



McDowell County Board of Elections

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MEMBERS

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Tom Cline
Kay House
Della Watson

The McDowell County Board of Elections met Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order.

Members Present: Dean Buff *DB*
Tom Cline *TC*
Della Watson *DW*
Kay House *KH*
Kim Welborn, Director
Jane Propst, Deputy Director

JR Hachadurian was absent due to sickness.

Others present: Roxan Wetzel, Michelle Price, and others

The minutes of the previous meeting, July 20, 2021 were presented. Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Della Watson. The motion carried.

Old Business:

New Business:

1. The state board of elections conducted the wellness check audit on Friday, August 6, 2021 with good feedback. The state will prepare a document using all 100 counties in hopes to improve, or make changes to county office procedures.
2. The Express Votes voting equipment installation was completed on Wednesday, August 11. Training will be conducted for staff on Tuesday, September 7 as well as testing completed soon after for the Municipal election. Public service announcements informing the public of the voting equipment will be sent out once the staff is trained.
3. The ballot for the November 2, 2021 election was presented. A change of the hyphen between candidate Dawna Goode-Ledbetter will be removed due to the fact that is not a legally changed name. Kay House motioned to approve the ballot with the exception of the hyphen being removed, seconded by Tom Cline. The motion carried.
4. The accessibility survey was completed on August 2, 2021 for the use of the Old Fort Depot as a Municipal voting site. The buffer zone was measured and would be 50' from the entrance to the rock monument. The building is handicap accessible. Della Watson motioned to approve the use of Old Fort Depot for municipal election, seconded by Tom Cline. The motion carried. The buffer zone will be voted on once every board member is present at the next meeting.
5. The resolution to count absentees beginning at 2:00 p.m. on election day for the municipal election was discussed. Tom Cline motioned to approve, seconded by Kay House. The motion carried. The resolution was signed and will be sent to the Executive Director of the NC State Board of Elections.

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6. Overtime leading up to the municipal election is necessary at times for the Director and staff. Kay House motioned to approve over time from October 1 through canvass day, November 9, 2021 for the Director and staff, if necessary, seconded by Della Watson. The motion carried.
7. Precinct official appointments:

The list from both political parties were received prior to the fifth day preceding the day of board meeting to appoint, except an amendment was submitted by the Democrat party on Monday, August 16, 2021. After much discussion, Della Watson motioned to go by the lists that were received prior to the fifth day state law requirement, seconded by Tom Cline. Kay House abstained. The motion carried.

The unaffiliated voters that were submitted by the Democrat party were discussed. Kay House motioned to appoint Ginger Webb as Chief or Judge, no one seconded the motion.

Kay House motioned to approve Amie Myers as an Unaffiliated Judge in Marion #5 precinct, seconded by Dean Buff. The motion carried and was unanimous.

Precincts as submitted:

Marion #1	Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Della Watson. The motion carried.
Marion #2	Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Dean Buff. The motion carried.
Marion #3	Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Della Watson. The motion carried.
Marion #4	Dean Buff motioned to approve, seconded by Kay House. The motion carried.
Marion #5	Tom Cline motioned to approve, seconded by Della Watson. The motion carried.
Pleasant Gardens	Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Tom Cline. The motion carried.
West Marion	Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Della Watson. The motion carried.
Crooked Creek	Tom Cline motioned to approve, seconded by Kay House. The motion carried.
Dysartsville	Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Della Watson. The motion carried.
Glenwood	Tom Cline motioned to approve, seconded by Kay House. The motion carried.
Higgins	Della Watson motioned to approve, seconded by Kay House. The motion carried.
Montford Cove	Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Tom Cline. The motion carried.
Nebo	Dean Buff motioned to approve, seconded by Kay House. The motion carried.
North Cove	Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Tom Cline. The motion carried.
Old Fort #1	Tom Cline motioned to approve, seconded by Kay House. The motion carried.
Old Fort #2	Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Dean Buff. The motion carried.
Turkey Cove	Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Tom Cline. The motion carried.

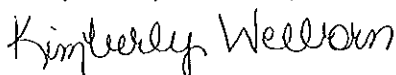
(See attached list of names to be approved)

Questions/Comments: (time limit 5 minutes)

Michelle Price wants the board to consider that monthly meetings be held and that all agendas be published on the website for the public to view. Chair, Dean Buff stated that the board would revisit this when all members of the board is present.

Della Watson motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



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