



# McDowell County Board of Elections



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, October 15, 2024

**Board Members Present:** Dean Buff *AB*  
JR Hachadurian *JRN*  
Tom Cline  
Della Watson *DW*  
Kay House *KH*

**Board Members Absent:**

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

**Public Attendees:** Barbara Hilty  
Susan Elliott  
Elizabeth Gibbs  
Suzanne Fisher

## **Opening**

Quorum is present.

## **Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting, October 8, 2024 were presented. Della Watson motioned to approve, seconded by JR Hachadurian. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

## **Old Business**

## **New Business**

1. Nine exception forms were submitted with nine civilian absentees. Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Della Watson. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.
2. 3 Overseas ballots and 2 Military ballots, and 73 civilian absentees were presented. Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Della Watson. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0. There are 2 ballots pending cure. Total ballot on tabulator- beginning 32- add 87 today- ending total- 119.
3. Per the record and retention schedule the 2022 General and the first set of ballots (absentee) for the 2024 General election were shred on October 9, 2024 by the Shred-It company with staff witnessing the shredding in the parking

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lot. JR Hachadurian motioned to add this to the minutes, seconded by Tom Cline. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

4. The list of Early Voting pollworkers with assigned jobs was presented. Tom Cline motioned to approve, seconded by JR Hachadurian. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.
5. The list of Election Day pollworkers was presented. Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by Della Watson. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.
6. The Election Day polling places were discussed. With the destruction of Old Fort #2 Old Fort Wesleyan Church voters residing in the precinct will need to be notified of a new voting place for the November 2024 election. After speaking with emergency officials, and the town of Old Fort the staff made the recommendation to move Old Fort #2 voters to vote with the Old Fort #1 voters in the Old Fort Depot which will be made available to the voters on Election Day. Two tabulators, two voter lists, separate pollworkers, would be required. Kay House motioned to approve the move of all voters within the Old Fort #2 precinct to vote at the Old Fort #1 precinct, seconded by Della Watson. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0. A resolution will be sent to the state, letters will be sent to each voter, notifications to political parties, signage in the Old Fort area will be posted.

Dean Buff motioned for the board to go into Closed Session, seconded by Kay House. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Dean Buff, Chair stated that during Closed Session no decisions or motions were made. This was necessary for a personnel issue.

#### General Discussion

#### Public Comments

Suzanne Fisher

#### Adjournment

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, October 22, 2024.

Dean Buff motioned to adjourn at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Welborn, Director

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