

Banks County Board of Elections  
Certification Meeting Minutes  
November 7, 2025

**I. Call to Order**

The Banks County Board of Elections met November 7, 2025 at 10:00 am for the purpose of precertification of the Special Election held on November 4, 2025. The meeting, held at the Elections Office, was called to order by Chairman Anne Moon.

**II. Roll Call**

The following Election Board members, Anne Moon, Lynn Telford, Lynda Garrison and Sharon Pruitt, along with Elections Director Gina Banister, were present for the meeting.

**III. Agenda**

The agenda was presented and reviewed. A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Lynn Telford with a second by Lynda Garrison. There was a 4-0 vote to approve the agenda.

**IV. Board of Elections and Registration Discussion and Action**

Election Director Gina Banister presented data on the November 4th Election. The Ballot Cast and Voter Credit Reconciliation Report was reviewed by Board Members. The results showed all tabulations matched. There was an issue with the syncing of the poll pads by the state at some point during the election, but the final results verified the issued was corrected.

**V. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Lynda Garrison to adjourn the pre-certification meeting. Sharon Pruitt seconded the motion. There was a unanimous vote to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted:

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Rita Pickens  
Clerk

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Banks County Board of Elections

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**I. Call to Order**

The Banks County Board of Elections was called to order at 3:15 pm by Chairman Anne Moon for the purpose of certification the Special Election held on November 4, 2025.

**II. Roll Call**

Board members present were: Anne Moon, Lynn Telford, Lynda Garrison and Sharon Pruitt. Election Director Gina Banister was also present.

**III. Agenda**

After review of the presented agenda, a motion by Lynda Garrison was made to accept the agenda as presented. Lynn Telford seconded the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**IV. Board of Elections and Registration Discussion and Action Items**

A discussion of the November 4, 2025 Municipal General/Countywide Special/ Public Service Commissioner Election results was held. Lynn Telford made a motion to certify the election result. A second to the motion was made by Sharon Pruitt. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote. Board members then signed the required election certification documents.

Elections Director presented information about the audit required by the state. The audit of the November 4, 2025 Public Service Commissioner Primary Runoff was scheduled for Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 10:00.

A memo from the Banks County Board of Commissioners was received requesting a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan be developed the Election Board for the Elections Department. The plan was due by November 21, 2025. A yearly evaluation for Election Director Gina Banister was also sent for completion. Board Members agreed to meet for a work session on Monday, November 10, 2025 to complete both the plan and evaluation.

**V. Public Comments**

The following issues were shared with the Board:

- There was a request to confirm information about the audit.
- Positive feedback was given on the set up on Election Day.

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- Positive feedback was given regarding the use of the pink paper signs to emphasize the no phone use of taking photos during the election.
- Members were asked if a back-up scanner was available if needed at the Election.
- Questions about the hourly count during Election hours. It is difficult to get all counts matching because of continuous voting and voters moving from station to station while counts are taken.
- Overall consensus was the election went very well.

**VI. Adjournment**

Lynda Garrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lynn Telford seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted:

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Rita Pickens, Clerk

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Approved by the Banks  
County Board of Elections