

MCDOWELL COUNTY

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Board Members:
Barbara Hilty, Chair
Tracey Bolick, Member
Jimmie Hachadurian, Member
Kay House, Member
Della Watson, Member



McDowell County Board of Elections

Meeting Minutes

March 30, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Board Members Present: Chair Barbara Hilty, Secretary Kay House, Member J.R. Hachadurian

Board Members Absent: Member Tracey Bolick, Member Della Watson

Staff Present: Elections Director Jane Propst, Deputy Director Baylie Davis

Guests in Attendance: Susan Elliott, Elizabeth Gibbs, Joan Messner, Janet McGinnis, Trish Williams, Dale Wolfe

Meeting Opening

Chair Barbara Hilty called the meeting to order at **9:00 a.m.**

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the **March 13, 2026**, meeting were presented.

Motion: Hachadurian

Second: House

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous, 3–0

Action: Minutes approved as presented.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented to the Board.

Motion: House

Second: Hachadurian

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous, 3–0

Action: Agenda approved as presented.

Directors Report

Director Propst reported that a glass barrier had been installed for safety, and that rooms had been reserved for the 2026 Summer Elections Conference.

Old Business

None

New Business

1. 2026-2027 Budget Preparations

Director Propst presented the completed recommended budget packet for fiscal year 2026–2027. She requested increased funding for postage, travel, and equipment. Her budget summary also included a request for a new IT/GIS staff position; upgrading three DS200 tabulators to DS300 tabulators for use at early voting sites; updates to ElectionWare; and long-term goals, including installation of LED lighting, application of non-slip coating to the cement floors, and construction of a circular driveway.

Motion: Hilty

Second: House

Vote: Unanimous, 3–0

Discussion: None

Action: The board approved the recommended 2026-2027 Budget Preparations.

General Discussion

Director Propst informed the board that the Town of Old Fort voted unanimously to move their elections to even-numbered years, and the City of Marion voted unanimously to keep their elections in odd-numbered years.

Public Comments

None

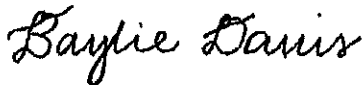
Adjournment

Motion: Hilty

Second: House

Meeting adjourned at **9:30 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Baylie Davis, Deputy Director

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