



# 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:** Thursday, October 17, 2024

**Board Members Present:** Dean Buff (telephonic-remote)

JR Hachadurian *JRN* *ORS*

Tom Cline

Della Watson *DW*

Kay House *KBH*

**Staff Present:** Kim Welborn, Director

Jane Propst, Deputy Director

**Public Attendees:** Barbara Hilty

Susan Elliott

## Opening

Quorum is present.

## New Business

1. Emergency meeting. A formal request from Chet Effler, Republican Party Chair for a second early voting site to be added back to the 2024 General Election Cycle due to the traffic issues, and the safety and unrestricted access to the polling place at the local board of elections office.

Kay House motion: states that she sympathizes with everyone that we were unable to have the early voting site in Old Fort; the best solution was to have two sites; the storm reduced our early voting since Old Fort area was decimated; the board of elections has handled over 1,000 voters voting today, October 17 (first day of voting) with ease; the staff has stated that more precinct officials will be coming in tomorrow; the motion is to continue with early voting as the plan is for all voters to vote early within the board of Elections office, seconded by Dean Buff. No further discussion. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

## Adjournment

Kay House motioned to adjourn at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Welborn, Director

October 17, 2024