

Voter Guide for Bandera County

General Election on Tuesday – November 4, 2025

The ballot for Bandera County has the seventeen Proposed Amendments to the Texas Constitution and two local elections:

Bandera ISD School Board Place 7 and Bandera City Council - 3 positions.



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Get Ready to Vote!

Read both the Texas State Voter Guide and the Bandera County Voter Guide

The Texas State Voter Guide is published by the League of Women Voters of Texas with information on the seventeen proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution. The LWV Texas Voter Guide is printed in color and has a larger paper format.

The Bandera County Voter Guide is published by the League of Women Voters of the Hill Country Texas with information on candidates for Bandera ISD School Board Place 7 and Bandera City Council (3 places). This voter guide is printed on colored paper and has letter sized paper format.

Both voter guides are available in printed form at public libraries and other locations. Voters may read and print both the state and the county voter guide at the website: lwvhillcountrytexas.org.

VOTE411.org is a League website which provides the election information on the candidates: a voter enters the address on their Voter Registration card to access the information.

Deadline Dates for General Election on Tuesday – November 4, 2025			
Register to Vote/Change Address	Monday	October 6	Last day to register to vote
Voting by Mail	Friday	October 24	Last day to apply for Mail in Ballot
	Tuesday	November 4	Last day to return Mail in Ballot
Early Voting	Monday	October 20	First day to vote in-person
	Friday	October 31	Last day to vote in-person
Election Day	Tuesday	November 4	In-person at voting location

Bandera County Voting Information for 2025 General Election

Sample ballots and other Information from the Bandera County Election Department posted online:
<http://www.banderacounty.org/page/elections.home>

Take a photo ID with you to the voting location.

Curb-side voting is available for Early Voting and on Election Day.

Remember: no cell phones, no texting, no photos, no campaign clothing or material, no loitering

Yellow voter registration card details the elections for the voter residence address.

BANDERA COUNTY - Early Voting in three locations:

Bandera	Kronkosky Public Library	515 Main Street
Lakehills	Lakehills Area Library	7200 FM 1283
Medina	Medina Annex	161 East Parker Street

Monday October 20	Tuesday October 21	Wednesday October 22	Thursday October 23	Friday October 24
7:00am to 4:00pm	7:00am to 4:00pm	7:00am to 4:00pm	7:00am to 4:00pm	7:00am to 4:00pm

Monday October 27	Tuesday October 28	Wednesday October 29	Thursday October 30	Friday October 31
7:00am to 4:00pm	7:00am to 4:00pm	7:00am to 4:00pm	7:00am to 7:00pm	7:00am to 7:00pm

BANDERA COUNTY - Election Day: Tuesday - November 4 Locations open 7:00am to 7:00pm

Voter must go to the precinct location on the yellow voter registration card.

Precinct #	Location	Address	City
101	Shepherd's Gate Church Fellowship Hall	615 Polly Peak Drive	Bandera
102	Pipe Creek Volunteer Fire Dept	1331 FM 1283	Pipe Creek
203 & 204	Lakehills Area Library	7200 FM 1283	Lakehills
305	Bandera Kronkosky Public Library	515 Main Street	Bandera
306	Medina Annex	161 East Parker Street	Medina
407 & 409	Bandera ISD Bus Barn	1576 Highway 173 South	Bandera
408	Tarpley Community Center	232 Valentine Lane	Tarpley
410	Vanderpool Volunteer Fire Dept	32647 FM 187	Vanderpool

Proposed Amendments to the Texas Constitution: see next page

NOTE: HJR = House Joint Resolution and SJR = Senate Joint Resolution

A voter can record a choice for each amendment and take this page in order to mark the ballot.

