

Regular Meeting

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

Meeting called to order- Bill Thompson at 10:00 AM, Jay Pavey led Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment. None

Agenda was approved. 10/21/25 Jay moved to accept. 2nd Roy. Unanimous vote yes.

Minutes from BOE meeting on 9/30/25 approved. Roy moved to accept. 2nd Betsy. Unanimous vote yes.

Director's Report

1. **Numbered Memo 2023-06 Election Observers**
Minor change on when an observer can be appointed. Early voting update
2. **Early Voting Update**
Minor Activity with in-person voting. Strong absentee voter participation, mainly from retirement home voters.
3. **Registration repair project**
Activity continuing with additional registrations being cleared. Approximately 150 still outstanding. Greater focus on active voters. IT team from the state has provided good tools to help with the process.
4. **Work on Primary Election activities**
State has not published election calendar yet. This is partially affected by potential congressional district remapping. Jackson County board needs to set early voting calendar and plan. This will include defining what early voting precincts will be open and when. Some variables on scheduling. County attorney preparing a site agreement between the BOE and the sites. Proposal made for date and time for defining Jackson County early voting plans. This will set the foundation for the next election.

Motioned meeting set for November 18th 10 AM. Wes 1st, Bill 2nd, Unanimous Yes.

Resolution for the counting of Absentee and provisional ballots.

The board will meet at 2:00 PM on the Friday November 7th post the Jackson County municipal elections. Aligning Jackson County with SB 382. Motion to accept Bill 1st, Betsy 2nd, Unanimous Yes.

Absentee Ballots for Approval by the Board – Staff have researched and entered the voter system the info of each absentee voter participating. Board activity was to review and scan ballots in a bi partisan manner for each ballot. Activity complete for 17 ballots.

Enter Closed Session. Closed session started per NCGS 143-318,11 (a) (6) at 11:07 discussing recruitment. Motion to enter Bill 1st. Wes 2nd. Unanimous Yes.

Exit Closed Session. Motion at 11:55 to exit closed session. Wes 1st, Betsy 2nd, Unanimous Yes. Exit closed session

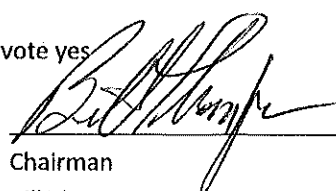
The board decided to move forward with the interview process on October 29th 2025 should all parties be available to be interviewed to fill the open tech position.

The next meeting date. Next regular meeting remains set at BOE office October 28th, 2025, 10AM. Meetings will be in the kitchen area as the board room will be setup for the upcoming Municipal election.

Motion to adjourn. Bill motioned at 11:55 AM to adjourn, Roy 2nd. Unanimous vote yes


Secretary

Wes Hanemayer


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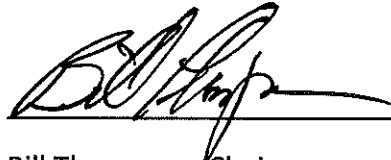
**RESOLUTION OF THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
CONCERNING THE COUNTING OF ABSENTEE & PROVISIONAL BALLOTS**

On October 21, 2025 the Jackson County Board of Elections met at the Board of Elections office and adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Jackson County Board of Elections that:

1. The Jackson County Board of Elections shall meet at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 7 at the Board of Elections office to count absentee and provisional ballots.
2. Any voter of the county may attend this meeting and observe the count.
3. The results of the absentee ballot count will be announced by 5:00 p.m. that day.

ADOPTED this 21 of October, 2025 by the Jackson County Board of Elections.



Bill Thompson, Chair