Jackson County Board of Elections
Minutes of Meeting
Absentee Meeting #2
October 6, 2026

Present: Members: Bill Thompson, David Brooks, Roy Osborn, Jay Pavey, Betsy Swift; Amanda Allen, Director

Meeting called to Order: by Bill Thompson at 1:01 pm; Pledge of Allegiance led by Jay Pavey.

Public Comment: none

Agenda: motion to accept by Jay Pavey, seconded by David Brooks; unanimous approval.

Minutes: motion to accept by Roy Osborn, seconded by Jay Pavey; unanimous approval.

Director's Report: updates on the following topics were provided by Amanda Allen:

1. Early Voting and Election Day preparations - poll worker trainings completed; getting ready to deploy supplies and equipment; L&A completed last week; statewide mock election completed last week.
2. Absentee ballots - 380 requested to date, with good rate of return. Deadline to request is 10/20/2026.
3. Voter registration - approximately 400 new voter registrations received since early September.
4. Early voting starts next week, 10/15/2026. Board is cautioned regarding presence at EV sites, perception of partiality.

Absentee Ballots for Approval by Board: Board considered, approved, and scanned a total of 25 absentee ballots as follows:

- One (1) ballot requiring cure due to a missing signature was considered after the cure process completed. Roy Osborn moved to accept the cure, David Brooks seconded, unanimous approval.
- Jay Pavey made the motion to approve twenty-two (22) CIV ballots; seconded by Roy Osborn, unanimous approval.
- Bill Thompson made the motion to approve three (3) OVR ballots, seconded by Jay Pavey, unanimous approval.

Appointment of Election Day precinct officials: tabled until next meeting. Some adjustments of personnel pending.

Resolution re: Inclement Weather see attached, motion to approve made by Roy Osborn, seconded by Jay Pavey, unanimous approval.

Motion to Adjourn: by Jay Pavey at 2:10 pm, seconded by David Brooks, unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted

Betsy Swift, Secretary

Bill Thompson, Chairperson

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RESOLUTION 2026-05

RESOLUTION OF THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS CONCERNING VOTING INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

On October 6, 2026 the Jackson County Board of Elections met and adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 163-166.35 authorizes county boards of elections to establish sites and hours for early voting, and,

WHEREAS, any modifications to the previously adopted early voting plan requires a unanimous vote of all its members; and

WHEREAS inclement weather may impact early voting operations and the Board must prioritize employee and voter safety; and inclement weather may lead to early voting sites not opening, delaying opening or closing early; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in preparation for the possibility of inclement weather or conditions that may impede voting during the early voting period, the Jackson County Board of Elections has established the following procedures:

- No early voting site shall be closed without approval of the Jackson County Board of Elections.
- When county government is officially closed due to inclement weather or weather-related emergency conditions, the Board shall convene a duly called meeting in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 143-318.12(b) to determine by unanimous vote of all members, if site(s) shall be closed. Closure could involve site(s) not opening, delaying opening or closing early. A county government closure shall not, by itself, authorize the closure of early voting sites.
- Additionally, during a duly called meeting conducted in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 143-318.12(b), the Board of Elections may, upon recommendation of the Elections Director and by unanimous vote of all members order the closure of voting site(s) due to inclement weather or weather-related emergencies, regardless of the operational status of county government.

Upon approval of closure by the Board, the Elections Director, or their designee, shall notify the public of site closures and shall ensure staff have appropriate instructions for orderly and secure closure of sites. All actions shall comply with applicable state and federal election laws and regulations.

This 6th day of October 2026.

Bill Thompson, Chair