



# County Fiscal Year 2024

WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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# Authority

- ▶ The Board of Elections is a bipartisan board established by Title 2 of the Election Law of the State of New York.
- ▶ Its structure, responsibilities and duties are defined by New York State law and the Rules and Regulations of the New York State Board of Elections.

# Mission Statement

- (1) Ensure the proper conduct of early voting, primary, general and special elections for municipal, county, state and federal offices as prescribed by law;
- (2) Ensure that every qualified voter in Westchester County has every opportunity to participate in such elections by facilitating registration in person, by mail or by other lawful electronic means.

# Principal Duties

- ▶ Accept voter registrations in person, centrally, by mail or electronically from NYS DMV transactions;
- ▶ Process party enrollment and residence address changes for registered voters as required or needed;
- ▶ Cancel registrations as necessary due to death, out-of-county moves and incarceration for a felony offense;
- ▶ Maintain voter records related to registrations and voting history;
- ▶ Issue a certification of a voter's voting record on request;
- ▶ Accept applications for absentee ballots from qualified voters for all elections and distribute ballots for same;
- ▶ Provide nine days of early voting for all primary, general and special elections;
- ▶ Obtain polling sites for the conduct of primary, general and special elections;

# Principal Duties (cont'd.)

- ▶ Recruit, train and employ poll workers to conduct elections;
- ▶ Record and certify an official canvass of every election;
- ▶ Maintain custody and control of all voting equipment used to conduct such elections including the purchase and repair of same;
- ▶ Accept, review and certify petitions for public office, party positions and propositions to be placed on a ballot;
- ▶ Maintain maps of political subdivisions and polling places;
- ▶ Modify, create or consolidate election districts as required by redistricting;
- ▶ Provide training on election procedures, machine classes and other technical assistance to school, fire, water and library districts using optical scan voting machines and lend voting machines to these districts as needed.

# 2023 Data

Registered voters (eligible to vote in Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> General Election):

Total: 664,587. Active: 611,729. Inactive: 52,857.

County Elections conducted:

(Note: excludes Fire, School and March/December Villages.)

Election	Date	EV Days	EV Sites*	Polling Sites	Machines
Special	Feb. 28	9	2	25	50 A/31 ICE
Primary	June	9	11	119	409 A/141 ICE
General	Nov. 7	9	24	332	908 A/381 ICE

\*each Early Voting site is equipped with two ICE machines and two printer towers.

Absentee ballot applications examined and responded to: 15,648.

Absentee ballots returned and processed: 9,330

(Note: also includes six March 2023 village elections.)

# 2023 Data: Village and District Elections

## Village Elections\* (March 2023):

- ▶ Ran six and provided equipment to three more.
- ▶ Deployed 58 A Machines and 32 ICE Machines.

## School Board Elections (May 2023):

- ▶ Assisted with 40.
- ▶ Deployed 141 A Machines and 84 ICE Machines.

## Fire District Elections:

**None.**

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\***11** Villages and two Town/Villages held their elections on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

# Ninth Judicial District

County	Active Voters*	Inactive Voters*	Total Voters	#Election Districts	Voters per ED	#Polling Sites	Voters per Polling Site
Dutchess	198,801	22,053	220,854	157	1,407	67	3,296
Orange	241,849	19,727	261,576	335	781	93	2,813
Putnam	70,126	5,231	75,357	81	930	23	3,276
Rockland	204,078	15,459	219,537	308	713	62	3,541
Westchester	611,729	52,857	664,586	907	733	331	2,008

\* As of early November 2023.



# Fixed vs. Variable Costs for Tax Levy

Category			
Salary	1010	Fixed	\$ 9,706,374
		Total Fixed	\$ 9,706,374
Hourly/OT	1400	Variable	\$ 3,050,000
Equipment, Supplies, Expenses		Variable	\$12,456,305
Interdepartmental	5000	Variable	\$ 3,021,283
		Total Variable	\$15,477,588
Total Costs			\$28,233,962
Revenue			\$ (1,833,143)
<b>Tax Levy Request</b>			<b>\$26,400,819</b>

No additions in Personal Service from 2023 Adopted, but ...

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- (1) Job Group IIIs and IVs upgraded to Vs at request of Commissioners; and
- (2) Senior Clerk--BOE title changed to Staff Assistant (BOE) with no change in grade at request of Human Resources Department.

Commissioner (2);

Deputy Commissioner (2);

Director of Technical Services (8);

Program Administrator (12);

Supervising Voting Machine  
Technician (2);

Program Specialist (26);

Voting Machine Technician (10);

Executive Secretary to the  
Commissioner (2);

Junior Administrative Assistant (3);

Staff Assistant (Board of Elections) (11);

Supervisor of Poll Records (2);

Clerk -- Board of Elections (1);

Unit Record Supervisor (1);

Office Assistant (4);

Payroll Clerk (1);

Supervising File Clerk (1);

Senior Clerk (Board of Elections)(18);

# Challenges for 2024

- ▶ On-site security by County Police at the Board's main office during operating hours year-round, to include late and weekend hours, must be addressed.
- ▶ Presidential election year means two Primary Elections.
  - ▶ *Presidential on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Note: There will be no early voting on Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, so all early voting sites will be open an extra hour on the remaining eight days.*
  - ▶ *All other primary contests anticipated to be held on June 25<sup>th</sup>.*
- ▶ Petitions for the June Primary will most likely be due in early April. By law must be open until midnight on last day to file.
- ▶ New right to petition hearings will require additional staffing hours.

# Challenges for 2024 (cont'd.)

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- ▶ Field new electronic poll pad technology.

*2024 Capital Budget item BEL04 submitted.*

- ▶ Replace more than 1,000 aging ballot scanners.

*Will submit a proposal to amend BEL04 after January 1<sup>st</sup>.*

- ▶ May have to implement Congressional redistricting -- again -- depending on Court of Appeals decision.

- ▶ May have to implement early voting by mail – a completely new ballot category designed to work around the defeat of no-excuse absentee voting by 55% of the state electorate.