



WASHINGTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

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Call of the Washington County Election Commission Pursuant to TCA §2-1-113 Notice is hereby given that the commission will meet **Tuesday, July 7th, 2026 @ 9:30 am.**

- **Opening Prayer and Pledge**
- **Public Comments**
- **Communication from Chairperson**
- **Review and approval of Minutes (included)**
- **Administrator Report & Communications (included)**
 - Office will be participating in the Washington County Insider program (formerly County 101) on July 28, 5:30-8:00 P.M.
 - At Mayor Grandy's suggestion, the county will be making some smart and necessary changes to employees' comp time accumulation (100 max) and annual leave policies. Still developing.
- **Old business**
 - none
- **New business**
 - **Complete Q3 Inspection Report TCA §2-2-120 (handout)**
 - **Certify Early and Election Day voting machines by commissioners randomly selecting machines for inspection (handout) TCA § 2-9-105**
 - **Conduct any election business before the commission pursuant to duties listed in TCA § 2-12-116, and any other business that may come before the commission**
- **Schedule the next meeting (Aug 18th 9:30 am) Certification due by Aug 24 TCA § 2-8-101**
- **Adjourn**

The meeting will be held at 2516 East Oakland Ave, Johnson City, TN 37601. Public comment sign-up sheets will be placed at the entrance of the meeting space fifteen (15) minutes until two (2) minutes before the meeting starts. Speakers must be Washington County residents and are given three (3) minutes to speak about items on the agenda or pertinent to the duties of the Washington County Election Commission.

Washington County Election Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: June 9, 2026

Time: 9:30 AM

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

Chairperson: Lori Rosenoff

Minute Taker: Veronica Nuckols

Attendance:

- Commissioners: Lori Rosenoff, Margaret Davis, Mike Hubbard, and Turney Williams.
- Commissioner Absent: Mike Elder
- Administrator of Elections (AOE): Chuck Vest
- Staff: Sheila Hayes, Veronica Nuckols
- Others in attendance:
 - Victoria Rogers
 - Mike Edmonds
 - Cheryl Richards
 - Brock Runyan
 - James Reeves
 - WJHL

Call to Order:

- Commissioner Rosenoff called the meeting to order.
- Opening prayer and pledge.

Public Comments:

- None

Approval of Minutes:

- **Motion to approve:** Commissioner Williams
- **Seconded by:** Commissioner Hubbard
- **Approved unanimously.**

Administrator's Report:

- Introduced Brock Runyan, HR Intern with Washington County and senior at ETSU, who spent the day observing the Election Office operations.
- Reviewed sixth-month report.
- Discussed the 118 ballot styles for the upcoming August Election.
- Reviewed proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year.
- Notices to be mailed on June 23.
- August poll worker training schedule established.
- November Election notices scheduled for June 20.
- Qualifying petition pickup begins June 22 for Johnson City Commission, Town of Jonesborough Mayor, and Town of Jonesborough Alderman.

- Plan to attend the Chamber of Commerce Legislative breakfast.
- Reviewed May Election performance audit checklist.
- Visited David Crockett High School on May 14 to encourage civic engagement and recruit future precinct workers.
- Discussed updating election signage (yard signs, posterboards, etc.)
- Office added rubber mats to the loading and unloading area to help protect voting equipment.

New Business:

- **Approval of August Election Day Hours: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM**
 - **Motion to approve:** Commissioner Williams
 - **Seconded by:** Commissioner Hubbard
 - **Approved unanimously.**
- **Appointment of August Precinct Workers**
 - **Motion to approve:** Commissioner Hubbard
 - **Seconded by:** Commissioner Davis
 - **Approved unanimously.**
- **Adopt List of Acceptable Spellings for Write-In Candidate(s)**
Deadline to file as a write-in is June 14 at 12:00 PM.
 - **Motion to approve:** Commissioner Williams
 - **Seconded by:** Commissioner Davis
 - **Approved unanimously.**

***Schedule Next Meeting:**

Voting Machine Examination

- **Date:** June 23, 2026
- **Time:** 9:30 AM

The June 23 meeting was rescheduled to **July 7, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.*

Other Business:

- Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Williams locked and sealed the August absentee ballot boxes and provisional bags.

Adjournment:

- **Motion to adjourn:** Commission Rosenoff
- **Seconded by:** Commissioner Hubbard
- **Approved unanimously.**



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Washington County Election Administrator Report - July 2026

The public would be enlightened to learn that **118 different ballots** had to be developed for this August election. All early voting site machines had to be programmed with 118 ballots which made testing of EV machines more prolonged for our machine techs. We made the decision to double the number of machine techs so we could get the process completed by June 26. We are thankful for the job Aaron Bible, Logan Livingston and Jeff Clyburn did leading the tech team. With this many ballots, our EV election workers must be very diligent, ensuring every voter gets the correct ballot.

The August Early voting period begins on July 17th ending August 1st. In the August of 2022 Election our county had less than 10,000 voters, a turnout of 12.09%. **In the August 2018** election, the last time we concurrently had a contested Governor's primary and County Mayor race, we had **17,942 voters**, so with those similarities this year, I'm forecasting about **19,000 voters in August 2026**. The 6% increase forecasted can be contributed to more contested offices on the ballot. Currently, Washington County has 93,074 registered voters, 82,631 of those considered as actual active voters.

Commissioners Margaret Davis and Turney Williams, Deputies Meredith Zebracki, Steve Yantachka and I, attended the 2026 Election Law Seminar held in Nashville by the Secretary of State's office. This was a very informative meeting, held each year, and covered a range of election topics, Campaign Finance, legislative updates, emergency preparedness, redistricting & more.

For November municipal elections we've issued 9 petitions for JC Commission (2 seats), 2 for Jonesborough Mayor and 2 for Jonesborough Alderman

Some of the non-daily tasks completed by the office were

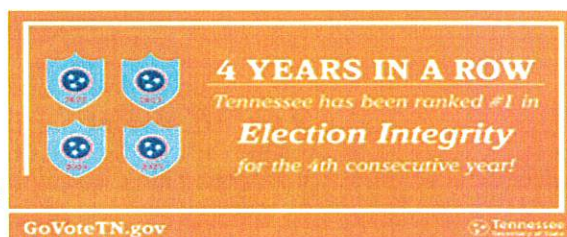
- Created August Early Voting Sample ballot notice to be published July 3rd. TCA § 2-5-211(b)
- Deputy Meredith Zebracki completed all duties for Nursing Home voting which will be conducted on July 10, 13 & 14th.
- Deputy Maxwell Hawkins has election worker staffing in a good position for all precincts.
- Deputy Steve Yantachka started sending out absentee ballots. Through July 1 he has seen a 34% increase (260 vs 194) in absentee ballot requests compared to the May election.
- Early Voting worker training was held June 24, 25, & 26th.
- Sheila, Veronica and I are preparing a plan for any potential election issues caused by large number of write-in votes and any candidates contesting results

Feel free to call me with any questions

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