



McDowell County Board of Elections

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Dean Buff, Chairman
JR Hachadurian, Secretary
Kim Welborn, Director of Elections

MEMBERS
Dean Buff
JR Hachadurian
Tom Cline
Kay House
Della Watson

Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Board Members Present:
Dean Buff *AB*
Tom Cline *TC*
JR Hachadurian *JRH*
Kay House *KBH*
Della Watson *DW*

Board Members Absent:

Staff Present:
Kim Welborn, Director
Jane Propst, Deputy Director

Public Attendees:

Opening

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, May 16, 2022 were presented. JR Hachadurian motioned to approve, seconded by Kay House. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Old Business

New Business

- a. 5 absentee ballots were presented. (See attached list) Della Watson motioned to approve, seconded by Tom Cline. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.
- b. Petition signature issues were presented from the Randy Branton for Sheriff campaign. Della Watson motioned to not submit the sheets to the state for investigation, seconded by Kay House. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.
- c. After discussion of the Fire Chief in the Crooked Creek Fire Department not allowing the use of the land line or internet passwords for cell usage,
The McDowell County Board of Elections hereby authorizes the Director of Elections and the Deputy Director of Elections to take whatever actions are necessary to reestablish effective communications with the Crooked Creek polling place located at the Crooked Creek Volunteer Fire Department station so as to provide the citizens with effective access to voting, and the Chief Judge at the Crooked Creek polling place with the information needed to provide effective access to voting for the citizens. Whatever actions shall include but not limited to calling on officials

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and even the media to bring about safe access to voting, motioned by Kay House, seconded by Tom Cline. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

General Discussion

Public Comments

Adjournment

Dean Buff motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m. The motion carried.

The meeting was reopened at 10:05 a.m. due to issue at local fire department with telephone/cell access. The meeting adjourned for a second time at 10:10 a.m.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 17 at 2:00 p.m.

The board reopened the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

The one-stop absentee and absentee by mail were tabulated. Della Watson motioned to approve the tabulation, seconded by JR Hachadurian. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

The Randy Branton for Sheriff Petition was presented with 1231 approved signatures which is more than the required number of 1171. Tom Cline motioned to certify the petition, seconded by Kay House. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Dean Buff motioned to adjourn at 2:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Welborn, Director

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