



2026 GENERAL

Election Date: 11/03/2026

This is an official notice of an election to be conducted in **MCDOWELL** County on **11/03/2026**. This notice contains a list of all of the ballot measures and federal, State, and local offices this county expects, as of this date, to be on the ballot on the date of the election. (See Attachment)

An Election Notice will be prepared not later than 100 days before a regularly scheduled election that permits absentee voting, and as soon as practicable in the case of an election or vacancy election not regularly scheduled. For a second primary, an Election Notice will be prepared, no later than the day following the date the appropriate board of elections orders that a second primary be held.

As soon as ballot styles are printed, this county board of elections will update this notice with the certified candidates for each office and ballot measures and referenda questions that will be on the ballot. For General Elections during even-numbered years, ballots will be printed **60 days** prior to the election. For statewide primaries and other elections (except municipal elections), ballots will be printed **50 days** prior to the election. Municipal ballots are available **30 days** prior to Election Day. **You must request an updated Election Notice.**

Transmitting a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot:

This notice may be used in conjunction with the federal write-in absentee ballot (FWAB). Covered military & U.S. citizens living outside the U.S. seeking to vote by absentee ballot may use the FWAB to register to vote, request an absentee ballot, and vote an official military-overseas ballot. When using the FWAB to register to vote, and/or request an absentee ballot, please transmit your signed and completed FWAB no later than **5:00 p.m. on the day before Election Day**. If submitted later than this day and time, your absentee ballot will not be counted. Federal write-in absentee ballots are available at www.NCSBE.gov. You may also request a regular absentee ballot by using the federal postcard application (FPCA), available at www.FVAP.gov. A regular ballot can be mailed, faxed or emailed to you. You may return the FWAB or a regular absentee ballot by mail, secure fax (1-919-715-0351) or email (absentee@ncsbe.gov).

Marking a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot:

When marking a FWAB, for each office for which you wish to vote, write in either a candidate's name or political party designation. For ballot measures or referenda, write either "YES" (you are *for* the ballot measure or referendum) or "NO" (you are *against* the ballot measure or referendum). In a primary, if you are registered as Democratic, Green, Libertarian, or Republican, for partisan contests, you may only vote for the candidates of the party for which you are affiliated. You are also eligible to vote for non-partisan contests. If you are registered as unaffiliated ("independent"), in a primary, you may choose to vote for the partisan contests of one of the parties or you may choose to vote for non-partisan contests only. Please contact your local [board of elections](#) to confirm your party affiliation or voter registration status.

Please check the website for the NC State Board of Elections (www.NCSBE.gov) for additional information on military-overseas absentee voting.

Election Notice Of Contests and Referenda

MCDOWELL BOARD OF ELECTIONS (11/03/2026)

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CANDIDATE NAME	NAME ON BALLOT	PARTY
US SENATE		
MICHAEL DUBLIN	Michael Dublin	GRE
ROY COOPER	Roy Cooper	DEM
SHANNON BRAY	Shannon W. Bray	LIB
MICHAEL WHATLEY	Michael Whatley	REP
US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 11		
JENNIFER BALKCOM	Jennifer Capps Balkcom	REP
JAMES AGER	Jamie Ager	DEM
TRAVIS GROO	Travis Groo	LIB
NC SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SEAT 01		
ANITA EARLS	Anita Earls	DEM
SARAH STEVENS	Sarah Stevens	REP
NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 01		
MICHAEL BYRNE	Michael C. Byrne	REP
JOHN ARROWOOD	John S. Arrowood	DEM
NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 02		
GEORGE BELL	George Cooper Bell	REP
TOBIAS HAMPSON	Tobias (Toby) Hampson	DEM
NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 03		
CRAIG COLLINS	Craig Collins	REP
CHRISTINE WALCZYK	Christine Marie Walczyk	DEM
NC STATE SENATE DISTRICT 46		
WARREN DANIEL	Warren Daniel	REP
KYLE WHISNANT	Kyle Whisnant	DEM
NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 085		
EDWIN GREENE	Dudley Greene	REP
SUZANNE GAVENUS	Suzanne Gavenus	DEM
NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 113		
JOHN MORGAN	John Morgan	DEM
JAKE JOHNSON	Jake Johnson	REP
NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 41 SEAT 01		
ROBERT MARTELLE	Robert K. Martelle	REP
NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 41 SEAT 02		
ANN MCENTIRE	Michelle McEntire	REP
NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 41 SEAT 03		
ELLEN SHELLEY	Ellen M. Shelley	REP
DISTRICT ATTORNEY DISTRICT 41		
DAVID NORRIS	David Norris	REP

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CANDIDATE NAME	NAME ON BALLOT	PARTY
MCDOWELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS		
TERRY ENGLISH	Terry English	DEM
TONY BROWN	Tony G. Brown	REP
CHRISTOPHER ALLISON	Chris Allison	REP
DAVID WALKER	David Walker	REP
STEPHANIE TENERY	Stephanie Tenery	DEM
JOHN SUTTLES	Matt Suttles	DEM
MCDOWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GLENWOOD DISTRICT		
TERRY FRANK	Terry Frank	REP
MCDOWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MARION DISTRICT		
SARA SKINNER	Sarah Skinner	DEM
MARVIN GREER	Marvin F. Greer	REP
MCDOWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION NEBO DISTRICT		
CHARLES ABERNATHY	Chuck Abernathy	REP
MCDOWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION PLEASANT GARDENS DISTRICT		
EDWARD SHUFORD	Eddie Shuford	REP
MCDOWELL COUNTY CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT		
MELISSA ADAMS	Melissa Holland Adams	REP
MCDOWELL COUNTY SHERIFF		
NATHAN MACE	Nathan Mace	REP
MCDOWELL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR		
ROBERT BRACKETT	Neil Brackett	
STEPHEN BANNER	Stephen Banner	

CHOICE	DESCRIPTION
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - REQUIRE PHOTO ID FOR VOTING	
For	Constitutional amendment to require all voters, not just those presenting to vote in person, to present photo identification before voting.
Against	Constitutional amendment to require all voters, not just those presenting to vote in person, to present photo identification before voting.
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - MAXIMUM INCOME TAX RATE OF 3.5%	
For	Constitutional amendment to keep the State income tax rate from being raised higher than three and one-half percent (3.5%).
Against	Constitutional amendment to keep the State income tax rate from being raised higher than three and one-half percent (3.5%).
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT	
For	Constitutional amendment requiring limits on property tax increases by local governments.
Against	Constitutional amendment requiring limits on property tax increases by local governments.
MCDOWELL COUNTY LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX REFERENDUM	
For	Local sales and use tax at the rate of one-quarter percent (0.25%) in addition to all other State and local sales and use taxes.
Against	Local sales and use tax at the rate of one-quarter percent (0.25%) in addition to all other State and local sales and use taxes.