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BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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McDowell County Board of Elections

Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2026
9:01 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.

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Board Members Present: Chair Barbara Hilty, Secretary Kay House, Member Tracey Bolick, Member Chris Wall, Member Della Watson

Board Members Absent:

Staff Present: Elections Director Jane Propst, Deputy Director Baylie Davis, Elections Assistant Jocelyn Childres

Guests in Attendance: Anna Caldwell, Susan Elliott, Suzanne Fisher, Elizabeth Gibbs, Trish Williams

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Meeting Opening

Chair Barbara Hilty called the meeting to order at **9:01 a.m.**

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the **October 6, 2026,** meeting were presented.

Motion: Watson
Second: House
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous, 4 –0
Action: Minutes approved as presented.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented to the Board.

Motion: House
Second: Watson
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous, 4–0
Action: Agenda approved as presented.

Directors Report

During the 2022 General Election, McDowell County issued 652 civilian (CIV) absentee ballot applications and 15 UOCAVA absentee ballot applications. As of October 13, 2026, the County has issued 274 CIV and 28 UOCAVA absentee ballot applications for the 2026 General Election. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is October 20, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

New Business

1. 2026 General Election Absentee Ballot Applications

Per Numbered Memo 2020-25, the "meaningful number" for the October 13, 2026 meeting is 28.

Motion: Bolick
Second: Hilty
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous, 4-0
Action: The meaningful number was established as 28 for the October 13, 2026 meeting.

Director Jane Propst presented 8 CIV absentee ballots.

Motion: Wall
Second: Watson
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous, 5-0
Action: The Absentee ballots were accepted as presented. The ballots were tabulated.

Director Jane Propst presented 20 CIV absentee ballots.

Motion: Wall
Second: House
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous, 5-0
Action: The Absentee ballots were accepted as presented. The ballots were tabulated.

Old Business

1.2026 General Election Day Precinct Officials

An updated list of 2026 Election Day Election Officials was presented.

Motion: House
Second: Hilty
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous, 5-0
Action: 2026 Election Day Elections Officials List approved as presented.

General Discussion

1. Next Meeting
The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

Motion: House
Second: Bolick
Meeting adjourned at **9:35 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Baylie Davis

Baylie Davis, Deputy Director
October 13, 2026