

Standard Meeting

Members Present - Bill Thompson, Betsy Swift, Roy Osborn, Wes Hanemayer, Jay Pavey

Meeting called to order - Bill Thompson at 1:00 PM, Jay led Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment. One person presented WCU transport plan to Cullowhee rec center for upcoming Primary election.

Agenda was approved. 02/03/2026 Jay moved to accept. Roy 2nd. Unanimous vote yes.

Minutes from BOE meeting on 1/27/2025 approved. Roy moved to accept. Betsy 2nd. Unanimous vote yes.

Directors Report. Amanda reviewed the below items.

- (1) Poll worker training continues with 2 sessions completed with the final two trainings to be completed this week. Recent weather has complicated the training schedule.
- (2) Absentee ballots requests, distribution, reception and processing continue. As of 02-03-2026:
 - 70 requested ballots have been mailed to qualified recipients
 - 2 ballots have been received and confirmed as qualified
- (3) State BOE training is rescheduled for 02-05-2026 and 02-06-2026. All board members will be participating via Video conference
- (4) Election day security. This entails the requesting by the BOE director of the sheriff provide deputy escort of poll workers delivering final voting results from each precinct to the Jackson County BOE office on Skyland Drive, Sylva.
Jay moved to give the Jackson County BOE Director this authority, Roy 2nd, Unanimous vote yes.

Review and casting of Absentee ballots. Board reviewed and cast the ballots. The motion was to approve the processed ballots.

Betsy 1st, Roy 2nd, Unanimous vote yes.

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Inclement Weather plan: Reference is Numbered Memo 2020-04 dated January 29, 2020. Reference and action items:

- 1) Jackson County BOE will regularly communicate with State BOE when projected inclement weather progresses.
- 2) Jackson County EMS has generators potentially available.
- 3) State BOE has Helene related funding potentially available to assist with election implementation efforts.
- 4) Jackson County has an emergency plan to potentially reduce precincts on election day if circumstances demand.
- 5) Each precinct will be provided a county polling book.
- 6) Emergency moving of scanning equipment plans in place if required.
- 7) Jackson County BOE director will remain as primary contact with County EMS regarding potential disruption to early voting activity.
- 8) Jackson County BOE Director will initiate a video conference with all Board members should emergency actions be required.
- 9) Jackson County BOE Director will consult with State BOE on cure solutions if hours, days or sites regarding voting are disrupted.

Resolution that "On Election Day Jackson County BOE will make all reasonable efforts to open polling sites". Wes moved 1st, Betsy 2nd, Unanimous vote yes.

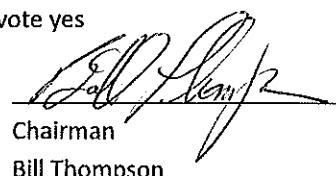
Early Tabulation time: Tabled a vote to establish adoption of a resolution for early Tabulation of absentee Ballots

Closed Session: Board moved to enter closed session for legal consultation. Start at 1:53 PM. Wes moved 1st, Jay 2nd, Unanimous voted yes.

Board moved to come out of closed session at 2:36 PM Wes moved 1st, Roy 2nd,

Motion to adjourn. Wes motioned at 2:36 PM to adjourn, Jay 2nd. Unanimous vote yes


Secretary
Wes Hanemayer


Chairman
Bill Thompson