

# FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & VOTER REGISTRATION



## Quick Facts

Incorporated-Feb. 25,1784

Georgia's 9th county

Total Area - 266.37 SQ Mi

2013 Population -22,009

## MISSION

Our mission is to provide honest, sincere, and dedicated service to the voters of Franklin County; to foster an atmosphere of commitment in assisting, aiding, and implementing those services. To show no partiality in providing any service; and to promote a spirit of cooperation.

## **REPORT A PROBLEM**

If you witness or incur questionable election-related activity, please contact the Elections Supervisor immediately at **706-384-4390**

All reports will be investigated and forwarded to proper authority for resolution.

# Election News

Our office is located at...



211 Athens Street  
Carnesville, Ga. 30521  
(706) 384-4390

## Important Dates to Remember -2017

- |           |   |       |  |
|-----------|---|-------|--|
| 2/20      | Voter Registration Deadline for Special/Runoff                            | 8/28  | Advance/Early Voting Begins for September Special Election   |
| 2/27      | Advance/Early Voting Begins for Special Election                          | 9/19  | Special Election (vacancy only)  |
| 3/21      | Special Election  | 10/10 | Deadline for Voter Registration / Change of Address for Municipal General Election/Special Election      |
| 4/18      | Special Election Runoff   | 10/13 | First day to mail out Absentee Ballots for November Municipal General Election/Special Election          |
| 5/22      | Voter Registration Deadline for Special/Runoff (vacancy only)             | 10/16 | Advance/Early Voting Begins for November Municipal General/Special Election at FC Bd of Elections Office |
| 5/29      | Advance/Early Voting Begins for June Special Election                     | 11/3  | Last day to mail Absentee Ballots for November Municipal General/Special Election                        |
| 6/20      | Special Election (vacancy only)   | 11/7  | Municipal General/Special Election   |
| 7/18      | Special Election Runoff   | 12/5  | Municipal General/Special Election Run-Off   |
| 8/21      | Voter Registration Deadline for Special/Runoff                            |       |  |
| 8/25-8/25 | Municipal Election Qualifying (qualifying takes place by each city clerk) |       |  |



## Polling Places

- #1 **CARNESVILLE**  
Carnesville Fire Department  
9265 Lavonia Rd; Carnesville
- #2 **WEST FRANKLIN**  
Double Churches Volunteer  
F.D.  
4747 Highway 198; Carnesville
- #3 **NORTHEAST FRANKLIN**  
106 Whitworth School Farmer  
Rd. Lavonia
- #4 **LAVONIA**  
Lavonia Community Center  
39 Poole St.; Lavonia (County)  
Lavonia City Hall  
12221 Augusta Rd.; (City Elec)
- #5 **CANON**  
City Hall  
5071 Hwy. 17 Canon
- #6 **ROYSTON**  
Royston City Hall  
664 Franklin Springs St  
(City & County)
- #6A **FRANKLIN SPRINGS**  
Royston City Hall (County  
Elec.)  
Franklin Springs City Hall  
(City)  
2138 Main Street
- #7 **SOUTHWEST FRANKLIN**  
Sandy Cross Fire Dept.  
4108 Salem Road; Royston



## Things to know or do before you vote

### - Know where to go

Check the location of your polling place to confirm it has not changed, call our office at 706 384-4390 or visit website [www.sos.ga.gov/MVP/](http://www.sos.ga.gov/MVP/)

### - Familiarize yourself with the ballot

Review the sample ballots for your precinct, this allows you to quickly make your selections before you enter the voting booth, sample ballots are available at the precinct, online, or by contacting our office.

### - Know when to go

Peak voting hours, are generally between the hours of 7am-10am, and 5pm-7pm, avoid the longer lines by going to vote between 10am-5pm.

### - Know what to do

If you are unsure how to operate the electronic voting equipment you can refer to page 6 of this newsletter.

