

BANKS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2025

I. Call to Order

The Banks County Board of Elections met August 7, 2025 at the Elections Office. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Anne Moon, Chairman.

II. Roll Call

All Election Board members were present for the meeting: Lynda Garrison, Anne Moon, Rita Pickens, Lynn Telford and Sharon Pruitt.

III. Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was presented and reviewed. A motion to accept the agenda was made by Sharon Pruitt with a second by Lynda Garrison. The motion was carried by a 5-0 vote.

IV. Minutes

Minutes for the July 3rd monthly meeting and the July 18th meeting for the Certification of the Runoff Election were presented and reviewed. A typographical error was noted in the July 3rd minutes. Lynn Telford made motion to accept both minutes with the correction as noted. Lynda Garrison seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a 5-0 vote.

V. Old Business

Elections Director Gina Banister reported that the air conditioner requested had been installed in the back of the voting room at the office.

VI. New Business and Director's Report

A. Upcoming November Election

a. Qualifying will be August 18-22 and will end at 12:00 noon on Friday for the County Board of Commission vacancy at the Elections Office.

a. Qualifying for the Homer City Elections will be August 18-20 at Homer City Hall.

b. Qualifying packets are printed and available .

c. Deadline for submitting ballot additions (FLOST) is September 3, 2025.

d. Early voting will begin October 14th.

B. Consideration for a new Pubic Comment Policy for Board Meetings was discussed. Board Members reviewed policies from 2 other counties. Members will hold a work session at a later date for the purpose of creating a policy.

C. GAVREO Conference will be held August 10-13 in Savannah. Election Director Gina Banister along with all Board Members will be attending virtually while the Election Board office.

D. Other business

a. Flyers will be created and distributed throughout the community about the upcoming election.

b. Homer, Alto and Baldwin city elections will be on the Banks County Ballots for their residents. Gillsville and Lula are having city elections but have not notified our office if they will be on our ballot.

VII. Public Comment

Sue Mager asked what would be on the upcoming election ballot and where the flyers would be placed throughout the county.

VIII. Adjournment

Hearing no further discussion, Lynda Garrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sharon Pruitt seconded the motion. The Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by:

_____ Rita Pickens, Clerk _____ Approved by the Banks County Board of Elections