Jackson County Board of Elections
Minutes of Election Day Meeting
November 3, 2026

Present: Members: Bill Thompson, David Brooks, Roy Osborn, Jay Pavey, Betsy Swift; Amanda Alllen, Director
Meeting called to Order: by Bill Thompson at 2:28 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
Public Comment: none
Agenda: motion to accept by Jay Pavey, seconded by David Brooks, unanimous approval.
Minutes: motion to accept by Bill Thompson, seconded by Jay Pavey, unanimous approval.
Director's Report: updates on the following topics were provided by Amanda Allen:

1. As of 2:00 pm 2418 ballots have been cast county-wide. No unusual issues have been reported by any precinct.
2. The State Board of Elections held an emergency meeting due to delayed opening of polls this morning in some counties. This will impact us only in the timing of reports being released at the close of polls.

Closing of Early Voting polls: carried out by bipartisan teams.
Absentee Ballots for Approval by the Board: the Board considered, approved, and scanned a total of 12 absentee ballots as follows:

1. One ballot was unsigned and was excluded. Attempts will be made to contact the voter to cure deficiency.
2. Bill Thompson made a motion to approve eight CIV ballots, second by Jay Pavey, unanimous approval.
3. Bill Thompson made a motion to approve three OVR ballots, seconded by Roy Osborn, unanimous approval.

Recess: Motion to recess until 6:00 pm made by Bill Thompson, seconded by Jay Pavey, unanimous approval. At 6:00 pm the Board will reconvene to consider any additional absentee ballots that are received. The meeting was recessed at 3:20 pm.
Reconvened at 6:00, whereupon Jay Pavey moved to extend Recess until 7:15, closer to the deadline to receive any additional absentee ballots. Motion seconded by David Brooks, unanimous approval. Meeting called back to order at 7:25 pm by Bill Thompson.
Additional Absentee Ballots: three additional ballots were considered, approved, and scanned by the Board as follows:

1. Bill Thompson made a motion to accept one OVR ballot, seconded by Roy, unanimous approval.
2. Bill Thompson made a motion to accept two MIL ballots, seconded by Jay Pavey, unanimous approval.

Closing of Absentee polls: carried out by bipartisan teams. Total of 346 absentee ballots were returned; 64% return rate.
Motion to Adjourn: by Jay Pavey, seconded by Roy Osborn, unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Swift, Secretary

Bill Thompson, Chairperson