*Have your identification READY when you present yourself to vote, or be prepared to vote provisional*

## The Numbers— A Snapshot (as of 04/24/2017)

### Countywide

Active Voters –11,623

Inactive Voters –1,822

**TOTAL VOTERS-13,445**

### City of Canon

Total Voters - 355

### City of Carnesville

Total Voters - 310

### City of Franklin Sprgs

Total Voters - 342

### City of Lavonia

Total Voters - 1,001

### City of Royston

Total Voters - 909

### Demographics

#### By Race

Black - 937  
White - 11,736  
Asian - 68  
Hispanic- 102  
Other - 602

#### By Gender

M - 6,371 (47.4%)  
F - 7,074 (52.6%)



### Voters by Precinct (Active)

#1 Carnesville - 2,007  
#2 West Franklin - 1,433  
#3 Northeast Franklin - 2,313  
#4 Lavonia - 1,943  
#5 Canon - 1,060  
#6 Royston - 1,838  
#7 Southwest Franklin - 2,038

# 2018 ELECTION EVENTS

FOR IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING TIMES—  
CONTACT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS OFFICE  
AT (706) 384-4390

ELECTION	ELECTION DATE	VOTER REG. DEADLINE	ABSENTEE MAIL VOTING PERIOD	IN-PERSON VOTING PERIOD	SATURDAY IN-PERSON VOTING
Special Election	March 20, 2018	Feb. 19, 2018	February 26, 2018	2/26/18—3/16/18	_____
Special Election Runoff	April 17, 2018	Feb. 19, 2018	TBA	TBA	_____
General Primary/ NP/Special Election	May 22, 2018	April 23, 2018	April 3, 2018	4/30/18—5/18/18	May 12, 2018
General Primary/ NP/Special Election Runoff	July 24, 2018	April 23, 2018	TBA	7/2/18-7/20/18	_____
General Election/ Special	November 6, 2018	October 9, 2018	September 18, 2018	10/15/18-11/2/18	
General Election/ Special Runoff—State	December 4, 2018	October 9, 2018	TBA	TBA	_____
General Election Runoff—Federal	January 18, 2019	October 9, 2018	TBA	TBA	_____

## LOCAL OFFICES TO APPEAR ON 2018 GENERAL PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT:

### COUNTY OFFICES

**BOC: District 3 and 4**

**BOE: Post 3, 4 and 5**

### TERM

**4 YEARS**

**4 YEARS**

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- Q) Can I submit a single application and ALWAYS receive absentee ballots  
A) Georgia law requires that application for an absentee ballot is made prior to each election, however the law does provide for voters who are physically disabled, over the age of 75, or UOCAVA to submit 1 application and receive all ballots for 1 election cycle (primary, primary runoff, election, election runoff), the application is only good for 1 year, and a new application MUST be made for the next election cycle.
- Q) Can I have someone return my voted absentee ballot on my behalf?  
A) The law allows ONLY a physically disabled person to designate a relative or an individual residing in the same household to return his or her voted ballot in person or by mail.
- Q) If I lose the absentee ballot that was sent to me, can I get another ballot?  
A) Yes, however, you must sign an affidavit affirming that you lost, destroyed, or did not receive the first absentee ballot. In this instance, another ballot will be issued, A new request is not required.
- Q) If I request an absentee ballot, can I change my mind and still vote at my polling place?  
A) It depends  
a) If the ballot has been voted, returned and received by our office, the absentee ballot shall be deemed to have been voted. No other ballot shall be issued.  
b) If you still have the ballot and remit it to the poll manager of the precinct in which your name appears, you may sign an affidavit to cancel the absentee ballot, and vote a regular ballot at the precinct.  
c) If you have not received an absentee ballot, or if you have returned the absentee ballot, but our office has not received the ballot, you may sign an affidavit within our office or at your precinct and be permitted to vote at your regular precinct on election day.
- Q) Can someone accompany me at the voting compartment?  
A) No elector shall be allowed to occupy a voting compartment or voting machine booth already occupied by another except when giving lawful assistance. (THIS INCLUDES SPOUSES)  
\*An elector's own child up to age 18, or any child up to age 12 may accompany a voter at the voting machine.
- Q) Why was my absentee application or ballot rejected?  
A) There are many reasons which an absentee application or ballot can be rejected, upon our office rejecting any application or ballot, you are notified by mail of the rejection and ways to resolve the issue. If you have additional questions or concerns about the rejection please contact our office immediately.

## What happens if I move?



Voters are required to notify the county board of registrars whenever they move.

If you move within the same county in which you are currently registered to vote and fail to notify the registrar at least 30 days prior to an election, you may vote in your old polling location for that election. You **MUST** file a notice of your new address, or complete an address change at the precinct.

If you move outside the county in which you are currently registered to vote within 30 days of an election, you may vote in your old precinct for that election.