#	Subject	Description	Yes/No
1	Education Fund SJR 59	The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the permanent technical institution infrastructure fund and the available workforce education fund to support the capital needs of educational programs offered by the Texas State Technical College System.	
2	Capital Gains SJR 18	The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of a tax on the realized or unrealized capital gains of an individual, family, estate, or trust.	
3	Denial of Bail SJR 5	The constitutional amendment requiring the denial of bail under certain circumstances to persons accused of certain offenses punishable as a felony.	
4	Water Fund HJR 7	The constitutional amendment to dedicate a portion of the revenue derived from state sales and use taxes to the Texas water fund and to provide for the allocation and use of that revenue.	
5	Animal Feed HJR 99	The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation tangible personal property consisting of animal feed held by the owner of the property for sale at retail.	
6	Occupation Tax HJR 4	The constitutional amendment prohibiting the legislature from enacting a law imposing an occupation tax on certain entities that enter into transactions conveying securities or imposing a tax on certain securities transactions.	
7	Veteran Spouse HJR 133	The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a veteran who died as a result of a condition or disease that is presumed under federal law to have been service-connected.	
8	Estate Taxes HJR 2	The constitutional amendment to prohibit the legislature from imposing death taxes applicable to a decedent's property or the transfer of an estate, inheritance, legacy, succession, or gift.	
9	Personal Property HJR 1	The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation a portion of the market value of tangible personal property a person owns that is held or used for the production of income.	
10	Fire Destruction SJR 84	The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of the appraised value of an improvement to a residence homestead that is completely destroyed by fire..	
11	Elderly or Disabled SJR 85	The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district of the market value of the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled.	
12	Judicial Conduct SJR 27	The constitutional amendment regarding the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, the membership of the tribunal to review the commission's recommendations, and the authority of the commission, the tribunal, and the Texas Supreme Court to more effectively sanction judges and justices for judicial misconduct.	
13	School Districts SJR 2	The constitutional amendment to increase the amount of the exemption of residence homesteads from ad valorem taxation by a school district from \$100,000 to \$140,000.	
14	Dementia Fund SJR 3	The constitutional amendment providing for the establishment of the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, establishing the Dementia Prevention and Research Fund to provide money for research on and prevention and treatment of dementia, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and related disorders in this state, and transferring to that fund \$3 billion from state general revenue.	
15	Parents SJR 34	The constitutional amendment affirming that parents are the primary decision makers for their children.	
16	Voting SJR 37	The constitutional amendment clarifying that a voter must be a United States citizen.	
17	Border Counties HJR 34	The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the amount of the market value of real property located in a county that borders the United Mexican States that arises from the installation or construction on the property of border security infrastructure and related improvements.	

Bandera County 2025 General Election

Bandera ISD: Board of Trustees

NOTE: School board elections are nonpartisan. Candidates do not declare a political party preference.

Check your yellow voter registration card to determine if you are eligible to vote in this election – see the boxes on the right hand side of the card. Or consult the State of Texas website: votetexas.gov and follow instructions to check the information on your voter registration card online.

Some voters in Precinct 101, Precinct 102, Precinct 203, Precinct 204, Precinct 305, Precinct 407, Precinct 408, and Precinct 409 are eligible to vote in this election.

The Bandera ISD Board of Trustees consists of seven members with each member elected to serve a three-year term. Candidates run for a numbered place on the school board, but they do not represent a specific geographical area. Each board member represents the entire school district. Elections are held annually in November.

Duties: adopting policy, employing and evaluating the superintendent, approving the budget, approving capital improvement plans, and setting the tax rate.

Trustee, Place 5: Brittany Hicks (name on ballot and unopposed)

Trustee, Place 5: Heidi Battle (name on ballot and unopposed)

Trustee, Place 7

Crystal Black	Debra Killian Martinez	Rich McCarthy
Candidate did not submit information.	Facebook: Debra Killian Martinez for BISD School Board of Trustees	No response received by print deadline.

What in your background qualifies you to serve on the Bandera ISD School Board?

Black: I played an integral role in the Bandera Independent School District Vision and Core Value Committee. I am an informed citizen of Bandera County and regularly attend the Bandera Independent School District School Board Meetings. In addition, I served on the Bandera ISD Community Action Committee. I fully support our schools and have happily volunteered at the School Campuses: Hill Country Elementary School, Bandera Middle School and Bandera High School.

Martinez: I've worn nearly every hat in a school - teacher, counselor, coach, bus driver, receptionist, and substitute. With 15 years in education, I've taught science, English, dance, PE, and worked in special education as both teacher and case manager. These experiences give me a true, ground-level view of what students, teachers, and staff need to succeed. I also hold an MBA from Texas A&M Kingsville and a Master's in Counseling and Development from Lamar University. I'm ready to bring both real-world classroom experience and strong leadership skills to the Bandera ISD school board.

McCarthy: No response received by print deadline.

What are the most pressing issues facing the BISD School Board?

Black: The most pressing issues facing the BISD School include Faculty and Staff retention, Budget Management, Security and Safety of all campuses. These are some of the same issues that other School Districts face state-wide. Our Bandera ISD School Board continues to effectively navigate our District through the new state laws affecting current curriculum, budget and school operations.

