Ohio County Commission
Election Canvass Minutes
Monday, November 9, 2026 at 9:00am

ATTENDANCE

Randy Wharton	County Commissioner
Don Nickerson	County Commissioner
Zach Abraham	County Commission President (via teleconference)
Randel Russell	County Administrator
Donald J. Tennant, Jr.	County Solicitor
Erin Allietta	Elections Coordinator
Linda Yost	Voter Registration Clerk
Jennifer Hastings	Executive Assistant
Walter "Fuzz" Larue	Ballot Commissioner - Democrat
Mark Slater	Ballot Commissioner - Republican
Taven Mayo	Intern
Julio Corona	Intern

CANVASS REVIEW

Elections Coordinator Allietta stated that the canvass would include the ballot count, review of provisional ballots, and a hand count. She introduced interns Taven Mayo and Julio Corona, who assisted with the election. She reported that Taven will announce the ballot count before proceeding to the provisional ballots.

Intern Taven Mayo reported the following:

PRECINCT	ISSUED	MINUS REISSUED	TOTAL	ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
4-Warwood Middle	372	7	365	365	0
5-Warwood Middle	342	4	338	338	0
10-Clearview Fire	196	2	194	194	0
11-Betty Zane Comm.	442	3	439	439	0
13-Betty Zane Comm.	290	0	290	290	0
16-Oglebay Pine Room	307	2	305	305	0
20-Russell Nesbitt	191	2	189	189	0
24-Riverview Tower	119	2	117	116	1
28-City County Building	123	4	119	120	-1
31-Russell Nesbitt	81	2	79	79	0
36-Booker T	64	2	62	62	0
60-New Life UMC	204	5	199	199	0
69-Madison Elementary	166	3	163	164	-1
77-Luau Manor	62	1	61	61	0
103-Ritchie Elementary	122	5	117	117	0
104-Ritchie Elementary	264	2	262	262	0
107-Bethlehem Elementary	348	2	346	346	0
108-Bethlehem Elementary	431	3	428	428	0
113-Woodsdale Elementary	195	0	195	195	0
115-Woodsdale Elementary	217	6	211	211	0
116-St. John's	340	4	336	336	0
120-Vance Church	192	4	188	188	0

124-St. Michael's	309	3	306	306	0
125-Triadelphia Middle	325	7	318	318	0
127-St. Michael's	304	2	302	302	0
129-Triadelphia Middle	381	9	372	372	0
130-Bridgestreet Middle	252	2	250	250	0
135-Elm Grove Civics	275	1	274	273	1
137-Elm Grove Elementary	191	2	189	189	0
141-Bridgestreet Middle	140	4	136	136	0
143-Triadelphia Comm.	291	1	290	290	0
146-Triadelphia Comm.	256	4	252	252	0
148-Stone Presbyterian	381	12	369	369	0
158-West Liberty Elementary	245	2	243	243	0
161-Valley Grove Comm.	370	4	360	366	-6

Elections Coordinator Allietta presented absentee ballots that had been timely postmarked and received before the canvass began but had not arrived by Election Day. She stated that the ballots were eligible to be counted. She also presented one emergency ballot that had been hand delivered to the hospital and brought back on Election Day. In addition, she reported that one electronic ballot was received by the close of polls on Election Day and as required by law, was counted.

Elections Coordinator Allietta then presented fourteen (14) provisional ballots for consideration. She explained that the ballots resulted from poll worker or voter registration errors and that, upon review, the voters were determined to be properly registered and eligible to vote. Commissioner Wharton overruled each provisional ballot and directed that all fourteen (14) ballots be counted.

Elections Coordinator Allietta presented another forty-four (44) provisional ballots, consisting of five (5) provisional absentee ballots and thirty-nine (39) provisional Election Day ballots. She explained that these ballots were considered ineligible to be counted under state election law because the voters were either not registered, registered in a different county, had failed to complete the required absentee ballot envelope information, had not provided a signature, or had submitted false information on their absentee ballot applications. Commissioner Wharton sustained the objections on all forty-four (44) provisional ballots.

Elections Coordinator Allietta stated the hand count will begin after a short recess.

At 2:00pm Commission President Abraham reconvened the canvass.

Elections Coordinator Allietta reported that state law requires a hand count of three percent (3%) of Ohio County's total precincts. The precincts were selected at random by placing precinct numbers in a bowl, from which Voter Registration Clerk Yost drew two (2) precincts. Precincts 10 and 69 were selected.

