests and to conduct manual recounts for the United States Senate and Commissioner of Agriculture contests.

My staff began preparing for the recounts the day after the election and worked diligently for eleven days to complete all tasks in compliance with statutory deadlines. On November 17, our official election results were certified by the Canvassing Board.

In order to conduct these recounts, we incurred security costs, as required by Division of Elections Administrative Rule 1S-2.031, and personnel costs, neither of which was budgeted.

Therefore, it is necessary to request a special appropriation for FY19 in the amount of \$235,000.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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