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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
November 3, 2026
2:00 p.m. – 8:02 p.m.

Board Members Present: Secretary Kay House, Member Tracey Bolick, Member Warren Wall, Member Della Watson

Board Members Absent: Chair Barbara Hilty

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

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Meeting Opening

Secretary Kay House called the meeting to order at **2:00 p.m.**

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the **November 2, 2026,** meeting were presented.

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

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented to the Board.

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

Directors Report

Director Propst reported that, as of 10:00 a.m., 1,155 voters had cast their ballots on Election Day throughout McDowell County.

New Business

1. Tabulation of the November 3, 2026 Early Voting Results
The Marion Early Voting tabulator began tabulating ballots, followed by the Old Fort Early Voting tabulator at 2:13 p.m.

2. 2026 General Election Absentee Ballot Applications

Per Numbered Memo 2020-25, the "meaningful number" for the November 3, 2026, meeting was to review all ballot applications.

Motion: Watson
Second: Bolick
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous, 4-0
Action: The board reviewed all ballot applications as the designated "meaningful number" during the November 3, 2026, meeting.

Director Jane Propst presented 5 CIV absentee ballots.

Motion: Watson
Second: House
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous, 4-0
Action: The Absentee ballots were accepted as presented. The ballots were tabulated.

Director Jane Propst presented 2 CIV absentee ballots.

Motion: Wall
Second: House
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous, 4-0
Action: The Absentee ballots were accepted as presented. The ballots were tabulated.

Director Jane Propst presented 1 OVR absentee ballot.

Motion: Bolick
Second: House
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous, 4-0
Action: The Absentee ballot was accepted as presented. The ballot was tabulated.

Director Jane Propst presented 5 MIL absentee ballots.

Motion: Wall
Second: Watson
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous, 4-0
Action: The Absentee ballots were accepted as presented. The ballots were tabulated.

Director Jane Propst presented 1 OVR absentee ballot.

Motion: Bolick
Second: House
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous, 4-0
Action: The Absentee ballot was accepted as presented. The ballot was tabulated.

Upon motion by Watson, the board recessed at 4:08 p.m. and reconvened at 7:36 p.m., with all members present prior to the recess returning.

Director Jane Propst presented 3 CIV absentee ballots.

Motion: Wall
Second: Watson
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous, 4-0
Action: The Absentee ballots were accepted as presented. The ballots were tabulated.

Old Business

None

General Discussion

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 9, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Public Comments

Susan Elliott addressed the board during the public comment period.

Adjournment

Motion: Wall
Second: House
Meeting adjourned at **8:02 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Baylie Davis

Baylie Davis, Deputy Director
November 3, 2026