



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, September 8, 2026 @ 9:30 am.**

1. **Opening Prayer and Pledge**
2. **Communication from Chairperson**
3. **Review and approval of Minutes**
4. **Administrator Report & Communications**
 - **Legal impact update**
 - **Alternate plans for Early voting and election day**
 - **Review November ballot**
5. **Public Comments**
6. **Election Commissioner communications**
7. **Old business**
 - a. **none**
8. **New business**
 - a. **Review candidate petitions for November 3, 2026 election, for Johnson City Commissioner and Town of Jonesborough Mayor, Jonesborough Alderman (included)**
 - b. **Appoint & approve workers for November 3, 2026 election, including early voting, counting board & any future additions TCA § 2-4-102 (handout)**
 - c. **Discussion, Approve open times for Election Day November 3, 2026 TCA § 2-3-201**
 - d. **Discussion, possible action on November Early Voting sites, dates & time open TCA § 2-6-103(a)(1)(c) (handout)**
 - e. **Lock and seal absentee and provisional ballot boxes/bags for use in November 3, 2026 election TCA § 2-6-311**
 - f. **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**
9. **Schedule the next meeting**
10. **Adjourn**

The meeting will be held at 2516 East Oakland Ave, Johnson City, TN. 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

Election Commissioners

Lori Rosenoff - Chair, Margaret Davis - Secretary, Mike Hubbard, Mike Elder, Turney Williams - Members

Staff

Chuck Vest, Administrator of Elections, Sheila Hayes, Chief Deputy, Veronica Nuckols, IT Deputy, Steve Yantachka, Absentee Deputy, Maxwell Hawkins, Logistics Deputy, Meredith Zebracki, Office Deputy

Washington County Election Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: August 18, 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 Elder, Mike Hubbard, and Turney Williams
- Administrator of Elections (AOE): Chuck Vest
- Staff: Sheila Hayes, Veronica Nuckols
- Guests and Members of the Public: Madelyn Schneider with the Johnson City Press, a WJHL staff member, James Reeves, Joe Royston, Dave Vollrath, Ed Wolff, Daniel Goodrich, Cheryl Richards, Victoria Rogers, Joy Fulkerson, and numerous members of the community.

Call to Order:

- Commissioner Rosenoff called the meeting to order.
- Commissioner Davis opened with prayer.

Communication from the Chairperson:

- Commissioner Rosenoff discussed updates to the new meeting agenda format.
- Commissioner Rosenoff also thanked election staff, poll workers, and everyone who assisted with the August election.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Administrator's Report:

- Administrator of Elections Chuck Vest provided an overview of the August election and the certification process.
- The Election Commission received no reports of voters receiving an incorrect ballot during the August election.
- Discussed the election certification process, including the review of the tied race involving Henry Johnson. There were no provisional or failsafe ballots associated with that race.
- The tied County Commission race is currently under review by the County Attorney. Possible options regarding the resolution of the tie are being considered.
- The District 15 County Commission race involving Mike Masters is also under county review. The County Attorney is expected to provide guidance. Masters currently serves on the Washington County School Board.

Discussion:

- AOE Vest shared August election statistics and discussed efforts to encourage younger voter participation.
- The commission discussed increasing voter education and involvement in local schools.
- AOE Vest reminded the public of the deadline for certain November election races (August 20 @ noon).

Schedule Next Meeting:

- **Date:** September 8
- **Time:** 9:30 AM

Additional Comments:

- Chief Deputy Sheila Hayes thanked the commissioners for their hard work and assistance on election night and expressed appreciation for their continued support.

Adjournment:

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



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Washington County Election Administrator Report – September 2026

The office has been very busy preparing for the November General election, which for our office preparation began soon after the August election was certified. We start by building the November ballot and once approved by the state can begin printing the Absentee ballots as early as **September 3rd**. We paused completing the November ballot because we thought there could be a runoff election called and the potential for a school board seat to become open from the August election. Those two things did not materialize so we submitted our ballot for approval and are in the process of inspecting it for errors.

We did have a candidate contest the County Mayor election and we are in the process of getting that hearing set as soon as possible. Our Early Voting period begins next month, **October 14** and we would normally be programming and testing our machines in **mid-September** but now those August machines are not available for use. We have confidence in our Washington County election processes and the judicial system, so we look forward to getting this resolved without major disruptions to the upcoming election.

Our forecast for the November election conservatively projects over 40,000 voters, with 20,000 early voters. Realistically we could see 45,000 voters, considering in 2018 we also had an open Governorship and voted 45,557, with 25,000 voting early. Four years ago, with Gov Bill Lee up for reelection we voted 35,311. We will be developing a plan for our early voting period since it will be affected by the unavailability of a maximum number of machines. We will also have more VVPAT backup paper roll replacements to complete during early voting since there are 3 constitutional questions on the ballot which will accelerate paper usage.

We are scheduled to vote residents in our nursing home facilities on **October 7, 8 and 9th**, early voting from **October 14 to October 29th**. We will begin early voting site connection testing with City of Johnson City, JC Schools and WC department of Education personnel on **October 5th**, preparing for EV setup on **October 12 and 13**. Maxwell and Meredith will be attending the National Registration Day event at ETSU on **September 15th**, fulfilling an invitation by Joy Fulkerson.

We have had steady foot traffic in the office registering to vote and we processed hundreds of registrations that arrive after the July 7th August Election deadline. We can register new voters until **October 5th** and then shut that down until after the November 3rd election. I'm anticipating September to be a good month for new registrations.

