

## **BANKS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

### **Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**July 3, 2025**

**I. Call to Order**

The Banks County Board of Elections met July 3, 2025 at the Elections Office. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Anne Moon, Chairman.

**II. Roll Call**

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

**III. Agenda**

The agenda for the meeting was presented and reviewed. Lynn Telford made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Lynda Garrison. The motion was carried by a 4-0 vote.

**IV. Minutes**

Minutes for the Special Primary Certification meeting on June 17, 2025 and the minutes for the regular monthly meeting held on June 20, 2025 were presented and reviewed. Lynda Garrison made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Lynn Telford seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 4-0.

**V. Old Business**

- A. Members discussed the recent Public Service Commissioner Special Election. There were 109 voters on Election Day, with 82 voting during the Advanced Voting Period, for a total of 191 casting ballots in the election. The general consensus by board members was that Election Day ran smoothly with no major issues, despite the weather and low voter turnout.
- B. A meeting between the Election Board and the Board of Commissioners has been discussed in the past. Election Board members feel there is a need to have a joint meeting of the two groups in order for the Board of Commissioners to know more about the procedures followed by the Election Board.
- C. Security of those working at the office (usually alone) has been a concern and in the past a proposal for a Panic Button or some type alarm has been discussed. Members feel that this proposal should be presented to the Board of Commissioners.

**VI. New Business**

Important information concerning upcoming elections was discussed.

- A. Daily Hours for Advanced Voting for the Run-off Election will be 8-5 at the Election Office. Election Day will also be at the Election Office on July 15th from 7:00 AM-7:00 PM.
- B. Audit for the July 15<sup>th</sup> Election will be July 24, 2025 at noon.
- C. The November Election will include the following: City of Homer Election, Banks County Board of Commission vacancy, Public Service Commissioner position and `FLOST (Flexible Local Option Special Tax).
- D. Qualifying for November Election will begin Monday, August 18, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 p.m. Friday, August 22, 2025 at the Elections office. Qualifying for Homer City Election will be at Homer City Hall (hours may vary). A Notice will be sent to the newspaper of qualifying details and fees once the fees are set.

**VII. Director's Report**

- A. Director Gina Banister discussed Election Education. She asked Board Members to think of ways to better educate people about elections and ways to get information to citizens about future elections. Discuss ideas at a later date.
- B. Upcoming events:
  - a. Voter Review Panel, July 15, 7:00 pm
  - b. Election Certification, July 18, noon
  - c. Election Audit, July 24, noon
  - d. August Board Meeting, August 4, 9:00 a.m.
  - e. GAVREO Conference, August 11-13 virtual at Elections Office
- C. For the November Election, members were asked to consider the possibility of a better setup of the space in order to have a better way to monitor. Discuss at later time.

**VIII. Public Comment**

Sue Mager asked that we consider ways to compress the area at the Elections to bring things closer together but still maintain privacy. The gym area is so large, so there might be a better way to organize the layout.

Question presented: Is it possible for state to send out reminders about elections?  
There is a need for ways to promote elections.

**IX. Adjournment**

Hearing no further discussion, Rita Pickens made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lynda Garrison seconded the motion. The Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Rita Pickens, Clerk

Approved by the Banks County Board of Elections:

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