

October 4, 2024

Happy weekend to all,

I hope this has been a good week for you all. Certainly, our hearts and prayers are with our brothers and sisters who have endured such hardship due to hurricane Helene. There are many organizations that you can send a donation to If you would like to help. Right here in WC, you can attend the following tomorrow (see GOP event below).

If you have not subscribed to [Williamson County Citizens](#) it is a great site with lots of good info on our elections as well as elected officials.

While you're at it, check out Kelly Jackson at [Truthwire](#). The views of both of these sites do not necessarily reflect the views of Friday Recap.

Blessings, and keep the faith

Bill

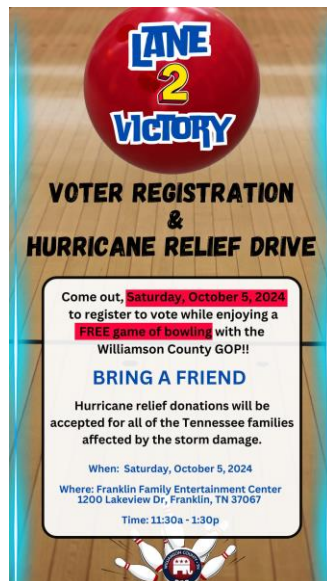


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Voter Registration & Hurricane Relief Drive

**Saturday, October 5th
11:30am - 1:30pm**

**Franklin Family Entertainment Center
1200 Lakeview Dr
Franklin, TN. 37067**

Deadline to register for the November 5th election is Monday, October 7th.
Register online at: <https://ovr.govote.tn.gov/>

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Williamson County Republican Party
130 Seaboard Lane, Unit 9
Franklin, TN 37067
615-790-7642



Williamson County School Board

The Policy Committee met on Monday [agenda Audio](#) Of the five policies that were discussed, the last two 5.104 and 6.310 were the most interesting. **5.104** applies to hiring practices and follows Title 7 rules and includes:

Williamson County Schools provides equal employment opportunities to all employees and applicants for employment and prohibits discrimination and harassment of any type without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, disability status, genetic information, pregnancy, protected veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local laws.

6.310 is the student dress code that follows Title 9. The updated policy uses [sex](#) to replace **sexual orientation, and gender identity**. You can listen to the discussion for both starting at 1:02 in the audio.

There are no meetings scheduled for next week.

Williamson County Commission

There were three meetings this week:

Park and Recreation met on Tuesday and there is no agenda, video or audio. **Williamson County Highway Commission** met on Wednesday [Agenda](#) There is no video or audio for this committee. The **Rules Committee** met on Thursday and there is no agenda, audio or video. This is a continual frustration with transparency at the county level. BOMA and the School Board do a great job of recording their meetings. It is impossible to attend every meeting every week and I rely on the recordings to view meetings that I can't attend in person. The county needs to do a better job at recording their meetings.

Next week there are three meetings:

Budget committee on Monday. There is no agenda, but it will be recorded. You can call the contact below and ask for a copy of the packet that the committee gets.

Date: October 7, 2024 **Time:** 4:30 PM

Location: Executive Conference Room Williamson County Administrative Complex
1320 West Main Street Franklin, TN 37064

Contact:

615-790-5700

Rules Committee on Tuesday. There is no agenda

Date: October 8, 2024 **Time:** 4:30 PM

Location: Executive Conference Room Williamson County Administrative Complex 1320 West Main Street Franklin, TN 37064

Contact:

615-790-5700

Planning Commission [Agenda](#)

Date: October 10, 2024 **Time:** 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Location: Main auditorium, 1320 West Main Street Franklin, TN 37064

Franklin Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA)

To see what went on this week and what's coming next week, go [here](#) and scroll up or down to find the meeting that interests you and click on it. You will be taken to a screen where you can click on the agenda and the video of the meeting if there is one. I will have a more in-depth report on the **BOMA work session and board meeting next Friday.**

Williamson County Election Commission

There was a meeting on Friday this week. The regular meeting covered the following:

