



# McDowell County Board of Elections

## OFFICERS

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, June 28, 2022

**Board Members Present:**

Dean Buff *AB*  
JR Hachadurian *JRH*  
Tom Cline *TC*  
Kay House *KH*  
Della Watson *DW*

**Staff Present:** Jane Propst, Deputy Director  
Kimberly Welborn, Director by phone

**Public Attendees:** Elizabeth Gibbs, Marty and Susan Elliott, Michelle Price

### Opening

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

### Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, June 21, 2022 were presented. Della Watson moved to approve the minutes; Kay House seconded the motion. No Discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

### Old Business

**a. SEIMS Petition Letter Revision**

Kay House sent an email to Kim Welborn, Jane Propst and Dean Buff with a draft letter to Karen Bell, and a revision to the SEIMS petition letter requesting that the staff look over the letter and make any suggestions that we felt were needed. The staff did not complete this request due to waiting for further direction from the county board members. Dean Buff moved to table the discussion until all the board members had read the draft letter and the revision to the SEIMS petition letter submitted by Kay House. Kay House seconded the motion. No Discussion. Motion carried.

### New Business

**a. One Stop Voting November 8, 2022**

Jane was asked to email the board members with the cost of adding an additional site for onestop early voting in 2022. This amount will be around \$25,808. Additional information was requested from Tom

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Cline to include the number of voters that voted during one stop in 2018 and 2022. The requested data is attached.

Kay House presented a turnout projection data sheet for the 2022 General Election. This data is attached as well.

Kay House moved to have two one stop locations, one site at the McDowell County Board of Election Office and One Site at the Old Fort Depot with the required times and dates. No one seconded the motion. Della Watson wanted to discuss in more detail. Motioned failed

Dean stated that he felt that with the new buildings location that it was convenient for all voters, but he did not want to suppress any voter from getting the opportunity to vote. Kay House asked if money was allocated in the budget to cover an additional onestop site? Kim Welborn responded: The answer was yes, but this will make the budget tight this year. After much discussion from all board members and the review of the attached data. Della Watson moved to have two one stop locations for the 2022 General Election. One site at the McDowell County Board of Election Office and one Site at the Old Fort Depot with the required times and dates. JR Hachadurian seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

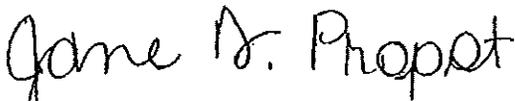
#### **General Discussion - None**

**Public Comments:** All attendees thanked the board for their careful consideration on providing the voters of McDowell County with 2 locations for early voting. They commended them on their discussion regarding the matter.

#### **Adjournment**

Dean Buff moved to adjourn at 9:47 am. The next meeting will be scheduled as needed.

Respectively Submitted,



Jane Dale Propst, Deputy Director  
June 29, 2022