2026 GENERAL

Election Date: 11/03/2026

This is an official notice of an election to be conducted in **TRANSYLVANIA** County on **11/03/2026**. This notice contains a list of all of the ballot measures and federal, State, and local offices this county expects, as of this date, to be on the ballot on the date of the election. (See Attachment)

An Election Notice will be prepared not later than 100 days before a regularly scheduled election that permits absentee voting, and as soon as practicable in the case of an election or vacancy election not regularly scheduled. For a second primary, an Election Notice will be prepared, no later than the day following the date the appropriate board of elections orders that a second primary be held.

As soon as ballot styles are printed, this county board of elections will update this notice with the certified candidates for each office and ballot measures and referenda questions that will be on the ballot. For General Elections during even-numbered years, ballots will be printed **60 days** prior to the election. For statewide primaries and other elections (except municipal elections), ballots will be printed **50 days** prior to the election. Municipal ballots are available **30 days** prior to Election Day. **You must request an updated Election Notice.**

Transmitting a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot:
This notice may be used in conjunction with the federal write-in absentee ballot (FWAB). Covered military & U.S. citizens living outside the U.S. seeking to vote by absentee ballot may use the FWAB to register to vote, request an absentee ballot, and vote an official military-overseas ballot. When using the FWAB to register to vote, and/or request an absentee ballot, please transmit your signed and completed FWAB no later than **5:00 p.m. on the day before Election Day**. If submitted later than this day and time, your absentee ballot will not be counted. Federal write-in absentee ballots are available at www.NCSBE.gov. You may also request a regular absentee ballot by using the federal postcard application (FPCA), available at www.FVAP.gov. A regular ballot can be mailed, faxed or emailed to you. You may return the FWAB or a regular absentee ballot by mail, secure fax (1-919-715-0351) or email (absentee@ncsbe.gov).

Marking a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot:
When marking a FWAB, for each office for which you wish to vote, write in either a candidate's name or political party designation. For ballot measures or referenda, write either "YES" (you are *for* the ballot measure or referendum) or "NO" (you are *against* the ballot measure or referendum). In a primary, if you are registered as Democratic, Green, Libertarian, or Republican, for partisan contests, you may only vote for the candidates of the party for which you are affiliated. You are also eligible to vote for non-partisan contests. If you are registered as unaffiliated ("independent"), in a primary, you may choose to vote for the partisan contests of one of the parties or you may choose to vote for non-partisan contests only. Please contact your local board of elections to confirm your party affiliation or voter registration status.

Please check the website for the NC State Board of Elections (www.NCSBE.gov) for additional information on military-overseas absentee voting.

Election Notice Of Contests and Referenda
TRANSYLVANIA BOARD OF ELECTIONS (11/03/2026)

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CANDIDATE NAME	NAME ON BALLOT	PARTY
US SENATE		
MICHAEL DUBLIN	Michael Dublin	GRE
ROY COOPER	Roy Cooper	DEM
SHANNON BRAY	Shannon W. Bray	LIB
MICHAEL WHATLEY	Michael Whatley	REP
US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 11		
JENNIFER BALKCOM	Jennifer Capps Balkcom	REP
JAMES AGER	Jamie Ager	DEM
TRAVIS GROO	Travis Groo	LIB
NC SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SEAT 01		
ANITA EARLS	Anita Earls	DEM
SARAH STEVENS	Sarah Stevens	REP
NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 01		
MICHAEL BYRNE	Michael C. Byrne	REP
JOHN ARROWOOD	John S. Arrowood	DEM
NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 02		
GEORGE BELL	George Cooper Bell	REP
TOBIAS HAMPSON	Tobias (Toby) Hampson	DEM
NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 03		
CRAIG COLLINS	Craig Collins	REP
CHRISTINE WALCZYK	Christine Marie Walczyk	DEM
NC STATE SENATE DISTRICT 50		
THOMAS DOWNING	Tom Downing	DEM
HAROLD CORBIN	Kevin Corbin	REP
NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 119		
SAVANNAH FERGUSON	Anna Ferguson	REP
MARK BURROWS	Mark Burrows	DEM
NC SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 42 SEAT 01		
GENE JOHNSON	Gene B. Johnson	REP
NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 42 SEAT 05		
DAVID HUDSON	Abe Hudson	REP
DISTRICT ATTORNEY DISTRICT 42		
RAYMOND MURRAY	Andrew Murray	REP
TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS		
WILLIAM CARSON	Owen Carson	DEM
GEORGE SUTHERLAND	George C. Sutherland	REP
FRANCIS O'NEILL	Bryan O'Neill	DEM
KEVIN HOWELL	Kevin Howell	REP

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CANDIDATE NAME	NAME ON BALLOT	PARTY
TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION		
SHANAIA POWELL	Shanaia Powell	REP
ANTHONY OWEN	Chad Owen	REP
JOHN LANIER	John Lanier	DEM
BONNIE KELLEY	Bonnie Kelley	DEM
TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT		
KRISTI BROWN	Kristi B. Brown	REP
TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY SHERIFF		
CHRISTOPHER OWENBY	Chuck Owenby	REP
TRANSYLVANIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR		
ROBERT TWOMEY	Bob Twomey	
JAMES SINIARD	Aaron Siniard	

CHOICE	DESCRIPTION
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - REQUIRE PHOTO ID FOR VOTING	
For	Constitutional amendment to require all voters, not just those presenting to vote in person, to present photo identification before voting.
Against	Constitutional amendment to require all voters, not just those presenting to vote in person, to present photo identification before voting.
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - MAXIMUM INCOME TAX RATE OF 3.5%	
For	Constitutional amendment to keep the State income tax rate from being raised higher than three and one-half percent (3.5%).
Against	Constitutional amendment to keep the State income tax rate from being raised higher than three and one-half percent (3.5%).
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT	
For	Constitutional amendment requiring limits on property tax increases by local governments.
Against	Constitutional amendment requiring limits on property tax increases by local governments.