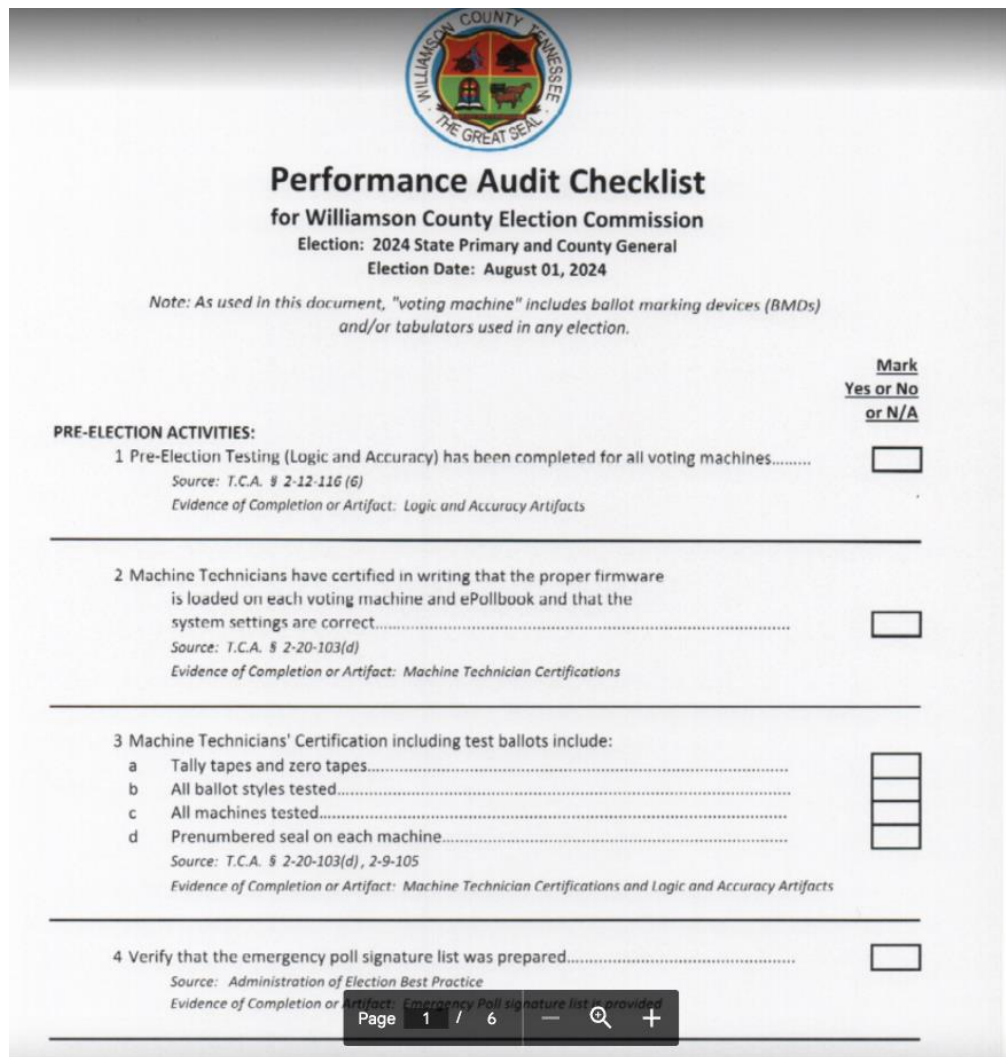
- The Election Commission's communications strategy
 - They may look into a social media effort but not for the November 2024 election.
 - They will be producing two videos that might be accessible via their website:
 - One to better instruct the Absentee Board members on their duties and expectations;
 - One that is more of a general orientation to working an election and why it is important.
- How they will handle tabulators in the November 2024 election that may exceed their ballot capacity (which is 3,000 ballots).
 - Expectation is that there will be a huge turnout in November; the ES&S tabulators don't have as much storage capacity as the Dominion tabulators did back in 2020.
 - In those vote centers which have proven to have big turnouts, they will add a third tabulator.
 - The IT techs will be authorized to open the ballot storage compartment on tabulators and jostle the ballots to make more room for ballots. They will track this step on special documentation.
 - Poll watchers will need to be aware of this if it happens to ensure they have the new seal/tag number that they can document. This might happen at a time when there are no poll watchers present, so they'll need to ask the poll official if this happened.
- They have scheduled an open house for the public and candidates to check out the voting machines.


The Post-Election (August 1 election) Performance Audit was held following the meeting. (See attached checklist for the audit)

- [Tennessee Voters for Election Integrity](#) first recommended this audit process in an October 2021 presentation to the Tennessee State Election Commission. Nice to see three years later their recommendation was enacted.
- Purpose: To ensure that the county commission is performing its election duties effectively.
- Took about 1.5 hours to check itself against the Performance Audit checklist (see attached).