Feel free to call with any questions

Chuck Vest

Washington County Tn Administrator of Elections

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New Business

- **ITEM**

Review candidate petitions for November 3, 2026 election, for Johnson City Commissioner and Town of Jonesborough Mayor, Jonesborough Alderman

- **ACTION**

Informational only

WASHINGTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
PETITION PICKUP FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2026 FEDERAL/STATE PRIMARY AND COUNTY GEN.
 QUALIFYING DEADLINE: THURSDAY, AUG 20, 2026 @ NOON; WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE: THURSDAY, AUG 27, 2026 @ NOON

NAME (AS SHOWN ON THE BALLOT)		PARTY	ADDRESS	CONTACT	PETITION ISSUED	PETITION FILED
CITY COMMISSIONER (2 seats)						
AARON T. MURPHY		MUNICIPAL	308 SHAWNEE DR, JOHNSON CITY	423-791-8552 vote4aaron@murphy@gmail.com	06/22/2026	07/15/2026
SYLVAIN BRUNI		MUNICIPAL	166 GARLAND WAY, JOHNSON CITY	423-218-3267 sylvain@bruni.org	06/22/2026	07/02/2026
DAVE ADAMS		MUNICIPAL	3 COVENTRY CT, JOHNSON CITY	423-946-3555 dave@daveforjc.com	06/22/2026	08/10/2026
WHITNEY CALHOUN GOETZ		MUNICIPAL	806 HILLRISE BLVD, JOHNSON CITY	whitneygoetzic@gmail.com	06/22/2026	07/07/2026
TRICIA KORADE		MUNICIPAL	415 W PINE ST, JOHNSON CITY	vote4tricia@korade.org	06/23/2026	07/23/2026
WILLIAM (BUD) HILL JR		MUNICIPAL	1209 BAIR VETTE AVE, JOHNSON CITY	423-444-9319	06/23/2026	08/19/2026
RYAN POTTER		MUNICIPAL	413 PEACHTREE ST, JOHNSON CITY	276-791-9300	06/24/2026	
J.D. BO WESTMORELAND		MUNICIPAL	700 MTN VIEW CIR S, JOHNSON CITY	423-361-2157	06/26/2026	07/25/2026
LOUISE C. STUMP		MUNICIPAL	801 HILLRISE BLVD, JOHNSON CITY	423-202-8770 wallstoneproperties@charter.net	06/29/2026	
SCOTT ALBRIGHT		MUNICIPAL	1443 BRYANT LN, JOHNSON CITY	423-354-6438	07/14/2026	
JENNY BROCK		MUNICIPAL	3 S FOXBOROUGH LN, JOHNSON CITY	423-791-1262	08/18/2026	08/19/2026
PETE PADUCH		MUNICIPAL	3407 PLYMOUTH RD, JOHNSON CITY	800-289-8827	08/17/2026 (CARTER)	08/20/2026 (WASH)
GARY KALOGEROS		MUNICIPAL	524 GARDENIA DR, JOHNSON CITY	423-292-4224	08/20/2026	08/20/2026

MAYOR, TOWN OF JONESBOROUGH						
BRIAN PONDER	MUNICIPAL	214 E MAIN ST, JONESBOROUGH	423-737-1259 brian@ponderautorepair.com	06/22/2026	07/22/2026	
MICHAEL HARTMAN	MUNICIPAL	908 RUSSELL CIR, JONESBOROUGH	423-914-2729	06/23/2026	08/13/2026	
ALDERMAN, TOWN OF JONESBOROUGH (2 seats)						
DANA HELVEY	MUNICIPAL	100 E WOODROW AVE, JONESBOROUGH		06/22/2026	08/13/2026	
VIRGINIA C CAUSEY	MUNICIPAL	208 W COLLEGE ST, JONESBOROUGH	423-483-5581 virginiacausey1@gmail.com	06/22/2026	07/15/2026	
ZAC JENKINS	MUNICIPAL	236 E MAIN ST, JONESBOROUGH	423-571-5003	07/06/2026	08/20/2026	
JASON A GREENLEE	MUNICIPAL	1309 GREENLEE DR, JONESBOROUGH	423-791-5213	07/10/2026	08/13/2026	



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New Business

- **ITEM**

Appoint & approve workers for November 3, 2026 election day, including early voting workers, counting board & any future additions TCA § 2-4-102 (handout)

- **ACTION**

Review and approve list of current November 3rd, 2026 election workers, including early voting workers, counting board and future additions.



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New Business

- **ITEM**

Discussion, Approve open times for Election Day November 3, 2026 TCA § 2-3-201

- **Recommendation**

Approve election day November 3rd, 2026 hours open 8:00AM to 8:00PM



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9-8-2026

New Business

- ITEM

Discussion, possible action on November Early Voting sites, dates & time open TCA § 2-6-103(a)(1)(c) (handout)

- Recommendation

Discuss and approve options below and any other options developed for alternative early voting location, dates and times due to all 143 August election machines possibly unavailable for Early Voting

Expectation of 20,000 early voters, slightly less than 2018, 2022 had 17,000 EV

Option w/ 16 machines – EV only Jonesborough (9 machines) and Freedom Hall (7 machines) Times Mon-Fri 9:00 – 5:00, Saturday 9:00-noon. **UNABLE TO OPEN GRAY** (1,250 per Machine, 90 voters per Day, **5 minutes per voter**)

Option if we secure 9 loaner machines + 16 total 25 machines – Open 3 sites, JBO (10 machines), FH (9) and GR (6) Times Mon-Fri 9:00 -5:00, Saturday 9:00 - noon (800 per Machine, 58 voters per day, **8 minutes per voter**)



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9-8-2026

New Business

- **ITEM**

Lock and seal absentee and provisional ballot boxes/bags for use in November 3, 2026 election TCA § 2-6-311

- **Action**

Two commissioners assigned keys, one representing each party will lock and seal Provisional boxes, bags and sign certification