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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 10, 2026
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

**Board Members Absent:** Member Warren Wall

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

**Guests in Attendance:** Susan Elliott, Suzanne Fisher, Elizabeth Gibbs, Thomas Neubauer

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**Meeting Opening**

hair Barbara Hilty called the meeting to order at **1:00 p.m.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the **November 9, 2026,** meeting were presented.

**Motion:** House
**Second:** Bolick
**Discussion:** None
**Vote:** Unanimous, 3–0
**Action:** Minutes approved as presented.

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was presented to the Board.

**Motion:** Hilty
**Second:** House
**Discussion:** None
**ote:** Unanimous, 3–0
**Action:** Agenda approved as presented.

**Directors Report**

**None**

**New Business**

**1. November 3, 2026 Provisional Applications**

Director Propst presented the Board with a report identifying 4 provisional ballots for the following reason: incorrect precinct; recommended for approval.

**Motion:** House
**Second:** Bolick
**Discussion:** None
**Vote:** Unanimous, 3–0
**Action:** 4 provisional ballots approved as presented. 4 ballots were tabulated.

Director Propst presented the Board with a report identifying 17 provisional ballots for the following reason: unreported move, recommended for approval.

**Motion:** Bolick
**Second:** House
**Discussion:** None
**Vote:** Unanimous, 3–0
**Action:** 17 provisional ballots approved as presented. 17 ballots were tabulated.

Director Propst presented the Board with a report identifying 2 provisional ballots for the following reason: previously removed, recommended for approval.

**Motion:** Bolick
**Second:** House
**Discussion:** None
**Vote:** Unanimous, 4–0
**Action:** 2 provisional ballots approved as presented. 2 ballots were tabulated.

Director Propst presented the Board with a report identifying 2 provisional ballots for the following reason: ID not provided- exception: reasonable impediment; recommended for approval.

**Motion:** House
**Second:** Watson
**Discussion:** None
**Vote:** Unanimous, 4–0
**Action:** 2 provisional ballots approved as presented. 2 ballots were tabulated.

Director Propst presented the Board with a report identifying 12 provisional ballots for the following reason: DL/SSN Provisional; recommended for approval. One ballot had been inadvertently tabulated during Early Voting.

**Motion:** Bolick
**Second:** House
**Discussion:** None
**Vote:** Unanimous, 4–0
**Action:** 12 provisional ballots approved as presented. 11 ballots were tabulated.

Director Propst presented the Board with a report identifying 2 provisional ballots for the following reason: unrecognized address (geocode issue), recommended for approval.

**Motion:** Hilty
**Second:** House
**Discussion:** None
**Vote:** Unanimous, 4–0
**Action:** 2 provisional ballots approved as presented. 2 ballots were tabulated.

Director Propst presented the Board with a report identifying 2 provisional ballots for the following reason: no record of registration; recommended for approval.

**Motion:** House
**Second:** Bolick
**Discussion:** None
**Vote:** Unanimous, 4–0
**Action:** 2 provisional ballots approved as presented. 2 ballots were tabulated.

Director Propst presented the Board with a report identifying 3 provisional ballots for the following reason: ID not provided- no exception form/return with ID; recommended for approval.

**Motion:** Hilty
**Second:** Watson
**Discussion:** None
**Vote:** Unanimous, 4–0
**Action:** 3 provisional ballots approved as presented. 3 ballots were tabulated.

Director Propst presented the Board with a report identifying 4 provisional ballots for the following reason: ID not provided- no exception form/return with ID; recommended not approved.

**Motion:** House
**Second:** Hilty
**Discussion:** None
**Vote:** Unanimous, 4–0
**Action:** 4 provisional ballots were not approved as presented.

Director Propst presented the Board with a report identifying 4 provisional ballots for the following reason: previously removed; recommended not approved.

**Motion:** House
**Second:** Bolick
**Discussion:** None
**Vote:** Unanimous, 4–0
**Action:** 4 provisional ballots were not approved as presented.

Director Propst presented the Board with a report identifying 42 provisional ballots for the following reason: no record of registration; recommended not approved.

**Motion:** House
**Second:** Watson
**Discussion:** None
**Vote:** Unanimous, 4–0

**Action:** 42 provisional ballots were not approved as presented.

**Old Business**

None

**General Discussion**

**1. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 13, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

**Public Comments**

Susan Elliott addressed the board during the public comment period.

**Adjournment**

**Motion:** Hilty
**Second:** House
Meeting adjourned at **3:00 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Baylie Davis

Baylie Davis, Deputy Director
November 10, 2026