- Bob Brown, who used to be chairman of the WCEC, now heads this process for the state.
- Three counties out of the 95 Tennessee counties are randomly chosen each election to undergo the performance audit each year. Williamson County was the first such county.
- When it was completed, the audit was approved by the WCEC, even though several items on the checklist were not completed by the commission. Not sure why it could be approved given unfinished items on the checklist.

There is no meeting next week. Here is a copy of the Performance Audit checklist:




Performance Audit Checklist
 for Williamson County Election Commission
 Election: 2024 State Primary and County General
 Election Date: August 01, 2024

Note: As used in this document, "voting machine" includes ballot marking devices (BMDs) and/or tabulators used in any election.

	<u>Mark</u> <u>Yes or No</u> <u>or N/A</u>
PRE-ELECTION ACTIVITIES:	
1 Pre-Election Testing (Logic and Accuracy) has been completed for all voting machines..... <i>Source: T.C.A. § 2-12-116 (6)</i> <i>Evidence of Completion or Artifact: Logic and Accuracy Artifacts</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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2 Machine Technicians have certified in writing that the proper firmware is loaded on each voting machine and ePollbook and that the system settings are correct..... <i>Source: T.C.A. § 2-20-103(d)</i> <i>Evidence of Completion or Artifact: Machine Technician Certifications</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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3 Machine Technicians' Certification including test ballots include:	
a Tally tapes and zero tapes.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
b All ballot styles tested.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
c All machines tested.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
d Prenumbered seal on each machine..... <i>Source: T.C.A. § 2-20-103(d), 2-9-105</i> <i>Evidence of Completion or Artifact: Machine Technician Certifications and Logic and Accuracy Artifacts</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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4 Verify that the emergency poll signature list was prepared..... <i>Source: Administration of Election Best Practice</i> <i>Evidence of Completion or Artifact: Emergency Poll signature list provided</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Source: Administration of Election Best Practice
Evidence of Completion or Artifact: Schedule of Training confirming training occurred is provided

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Source: T.C.A. § 2-2-106(b)
Evidence of Completion or Artifact: List Maintenance Program provided

7 Verify that the Possible Felon Matches, the Deceased List, and the Non-Citizens List has been worked and the related registration purges completed if appropriate.....
Source: T.C.A. § 2-2-106(b)
Evidence of Completion or Artifact: Copies of reports confirming the status of these purges provided

8 Verify that the absentee by-mail ballots boxes, the early voting ballot boxes and the election day ballot boxes have been locked and sealed by an Election Commissioner from each political party the seals recorded and signed by an Election Commissioner from each party.....
Source: T.C.A. § 2-6-311, 2-6-311, 2-7-109
Evidence of Completion or Artifact: Ballot Box confirmation report is provided

9 Record the number of absentee by-mail ballots requested, transmitted, and returned with the voter's signature.....
Source: T.C.A. § 2-20-103(b)
Evidence of Completion or Artifact: Report confirming ballots requested, transmitted and returned provided

10 Verify that absentee voter signatures were compared to the voter's registration record...
Source: T.C.A. § 2-6-202(g)
Evidence of Completion or Artifact: Absentee Counting Board procedures provided

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Source: T.C.A. § 2-6-304(e)
Evidence of Completion or Artifact:

j - CEC shall provide public notice of the time and location of the audit at least 48 hours before the audit is conducted.....
Source: T.C.A. § 2-20-103(a)
Evidence of Completion or Artifact: Notice Provided

ELECTION DAY:

12 Verify that the correct number of poll officials were appointed at each polling location.....
Source: T.C.A. §
Evidence of Completion or Artifact: Sign in sheets for each location provided.

13 Verify keys for each machine have been logged and chain of custody
Source: Administration of Election Best Practice
Evidence of Completion or Artifact: Officer of elections sign in sheets provided

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a - The timely delivery of voting machines to polling place.....
b - Officers/Judges' Signed Certification on tally sheets/printed tapes.....
c - Delivery of voting machines to the county election commission office or secure storage location.....
Source: T.C.A. § 2-9-106 & 2-7-130
Evidence of Completion or Artifact: Officer of elections sign in sheets provided

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**If not me, who?
If not now, when?**

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Heb. 11:1)