Following the selection, it was determined that the combined ballots from those two precincts did not meet the required five percent (5%) ballot threshold under the current hand-count requirements. As a result, Precinct 103 was selected to satisfy the five percent (5%) ballot requirement. Elections Coordinator Allietta noted that Precinct 103 was not selected randomly but was chosen solely to ensure compliance with the required ballot threshold.

Elections Coordinator Allietta then presented the canvass report for signature, stating that no race exceeded the one percent (1%) variance threshold that would require a hand count of all ballots cast countywide. She reported a final voter turnout of 44.98%, including ballots counted during the canvass. A total of 12,334

ballots were cast from 27,420 registered voters in Ohio County. Hearing no objections, it was requested that the election be officially declared in Ohio County.

> Commission President Abraham made a motion to officially declare the election results in Ohio County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wharton. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the County Commission.

The election in Ohio County was officially declared at 3:00pm on Monday, November 9, 2026. The final results report is attached to these minutes.

Zach T. Abraham, Commission President

Randel A. Russell, County Administrator

Summary Results Report
General Election
November 3, 2026

UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

Ohio County, WV

Statistics

	TOTAL	Election Day	Early Vote	Absentee	Canvass
Election Day Precincts Reporting	35 of 35	35	0	0	0
Registered Voters - Total	27,420				
Ballots Cast - Total	12,334	8,670	3,377	252	35
Voter Turnout - Total	44.98%				

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FOR U.S. SENATOR
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Early Vote	Absentee	Canvass
REP SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO	6,852	56.17%	5,162	1,549	125	16
DEM RACHEL FETTY ANDERSON	5,084	41.68%	3,216	1,725	124	19
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0
CST S. MARSHALL WILSON	251	2.06%	185	66	0	0
Write-In Totals	12	0.10%	11	1	0	0
Write-In: NOT CERTIFIED	11	0.09%	10	1	0	0
Write-In: RIO PHILLIPS	1	0.01%	1	0	0	0
Not Assigned	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0

FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 2ND DIST
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Early Vote	Absentee	Canvass
REP RILEY MOORE	6,683	55.66%	5,058	1,490	119	16
DEM ACE PARSI	5,307	44.20%	3,364	1,796	129	18
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0
Write-In Totals	17	0.14%	15	2	0	0
Write-In: NOT CERTIFIED	17	0.14%	15	2	0	0
Not Assigned	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0

FOR STATE SENATOR 1ST DIST
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Early Vote	Absentee	Canvass
REP LAURA WAKIM CHAPMAN	5,546	45.52%	4,209	1,234	90	13
DEM SHAWN FLUHARTY	6,623	54.36%	4,357	2,086	158	22
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0
Write-In Totals	14	0.11%	10	3	1	0
Write-In: NOT CERTIFIED	14	0.11%	10	3	1	0
Not Assigned	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0

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FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES 3RD DISTRICT

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Early Vote	Absentee	Canvass
REP JIMMY WILLIS	574	50.98%	472	91	10	1
DEM MIKE ROBINSON	266	23.62%	184	80	2	0
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0
IND DAVE CANTRELL	285	25.31%	221	62	2	0
Write-In Totals	1	0.09%	1	0	0	0
Write-In: NOT CERTIFIED	1	0.09%	1	0	0	0
Not Assigned	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0

FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES 4TH DISTRICT

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Early Vote	Absentee	Canvass
REP DEREK ENNIS	3,190	52.25%	2,449	696	39	6
DEM JOE JIVIDEN	2,912	47.70%	1,871	976	56	9
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0
Write-In Totals	3	0.05%	3	0	0	0
Write-In: NOT CERTIFIED	3	0.05%	3	0	0	0
Not Assigned	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0

FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES 5TH DISTRICT

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Early Vote	Absentee	Canvass
REP BETH HINEBAUGH	1,940	40.22%	1,431	457	46	6
DEM KAREN SHULER STAKEM	2,874	59.59%	1,831	939	91	13
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0
Write-In Totals	9	0.19%	7	2	0	0
Write-In: NOT CERTIFIED	9	0.19%	7	2	0	0
Not Assigned	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Early Vote	Absentee	Canvass
REP ZACH ABRAHAM	9,439	97.07%	6,908	2,324	179	28
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0
NO CANDIDATE(S) NOMINATED	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0
Write-In Totals	285	2.93%	193	88	3	1
Write-In: NOT CERTIFIED	284	2.92%	193	88	3	0
Not Assigned	1	0.01%	0	0	0	1

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AMENDMENT NO. 1
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Early Vote	Absentee	Canvass
FOR	9,258	78.42%	6,700	2,353	183	22
AGAINST	2,547	21.58%	1,600	878	61	8

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