

FUNDING AGAIN?



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Crystal Sweatt, the executive director of Mission Ministries Alliance, speaks at the Monday meeting of the McDowell County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioners asked to restore funding to McDowell’s homeless shelter

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McDowell County’s homeless shelter is looking for funding from the county. Crystal Sweatt, the executive director of Mission Ministries Alliance, asked the McDowell County Board of Commissioners to include the organization in the county’s budget “as a partner in addressing homelessness, addiction and community health.” The request was made during the board of commissioner’s Monday meeting. “We’re not asking for charity — we’re asking for partnership,” Sweatt said Monday’s discussion comes as the topic of homelessness in Marion and McDowell County has come to the forefront. On Tuesday, the Marion City Council was expected to consider new rules against people camping or sleeping on public property. In 2022, the board of commissioners took away county funding for McDowell Mission Ministries and spread it to



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The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met Monday at the County Administrative Offices.

2 running for Old Fort mayor, 3 for board of aldermen

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Old Fort’s mayor is up for election this year along with two seats on the town board of aldermen. The early one-stop voting for the Old Fort election started Oct. 16 at the McDowell County Board of Elections office, located at 2458 N.C. Hwy. 226 South in Marion. The early

voting period will last through Saturday, Nov. 1. The schedule for early voting is from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day and Saturday, Nov. 1, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 4.



Poore

The McDowell News submitted a questionnaire to the candidates. The following are their responses.

Candidates for mayor of Old Fort
Jeremy Poore
Age: 49
Occupation: Director, Outdoor Economy Division and

McDowell Tech Trail School at McDowell Technical Community College.
Education: B.A. in anthropology, Bates College
Personal information you feel is relevant: My wife Molly and I moved back to Old Fort to take part in the Old Fort Trails Project and to help revitalize

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