

Transylvania County Board of Elections Statement:

Despite the hardship that Hurricane Helene has brought to our community and Western North Carolina, the Transylvania County Board of Elections is hard at work preparing for the November 5, 2024 general election. Though the hurricane has caused significant disruptions, our election staff and the bipartisan Board are determined to ensure that every eligible Transylvania County voter can vote in this election.

To reassure our community that elections officials are hard at work preparing for the election and are diligently handling hurricane-related challenges, the Board wishes to bring the following developments to the public's attention:

- Election staff are in regular contact with the N.C. State Board of Elections, county management, and representatives in the General Assembly.
- Election staff and the Board are assessing the viability and availability of voting sites, as well as the availability of election officials.
- Since Monday, September 30, election staff have been in the Board's office in the Election Center at 150 S. Gaston Street, Brevard to assess capabilities and continue preparations for the election.
- Election staff began training appointed election officials October 1st and will provide additional training for dates missed and those who were unable to attend.
- The Transylvania County Board of Elections opened Thursday, October 3rd. Phones and email are operational as well as in-person services.
- Election staff have verified voting equipment and laptop computers used for elections have not been damaged. Security of election facilities and equipment have been maintained.
- Election staff have a secure connection to the state information system, allowing staff to process voter registrations and requests for absentee ballots.
- Election staff have received absentee ballots and resumed mailing out absentee ballots. They have also received and sent out electronic ballots to military and overseas voters.
- The Board will meet on Tuesday, October 8, to begin approving "absentee by mail" ballots. The Board will continue to hold regular meetings for this purpose through Election Day.
- The Board is grateful for the dedication of our election officials, many who have made clear that they are available and ready to work.
- The Board encourages the public to monitor developments at its website and facebook page.