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MCDOWELL COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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

McDowell County Board of Elections

Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2026
9:00 a.m. – 9:53 a.m.

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

Board Members Absent: None

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

Guests in Attendance: Susan Elliott, Suzanne Fisher, Elizabeth Gibbs

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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 **October 13, 2026,** meeting were presented.

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

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented to the Board.

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

Directors Report

As of October 19, 2026, a total of 3,485 voters participated in Early Voting, with 2,850 voters in McDowell Board of Elections and 635 voters at the Old Fort Depot

New Business

1. 2026 General Election Absentee Ballot Applications

Per Numbered Memo 2020-25, the "meaningful number" for the October 20, 2026 meeting is 21.

Motion: Hilty
Second: Wall
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous, 5-0
Action: The meaningful number was established as 21 for the October 20, 2026 meeting.

Director Jane Propst presented 2 OVR absentee ballots.

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

Director Jane Propst presented 3 CIV absentee ballots.

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

Director Jane Propst presented 21 CIV absentee ballots.

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

2. Resolution to Count Early Voting Ballots

Director Jane Propst presented a Resolution to Count Early Voting Ballots.

Motion: House
Second: Hilty
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous, 5-0
Action: The Resolution was accepted as presented.

3. Resolution to Count Absentee Ballots

Director Jane Propst presented a Resolution to Count Absentee Ballots.

Motion: House
Second: Bolick
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous, 5-0
Action: The resolution was accepted as presented.

Old Business

1.2026 General Election Day Precinct Officials

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

Motion: Bolick
Second: Wall
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 27, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Public Comments

Suzanne Fisher addressed the board during the public comment period.

Adjournment

Motion: Hilty
Second: Wall
Meeting adjourned at **9:53 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Baylie Davis

Baylie Davis, Deputy Director
October 20, 2026