



WASHINGTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

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Washington County Election Administrator Report - August 2026

I'll start with the fact we had **118 different ballots**, yet we saw no examples of voters getting issued the incorrect ballot, which was a concern of ours going into election day. I contribute this success to our experienced poll workers and the thorough training they received from staff. We are again fortunate to have great election workers and thankful for Deputy Maxwell Hawkins for leading the personnel effort. Aaron Bible and Jeff Clyburn did outstanding as our machine techs again. They visited all but one site on Election Day and assisted in servicing any urgent needs. We are also thankful for the MicroVote representatives, Kenny and Pat, for an outstanding job here at our office and helping run supplies if we requested.

Early Voting and Election Day went very well, the only unplanned task during early voting was replacing VVPAT rolls due to a strong turnout of almost 12,000 voters and the long ballot. The upside to that was it gave me a chance to get hands-on with the VVPAT and swap out process, so I benefited by gaining that knowledge. We also received good support from MT Jeff Clyburn during that time as well. Election Day was relatively smooth, especially considering we had 10,000 voters visit our precincts. We received good feedback from workers, who really appreciated the visits from our 5 election commissioners and expressed appreciation for the small gift we gave during visits. We will do something similar in November. Deputy Steve Yantachka did an excellent job leading the Absentee ballot process and the Counting Board, with election day assistance from election commissioners Margaret Davis (D) and Turney Williams (R). Once polls closed, Sheila Hayes led our breakdown team, assigning Deputy Meredith Zebracki to work with commissioners Mike Hubbard (R) and Mike Elder (D) to collect the all-important bags with our votes. Veronica Nuckols, Chairwoman Lori Rosenoff and I led the tabulating of votes as polls closed, which included meticulously finding and counting 500 certified write-in votes. Overall, we had one tied contest and another close mayoral contest, yet the day went well. The candidates were great to work with and presented no issues at our voting sites. We had forecasted an election turnout of 19,000, achieved 22,144, and expected 10,000 election day voters and saw 10,055. On to November!

The November 3rd Early voting period begins on October 14th ends Oct 29th. In the November of 2018 Election our county had 45,000 voters, a turnout of 58.48%. We are forecasting **45,000 voters in November 2026**. Currently, Washington County has over 93,074 registered voters, with about 82,000 considered as actual active voters. For November municipal elections we've issued 10 petitions (6 filed) for JC Commission (2 seats), 2 petitions (2 filed) for Jonesborough Mayor and 4 petitions (3 filed) for Jonesborough Alderman

Feel free to call me with any questions

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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, August 18th, 2026 @ 9:30 am.**

- **Opening Prayer and Pledge**
- **Communication from Chairperson**
- **Review and approval of Minutes (included)**
- **Administrator Report & Communications**
 - **August 6th County Primary election recap**
- **Public Comments**
- **Election Commissioner comments**
- **Old business**
 - **none**
- **New business**
 - **Certify the results of August 6th County General, State/Federal Primary elections TCA § 2-8-101**
 - **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**
- **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: July 7, 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 Mike Elder
- Commissioner Absent: Turney Williams
- Administrator of Elections (AOE): Chuck Vest
- Staff: Sheila Hayes, Veronica Nuckols
- Others in attendance:
 - Danielle Goodrich
 - Sylvain Bruni
 - Victoria Rogers
 - Caleb Perhne (WCYB)
 - Dave Vollrath
 - Nancy Richards

Call to Order:

- Commissioner Rosenoff called the meeting to order
- Commissioner Davis led the prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments:

- None

Approval of Minutes:

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

Administrator's Report:

- Attended the state election law seminar, which included information on emergency preparedness and campaign finance.
- Updated communication list provided to commissioners.
- Reviewed the August candidate list.
- Discussed MicroVote's support and responsiveness.
- Reviewed the number of active and inactive registered voters.
- Meredith is handling nursing home voting.

- Max is working on staffing.
- Election office staff are preparing for the possibility of an election contest.
- Write-in candidates could potentially slow down election night counting.
- There are 118 different ballots for the August election.
- Aaron Bible, Jeff Clyburn, and Logan Livingston were recognized for their work leading the machine verification team.

Discussion

- Reviewed public comment policy and information from the state seminar.
- Discussed campaign finance reporting requirements.
- Confirmed candidate petition checklists are available.
- Office will participate in the Washington County Insider program on July 28 from 5:30–8:00 p.m.
**this program was cancelled at a later date*
- Discussed voter registration and state list maintenance procedures.
- Estimated August voter turnout: approximately 19,000.
- AOE Chuck plans to submit an article to the *Johnson City Press* on the importance of voting.

Old Business

- None

New Business:

Complete Q3 Inspection Report (voter registration card inspection)

- Checked: 83
- Issues: 0
- More than 800 voters have registered since the previous inspection.

Schedule Next Meeting:

August Election Certification

- **Date:** August 18, 2026
- **Time:** 9:30 AM

Machine Verification

- All present Election Commissioners verified and inspected selected voting machines from the early voting and Election Day inventory.

Adjournment

- **Motion to adjourn:** Commissioner Elder
- **Seconded by:** Commissioner Hubbard
- **Approved unanimously**



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Agenda Item

- Certify the results of August County General, State/Federal Primary elections

Action

- ✓ Approve certification of August 6, 2026 Early and Absentee balloting for Primary and General Elections. * Signatures required