

Voting in November 2020 Election in Rolette County

Rolette County will be conducting the November 3, 2020 General Election as a mail ballot election with 4 Early Voting Locations and 1 Election Day physical polling location. The authority for a County Commission to conduct mail ballot elections is authorized by North Dakota Century Code, Chapter 16.1-11.1-01. A mail ballot election requires at least one physical polling location and for the County Auditor to mail absentee ballot applications to all active voters that have not previously applied for an absentee ballot that year. Absentee ballots are only sent to citizens that have completed an application that has been verified by the Rolette County Auditor's Office.

Although a mail ballot election is typically referred to as "Vote by Mail," there are several ways to submit a ballot for the November 2020 General Election:

- Return an absentee ballot to the Rolette County Auditor's Office via U.S. Postal Service, postmarked by November 2, 2020 (P.O. Box 939, Rolla ND 58367)
- Return an absentee ballot via secure ballot box by 5 pm CT on November 2, 2020. Ballot Dropboxes will be available at the following locations:
 - Rolette County Courthouse, 102 2nd St NE, Rolla
 - Dunseith City Hall, 101 Peace Garden Ave W, Dunseith
 - Rolette City Hall – Utility Dropbox, 302 Main St, Rolette
 - St. John City Hall – Utility Dropbox, 12 1st St NE, St John
 - Utter Stop, 4400 Highway 281, Belcourt, ND
 - LaDots's Convenience Store, 1010 Hospital Road, Belcourt, ND
- Return an absentee ballot to the Rolette County Auditor's Office in person by 5 pm CT on November 2, 2020 (102 2nd Ave NE, Rolla)
- Vote in person at Early Voting Locations listed below, Anyone can vote at any location:
 - October 22nd 10 am-6 pm, Rolette Memorial Hall, 503 2nd Ave, Rolette
 - October 24th 10 am-4 pm, St. John Senior Center, 200 Foussard Ave St. John
 - October 27th 9 am-7 pm, Dunseith City Hall, 101 Peace Garden Ave, Dunseith
 - October 29th 8 am-7 pm, Turtle Mtn Schools Event Center, 1210 William Hardesty St, Belcourt
- Vote in person on Election Day, November 3, 2020, between 8 am and 7 pm at the Rolla City Hall (14 1st St SE).

Whether a citizen votes by absentee ballot or in-person, valid identification including the voter's name, current residential address, and date of birth is required. Options include a North Dakota driver's license, a nondriver's identification card, ID issued by a tribal government, or a long-term care identification certificate. More information about voter identification can be found at vote.nd.gov. Voters can also verify their voting information and address at vote.nd.gov. If a voter is unable to update their current address before election day, then the voter MUST bring with them a Supplemental Document such as a utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or federal, state, local or tribe showing their current residential address. Contact the Rolette County Auditor for more information if you lack an ID, physical address or contact the Turtle Mountain Tribe if you are an enrolled member and need Supplemental Documentation, physical address or Tribal ID.

Important dates for the public to be aware of:

- **Receiving and returning an Absentee Ballot Application**
 - Mid-September
 - Absentee ballot applications will be mailed to all active voters in Rolette County that have not previously applied for a November ballot. If an individual does not receive an application in the mail and is unsure if they have already applied for one, they should contact the Auditor's Office at 701-477-5665.
 - October 16
 - Suggested last day to return an application via mail to the Auditor's Office; after this date, deposit the application in a Ballot Box or hand deliver to the Auditor's Office
 - October 26
 - Last day to hand-deliver or fax (701-477-6339) an application to the Auditor's Office
- **Receiving and returning an Absentee Ballot**
 - September 24
 - Auditor's Office begins to mail ballots
 - October 23
 - Contact the Auditor's Office if an application was submitted, but a ballot has not yet been received
 - October 26
 - Last day ballots will be mailed to voters
 - November 2
 - Ballots returned via **mail** must be postmarked by this date. **This does NOT mean put it in the mail that day.** If a ballot is mailed **ON** November 2nd, there is no guarantee that it will be postmarked that same day. If mailing on the 2nd, it is advised for the voter to go to a post office and asked for a hand stamp of the postmark for that day. It is recommended to return a ballot via USPS at least two weeks before the election; if submitting your ballot within two weeks of the election, it is recommended to use a ballot box.
 - Ballots returned via **secure ballot dropbox** must be deposited by 5 pm
 - Ballots returned **in person** to the Auditor's Office must be received by 4:30 pm

Voting at an Early Voting Location:

- October 22 - Rolette Memorial Hall
- October 24 - St. John Senior Center
- October 27 - Dunseith City Hall
- October 29 - Turtle Mountain Schools Event Center

Voting Election Day:

- November 3 – Rolla City Hall – 8 am-7pm
 - This information, and more, can be found at:
www.rolettecounty.com.