



McDowell County Board of Elections

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Della Watson

Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024

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

Board Members Absent: Dean Buff *DB*

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

Public Attendees: Barbara Hilty
Susan Elliott
Suzanne Fisher

Opening

Quorum is present.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting, February 20, 2024 were presented. Tom Cline motioned to approve, seconded by Kay House. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Old Business

New Business

1. An updated pollworker list was presented. Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Della Watson. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.
2. The budget packet was presented to board for 2024-2025 budget year. The board will review and vote next week.
3. The school calendar which includes election day November 5, 2024 is showing that school is in session. The director contacted the superintendent and the calendar committee with a request to close due to student safety and the busy Presidential election. The Board of Education will meet on March 11 to discuss and vote.
4. Today at the Old Fort Library from 2-4 and tomorrow at the Marion Library from 2-4 our office will be making voter ID's for anyone that requests.
5. Early voting through Monday, February 26 a total of 1827 have voted.

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6. The Civilian Requests 102-129 were presented. Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Tom Cline. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0. February 27 through 5:00 p.m. is the last day to request an absentee through mail.

33 civilian ballots were received. 23 were received with ID included. 10 were received with photo ID exception form. Kay House motioned to approve exception forms, seconded by Della Watson. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0. Kay House motioned to approve civilian applications, seconded by Tom Cline. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0. One Overseas ballot was received and duplicated to be placed in tabulator. Kay House motioned to approve the ballots, seconded by Della Watson. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0. The ballots were placed in the tabulator. One ballot had to be duplicated due to voter placed check marks instead of filling in the oval and tabulator could not read.

General Discussion

Public Comments

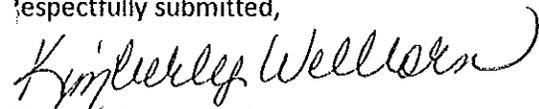
Susan Elliott stressed the need for Early Voting site in Old Fort for the November election.

The next meeting will be held March 4 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Della Watson motioned to adjourn at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Welborn, Director

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