



## Washington County Election Administrator Report November 2025

Since we didn't have a WCEC meeting in October, I combined important AOE notes from October with this new November report. Our office has been concentrating on keeping voter rolls clean and accurate by sending confirmation notices to voters that don't meet the state's standard of voting in past two November election seasons. These attempts at contact results in fewer active voters in our system now but results in more accurate voter lists in the future and make the 2027 list Maintenance project less daunting.

**YTD through October 31, our county has 92,067 registered voters, 80,886 ACTIVE voters, 11,181 INACTIVE, 3,928 new voter registrations, and 5,167 purged voters off our voter rolls.**

**In October - 389 new voter registrations, designated 3,281 inactive and purged 532 voters from our voter roll. The Election office has handled 11,785 touches to our voter rolls this year. These can be new registrations, purges of voters for various reasons, name changes, address changes, etc.**

Non-daily tasks completed by the office were

- Sheila, Veronica and myself participated in the County 101 program. We each gave informative presentations that produced many questions from the attendees.
- Our new employee Meredith Zebracki started 10-6, and Sheila has done a great job teaching and cross-training her on multiple tasks. During her first 2 days they purged 190 voters, which included confirming 102 deceased voters.
- Max, Steve and I held a registration drive at David Crockett High School, Max and Steve also at Daniel Boone High School and Science Hill High School.
- Max and I were invited by Providence Academy to speak with two government classes. The instructor was very appreciative, and the students were very engaged. We expect to get many workers from that visit.
- Sheila, Veronica and I attended Open Records training class in Bristol on 10-22
- I traveled to Nashville for Election Law Training seminar on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Feel free to call me with any questions

Best regards

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**Washington County Election Commission  
Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** September 9, 2025

**Time:** 9:30 AM

**Location:** Election Office, 2516 East Oakland Ave, Johnson City, TN 37601

**Chair:** Lori Rosenoff

**Minute Taker:** Veronica Nuckols

**Attendance:**

- **Commissioners:** Lori Rosenoff (Chair), Margaret Davis (Secretary), Mike Elder, Mike Hubbard, Turney Williams
- **Administrator of Elections:** Chuck Vest
- **Staff:** Shella Hayes, Veronica Nuckols, and Meredith Zebracki (new employee)
- **Community Members:** Victoria Rogers, Ed Wolfe, John (last name not provided)

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- **Organizations Represented:** *It Starts With Me, East TN Freedom, League of Women Voters*

**Call to order:**

- **Opening:** Chair Rosenoff
- Moment of silence for Mark Finucane (remarks by Victoria Rogers and Margaret Davis).
- **Prayer and Pledge**

**Public Comments:**

- **Ed Wolfe:**
  - Expressed confusion over news coverage about state vs. federal election responsibilities.
  - Asked about absentee voting, the SAVE Act, and how changes might affect Washington County.
- **Margaret Davis:**
  - Stated the commission follows guidance from the State of Tennessee.
  - State of Tennessee follows guidance and considerations from the Federal Government.
  - Noted the importance of maintaining mail-in ballot options.

- **Administrator Vest:**

- Does not anticipate major changes to absentee voting.
- Emphasized Tennessee's strong election integrity and consistency.

**Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes:**

- **Motion to approve:** Turney Williams
- **Seconded by:** Mike Elder
- **Approved unanimously.**

**Old Business:**

- Disposal of old voting machines – Certificate of destruction (1.7 tons of metal)

**Administrator's Report (Chuck Vest) & New Business:**

- **Primary Call Letters:** Democratic and Republican parties have submitted letters to call a May 2026 primary.
- **Candidate Petitions:** Available starting **December 22, 2025.**
- **Office Closure:** **October 2-3, 2025** for HVAC installation.
- **Election Cycle Key Dates:** Calendar copies provided to commission.
- **Poll Watcher Policy:** Need to adopt a policy; final approval scheduled for next meeting.
- **Voter Registration Statistics:** Reviewed statistics on new voters, changes, purges, etc.
- **Public Notices:** Will appear in newspaper and on social media for upcoming candidate information.

**Commissioner Questions & Comments:**

- **Margaret Davis:** Election official application format (two pages, condensed to one).
- **Mike Hubbard:** Asked about the number of young voters registered.
  - **Response (Vest):** Office tracks this data; focus remains on encouraging turnout among younger voters.

**Personnel Update:**

- **New Employee:** Meredith Zebracki
  - Start Date: **October 6, 2025**

**Other Remarks:**

- **ETACEO Conference:** December 3–5, 2025.
- **Administrator Vest:** Thanked commissioners for their commitment and professionalism.
- **Commissioner Hubbard:** Requested more detailed guidance for Election Day duties.
  - **Response (Vest):** Beth Henry-Robertson provides election calendar.
- **Chairperson Rosenoff:** Suggested compiling a list of precinct duties for commissioners.
- **Commissioner Elder:** Mentioned upcoming training sessions for election officials: registrar, failsafe, provisional judge, etc. Encouraged commissioners to attend some of the training.
- **Commissioner Davis:** Commended the commission's active participation compared to other counties. Expressed appreciation for the commissioners' dedication to work.

**New Business:**

- None

**Review Registration Cards:**

- Two deficient applications found:
  - One misspelled name
  - One involving a felon question

**Next Meeting:**

- **Date:** November 12, 2025
- **Time:** 9:30 AM

**Adjournment:**

- **Motion to adjourn:** Turney Williams
- **Seconded by:** Mike Hubbard