

**Jackson County Board of Elections
Minutes of Meeting
September 1, 2026**

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

Meeting called to Order: by Bill Thompson at 4:00 p.m.

Public Comment: none

Agenda: motion to accept by Roy Osborn, seconded by David Brooks.

Minutes: motion to accept minutes of 8/18/2026 meeting by Jay Pavey, seconded by Roy Osborn

Director's Report: the following topics were addressed by Amanda Allen:

1. Absentee Ballot update: ballots will start being mailed out on Friday September 4, 2026. MAT team has been out assisting voters with their requests for absentee ballots.
2. Precinct worker update: we have 40 new and returning poll workers after successful recruitment efforts. (Approximately 120 poll workers total.) Trainings will start in mid-September.
3. Full time staff position remains open; whether or not to embark upon hiring process during busy season is an open question with pros/cons.
4. Election Hero Day - a non-partisan observance which takes place October 20, 2026. Director will pursue if the Board is interested.

New Business:

1. The "I Voted" sticker contest winners were presented with their certificates and prizes: Naomi Pratt (First place), Lincoln Brooks (Second place), and Miller Solsbee (Third place).
2. Early Voting plan: Bill Thompson presented the decision of the State Board regarding the Cullowhee early voting locations - both the Health and Human Sciences building on Savannah Rd. and the County Recreation Center will be used for early voting.
3. Roy Osborn made a motion that the meeting rooms at the Rec Center be used. Motion seconded by Jay. Motion carried (3 aye, 2 no)
4. Resolution to change Election Day site for the Cullowhee precinct: Jay Pavey moved that Resolution 2026-02 (here attached) be adopted, seconded by Betsy Swift. Motion carried (3 aye, 2 no) Notice of change will be provided to all voters in Cullowhee precinct in accordance with the law.
5. Election Day Counting of Absentee Ballots by Board of Elections for the November 3, 2026 General Election
6. Bill Thompson moved that Resolution 2026-03 (here attached) be adopted, seconded by Roy Osborn. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Election meeting dates and times: The statutorily required Absentee meetings, as well as dates and times for cured absentee and provisional ballots, late-arriving UOCAVA ballots established. See Resolution (here attached) Motion to accept Resolution 2026-04 made by Bill, second by Jay, Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting: September 29, 2026 at 1:00 pm

Motion to Adjourn: by Jay, seconded by Roy. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am



Betsy Swift, Secretary



Bill Thompson, Chairperson



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RESOLUTION 2026-02

**RESOLUTION OF THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
CONCERNING THE VOTING LOCATION OF CULLOWHEE PRECINCT**

On September 1, 2026 the Jackson County Board of Elections met at the Board of Elections office and adopted the following resolution:

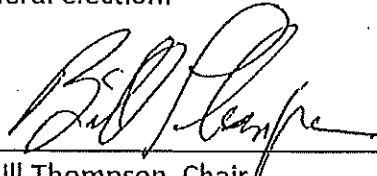
WHEREAS, the current voting location for Cullowhee Precinct is the Cullowhee Recreation Center at 88 Cullowhee Mountain Road, Cullowhee, NC 28723; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 163-128 provides that a county board of elections shall have power from time to time, by resolution, to establish, alter, discontinue, or create such new election precincts or voting places as it may deem expedient; and,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Jackson County Board of Elections as follows:

1. That pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 163-128, Election Day voting for Cullowhee Precinct will cease to occur at Cullowhee Recreation Center; and,
2. That pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 163-128, Western Carolina University Health and Human Sciences Building at 4121 Little Savannah Road, Cullowhee, NC 28723, is within the Cullowhee Precinct and will be the new Election Day voting location for Cullowhee Precinct; and,
3. That all notice requirements of North Carolina General Statutes 163 shall be met; and
4. That this change will go into effect with the 2026 general election.

This 1st day of September 2026.



Bill Thompson, Chair



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RESOLUTION 2026-03

**Election Day Counting of Absentee Ballots by Board of Elections
for the November 3, 2026 General Election**

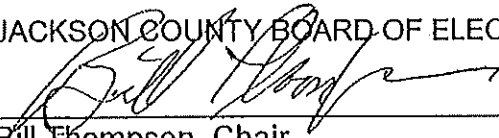
Be it hereby resolved, that in accordance with N.C.G.S 163-234(2), the Jackson County Board of Elections will begin counting absentee by-mail ballots for the General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at the Jackson Co. Board of Elections office, 876 Skyland Dr., Sylva. The results of the absentee ballot count will not be announced before 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.

Be it hereby resolved that, in accordance with N.C.G.S. 163-234(11) and N.C.G.S. 163-234(12), there will be a meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. for the counting of any cured absentee by-mail ballots pursuant to N.C.G.S 163-230.1(e1) and Friday, November 13, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for the counting of any eligible absentee by-mail ballots received pursuant to N.C.G.S. 163-231(b)(2) and N.C.G.S. 163-258.12. The results of this absentee ballot count will be included with canvass.

Any elector of the county may attend these meetings and observe the counts.

This 1st day of September 2026.

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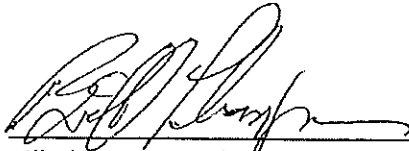
RESOLUTION 2026-04

**RESOLUTION OF THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION**

The following is a list of the days on which the Jackson County Board of Elections will meet to approve the applications for absentee ballots for the General Election to be held on November 3, 2026, pursuant to G.S. 163-230.1(f). The meetings will be held in the Jackson Co. Board of Elections office, 876 Skyland Dr., Sylva. Any other business transacted by the Board may be done at this time.

Absentee Meeting	Tuesday	September 29	1:00 p.m.
Absentee Meeting	Tuesday	October 6	1:00 p.m.
Absentee Meeting	Tuesday	October 13	1:00 p.m.
Absentee Meeting	Tuesday	October 20	1:00 p.m.
Absentee Meeting	Tuesday	October 27	1:00 p.m.
Absentee Meeting	Monday	November 2	5:00 p.m.
Election Day	Tuesday	November 3	2:00 p.m.
Cured Absentee & Provisional Meeting	Tuesday	November 10	1:00 p.m.
UOCAVA By-Mail Absentee Meeting	Friday	November 13	9:00 a.m.
Canvass	Friday	November 13	11:00 a.m.

This 1st day of September 2026.



Bill Thompson, Chair