Martinez: The most pressing issues facing BISD are student achievement, teacher support, and fiscal responsibility. We must ensure all students are prepared for success by providing strong academics along with social and emotional support. At the same time, we must recruit and retain quality teachers by valuing their work and creating an environment where they can thrive. Finally, we must be responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars, balancing the district's budget while making sure resources reach classrooms first. Together, these priorities strengthen our schools and community.

McCarthy: No response received by print deadline.

What are citizens and parents telling you about school district issues?

Black: Citizens and parents have voiced their strong opinions concerning safety and communication. I plan to listen to all concerns and am willing to find solutions that are most fitting for the issue being addressed. Overall, the message is clear: our community values strong schools, safety, responsible leadership, and a board that truly listens to parents, teachers, and taxpayers.

Martinez: Parents and citizens tell me they want schools that put students first—academically, socially, and emotionally. They are concerned about retaining quality teachers and making sure classrooms have the resources they need. Families want transparency in decision-making, open communication from the district, and safe campuses where students can learn without fear. Many also emphasize the importance of preparing students for life after graduation, whether college, career, or military service. Overall, the message is clear: our community values strong schools, safety, responsible leadership, and a board that truly listens to parents, teachers, and taxpayers.

McCarthy: No response received by print deadline.

City of Bandera: City Council

NOTE: *City elections are nonpartisan. Candidates do not declare a political party preference.*

Some voters who live in Precinct 305 are eligible to vote in this election. Check your yellow voter registration card to determine if you are eligible to vote in this election – see the boxes on the right hand side of the card. Or consult the State of Texas website: votetexas.gov and follow instructions to check the information on your voter registration card online.

Bandera is a general law city (Type A) with a city council/manager form of government. There are five positions on the city council, and each member is elected at large. The term of office is two years.

Duties: appoint the city manager; oversee the city manager and the direction of the city; approve the city budget and the tax rate; set salaries and benefits of city employees; pass ordinances and resolutions; appoint members to advisory boards.

The election is for three at-large positions on the Bandera City Council. The three candidates with the highest number of votes will be declared as elected.

Tony Battle		Debbie Breen	
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DeAnna McCabe		Tammy Ott Morrow	John Teich Jr.
No response received by print deadline.		Email: tomorrow4Bandera@gmail.com	No response received by print deadline.

What in your background qualifies you to serve as a member of the Bandera City Council?

Battle: I've proudly called Bandera home since age six and have lived here for 25 years. Though not born here, I consider myself a true member of this community. I've served six years on the Planning and Zoning Commission and three on City Council. My experience, transparency, and leadership have helped improve public safety with 24/7 patrols, added police cruisers, enhanced water reliability, and secured millions in grant funding. I'm committed to addressing the tough issues and continuing to serve Bandera with dedication and integrity.

Breen: Currently: I have been on City Council 2 years. I have also served as Treasurer for 1 year on the Bandera EDC. Volunteer for Bandera Business Association and the Bandera Chamber of Commerce, member of the Music Friendly Texas Board. Previous: BISD Boosters Club, Boys & Girls Club Board Member; helped bring Boys and Girls Club to Hill Country Elementary, ran Chili and Cajun Cookoffs. Lakehills Library Board Member, President; St. Victor's Church Board Member, President; help organize/work Mardi Gras parades; MLVFD volunteer for annual BBQ; Frontier Times Museum volunteer for Labor Day Pro Rodeo events.

Coffey: Council Project committee chair of 2 waste treatment plants, new city hall, new senior center, new library, a community center, a community pool, new high school, new fire department, police department and a FEMA emergency center facility, second middle school, family relief center, and a city sponsored fund for non-profit grants. **Council representative** with various county tourism projects, water sources, state committees regarding federal initiatives with immigration work visas and federal/state prison training programs with the trade unions. Inmate earnings placed in a release fund, after release support, family reunification and counseling. All projects exceeded expectations from the state requirements.

Hicks: Since 1951, my family has called Bandera home. My passion for our community motivated me to return to Bandera after college with my wife to raise our 3 children in a place where we are committed to its future. Whether I am serving on an advisory board for my family's tourism business or volunteering as a coach for my children's youth sports teams, I have a multifaceted knowledge of what's important to Bandera citizens. I have demonstrated Conservative Christian leadership on the council for the past two years.

McCabe: No response received by print deadline.

