

The Brooks County Board of Elections and Registration met for its called meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. in the Board of Commissioners Meeting Room of the Brooks County Administration Building, located at 610 South Highland Street, Quitman, Georgia 31643. Board members present were as follows: Chairperson, Mrs. Karen Murray, Karl Britton, Board Member, Don DiStefano, Board member, others present were LaShell DeShazor, Elections Supervisor, Commissioner Lee Larko, District One and Voting/Building Precinct appointee.

1. **Call to Order**- Chair person, Karen Murray called Meeting to order; and Karl Britton led us in prayer and Karen led us in the pledge of allegiance.
2. **Approval of Agenda**- On the motion by Don DiStefano and seconded by Karl Britton the Board approved the agenda of September 17, 2024. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes**- On the motion by Don DiStefano and seconded by Karl Britton the board approved the minutes August 20, 2024. Motion carried.
4. **New Business**-None
5. **Old Business**- None
6. **Discussions**- LaShell Deshazor reported that Logic and Accuracy (L&A) testing has already begun. FY 2024-2025 has been approved by the Brooks County Board of Commissioner. Early voting begins October 15, 2024 Tuesday and runs until November 1, 2024, which is a Friday. The poll workers are trained and ready for early voting. Mr. Larko handed LaShell an application for his wife to be a poll worker. The State of Georgia Official General Election Notice has gone to the Quitman Free Press for Publication, once the day is changed to Tuesday, instead of Monday the 15th. The notice will also be posted in our county offices. Last day to register to vote is October 7, 2024. Last day to request an absentee ballot is October 25, 2024. The renovations for the elections are going well, hope to be finished soon. They are going to put code locks on the doors. The public will have limited access to the offices and equipment, to maintain a safer, more secure environment for our staff. Cameras are in the works. The Pavo fire department will be used in November for the election. The Pavo Fire Department will go back to the owner at the end of December, because it has not been used by the county as a fire department. The county has a plan to keep the fire department cool and accommodating for the staff. It was unbearably hot in May and we had a poll worker fall ill due to the heat. On a side note we are getting a new truck to help with hauling our equipment.
6. **Adjournment**-Don made a motion to adjourn and Karl seconded it. Motion Carried.

Meeting -ended at 5:40 pm

Next meeting will be October 15, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

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