



# 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 22, 2024

**Board Members Present:**

Dean Buff *DB*  
JR Hachadurian *JRN*  
Della Watson *DW*  
Kay House *KH*

**Board Members Absent:**

Tom Cline *TC*

**Staff Present:**

Kim Welborn, Director  
Jane Propst, Deputy Director

**Public Attendees:**

Barbara Hilty  
Susan Elliott  
Roxann Wetzel  
Suzanne Fisher

**Opening**

Quorum is present.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meetings, October 15,17,21, 2024 were presented. Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by JR Hachadurian. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- 20 exception forms were submitted with 20 civilian absentees. 3 Overseas ballots and 4 Military ballots, and 114 civilian absentees were presented. Kay House motioned to approve, seconded by JR Hachadurian. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0. 4 ballots pending cure. Total ballots on tabulator- beginning 119- add 141 today- ending total- 260. Early voting numbers through October 21 is 5055.
- The Buffer Zone/Campaigning area for the early voting at the board of elections was discussed. Electioneers should not be allowed to stop cars coming in/out of the driveway due to safety issues. Cones and campaigning tape were placed four feet from the edge of the road October 21, 2024. Kay House motioned to update the buffer

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zone campaigning area at the early voting site to include 4' rule from the road to ensure safety of the voters, electioneers, and to not stop the traffic from moving smoothly, seconded by JR Hachadurian. No further discussion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

3. Compensatory time for the staff was discussed. In the county personnel policy manual if an employee reaches 80 hours of comp that must be paid out quarterly. Leading up to an election, during the busiest times, and after all the way to canvass staff cannot take time off. The Director recommends for the board to make a request to the county manager to allow the board of elections staff to be able to take time off or be paid out, in other words to save the 80 hours if they choose to do so, but not to exceed 200 hours. Della Watson motioned to request the county manager make this change, seconded by Kay House. No further discussion. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

### **General Discussion**

### **Public Comments**

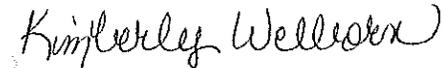
Suzanne Fisher

### **Adjournment**

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, October 29, 2024.

Della Watson motioned to adjourn at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Welborn, Director

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