If you move outside the county in which you are registered to vote in excess of 30 days prior to an election, you have lost your eligibility to vote in the county of your old residence. You must register to vote in your new county of residence. You will be assigned a new voting precinct and polling location.

**REMEMBER:** If you do not register by the deadline, you cannot vote in the upcoming election!

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

<i>Elected Official</i>	<i>Post</i>	<i>Term</i>
J. Thomas Bridges	County-Wide	January 2017 – December 2020
Robert Franklin	Post 1	January 2017 – December 2020
Jason Macomson	Post 2	January 2017 – December 2020
Jeff Jaques	Post 3	January 2015 – December 2018
Eddie Wester	Post 4	January 2015 – December 2018

## COUNTY WIDE OFFICIALS

<i>Elected Official</i>	<i>Post</i>	<i>Term</i>
Ken Eavenson	Probate Judge	January 2017 – December 2020
Cody Grizzle	Magistrate Judge	January 2017 – December 2020
Missy B. Holbrook	Clerk of Court	January 2017 – December 2020
Bobby Martin	Tax Commissioner	January 2017 – December 2020
Scott O'Barr	Coroner	January 2017 – December 2020
Stevie Thomas	Sheriff	January 2017 – December 2020

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

<i>Elected Official</i>	<i>Post</i>	<i>Term</i>
Eric Burrell	Post 1	January 2017 – December 2020
Jo Beth James	Post 2	January 2017 – December 2020
Marion "Bo" Lowery	Post 3	January 2015 – December 2018
Alan Mitchell	Post 4	January 2015 – December 2018
Robin Cato	Post 5	January 2015 – December 2018

## CITY OF CANON

<i>Elected Official</i>	<i>Post</i>	<i>Term</i>
Ray Morgan	Mayor	January 2014 – December 2017
Bobby Locke	Council	January 2016 – December 2019
Wayne Sanders	Council	January 2016 – December 2019
Dale Garner	Council	January 2014 – December 2017
Annie Rice Wallace	Council	January 2014 – December 2017

## CITY OF CARNESVILLE

<i>Elected Official</i>	<i>Post</i>	<i>Term</i>
Harris Little	Mayor	January 2016 – December 2019
Mike Barrett	Council	January 2014 – December 2017
Chad Bennett	Council	January 2014 – December 2017
Patsy Watkins	Council	January 2016 – December 2019
Sid Ginn	Council	January 2016 – December 2019

## CITY OF FRANKLIN SPRINGS

<i>Elected Official</i>	<i>Post</i>	<i>Term</i>
Levy D. "Lee" Moore	Mayor	January 2014 – December 2017
Tom Wilson	Council	January 2010 – December 2017
Joe Bryant	Council	January 2010 – December 2017
Tommy Pritchett	Council	January 2016 – December 2019
Bill Bell	Council	January 2016 – December 2019

## CITY OF LAVONIA

<i>Elected Official</i>	<i>Post</i>	<i>Term</i>
Ralph Owens	Mayor	January 2016 – December 2019
Courtney Umbelant	Post 1	January 2014 – December 2017
David Howell	Post 2	January 2014 – December 2017
Eddie Floyd	Post 3	January 2016 – December 2019
Harold Harbin	Post 4	January 2016 – December 2019

## CITY OF ROYSTON

<i>Elected Official</i>	<i>Post</i>	<i>Term</i>
David Jordan	Mayor	January 2014 – December 2017
Larry Bowen	Council	January 2014 – December 2017
Kenneth Roach	Council	January 2014 – December 2017
Matt Fields	Council	January 2014 – December 2017
Wayne Braswell	Council	January 2016 – December 2019
Keith Turman	Council	January 2016 – December 2019
Lee Strickland	Council	October 2016 – December 2019

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Board of Elections & Voter Registration**

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**Administration**

Gina K. Chappellear, Supervisor of Elections & Registration  
Linda Payne, Elections Clerk

**The Board**

Doug Kidd, Chairman  
Angela Whidby (Rep); Alice Black (Dem);  
Roman Strickland (Rep); Sherry MacDonald (Dem)

**Local Filing Entity for Campaign Finance:**

The Elections and Registration Office is the local filer for Ethics paperwork in Franklin County. It is the responsibility of each candidate to know when their reports are due and to get them to the Elections office before the due dates. The Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission website is: <http://ethics.ga.gov/>

**All Franklin County Elected Officials have the following Ethics Reports Due before June 30, 2017:**

**Personal Financial Disclosure**