Morrow: My personal experience qualifies me to serve as a member of the Bandera City Council. As a 30+ year resident of the city, I am invested in the community. Our small family construction business and my community service background has taught me the importance of listening, fiscal responsibility, and practical decision making. I understand the concerns that the citizens face daily in Bandera. I am committed to bringing transparency, accountability, leadership, and respect to my neighbors.

Teich: No response received by print deadline.

What are the most pressing issues facing the Bandera City Council?

Battle: This election is pivotal for Bandera. Over the past three years, I've worked to secure land and funding for a much-needed wastewater treatment plant—critical for our future. My experience with large infrastructure projects helps ensure this is done without burdening taxpayers. I'm also working with TxDOT to improve Main Street while preserving parking in the historic district. With the right leadership, we can enhance walkability and maintain convenience through the continued pursuit of Transportation Alternatives grant funding. I remain committed to practical solutions that serve all of Bandera.

Breen: Infrastructure: Our biggest issue. We need a new Waste Water Treatment Plant, new roads, new water and sewer pipes...and not enough money to make these changes. **Grant Money:** We are reliant on grants to make changes and in my opinion, not near enough emphasis is placed on applying for grants by the City. **Reputation of City Council:** Another huge increasing trend that I have seen happening since I started on Council is how little information actually gets to Council. Many important issues are being decided outside of Council. Who is really running the City?

Coffey: Lack of teamwork, failure to respect community opinions, disrespectfulness shown to the public, using the council for personal issues and gains. Failure to follow required procedures, such as Robert's Rules of Order, using staff inappropriately to intimidate residents. Failure to secure adequate funding for the new sewer treatment plant, utilizing staff in positions they are not qualified for and failing to provide adequate training for their success. Attempting to remodel downtown which would eliminate significant parking, block businesses with construction and develop us like Boerne. **DON'T BOERNE OUR BANDERA!** We can do better and be better!

Hicks: The most pressing issue facing the Bandera City Council is addressing our citizens' concerns and needs while balancing the annual city budget. For example, the city council needs to focus on improving and maintaining our infrastructure, such as roads and water supply while also considering tax rates and the current economic environment. Our businesses need additional tourism and tax dollars to continue providing for the community. We have to continue finding grants to solve our city issues instead of putting that burden on our citizens.

McCabe: No response received by print deadline.

Morrow: The most pressing issue facing the Bandera City Council right now is rebuilding trust between the city and its residents. Neighbors want to understand how decisions are made, where their money is going and how the council's decisions will improve their day-to-day lives. If we do not fix the breakdown in trust, it will be difficult to fix anything else – whether it be water quality, infrastructure, or managing growth. We need to have open dialogue with our neighbors.

Teich: No response received by print deadline.

What are the citizens in the City of Bandera telling you about city issues?

Battle: As a councilmember, listening to citizens is my top priority. Over the past 3 years, many have expressed a strong desire to preserve Bandera's identity as the Cowboy Capital of the World—a legacy built by our ancestors. My commitment remains strong: protect our heritage, support conservative leadership with integrity, ensure reliable infrastructure, and promote a safe environment for families. I'd be honored to earn your support for another term, continuing to advance these vital priorities for our community.

Breen: I have been going door to door and talking with the voters in Bandera. They have been very vocal on the following subjects: **Infrastructure** - Citizens want their infrastructure to be fixed and/or replaced. They want roads without potholes. **Accountability** – they want the City to make budget cuts instead of constantly raising taxes and utilities. **Transparency** – they want to know what is going on in City Hall. **Friendliness** – they feel that City Hall is a hostile environment, and they are not welcome.

Coffey: They are tired of the limitless Airbnb's in personal homes. Potholes ignored making the streets unsafe for walkers and bike riders. People moved here for the laid-back easy-going cowboy country mentality, good music from their patios and an overall safe community. They don't want the downtown changed **AT ALL**. I suggested alarmed crosswalks and a half way crosswalk for the 3 major blocks down town to protect pedestrians. Which was received well. They want fewer restrictions on what they can do with their property ownership. Ordinances reduced significantly, a more user-friendly city hall, a community pool and a dog park.

Hicks: Citizens are worried that the continued and inevitable growth here will change Bandera. We live in a unique community with rich history that I vow to protect. I have lived my whole life here and want Bandera to be its best version while staying true to our roots. Our citizens are also concerned with rising costs in everyday life especially those on fixed incomes. As a council, we need to be mindful of this challenge while also balancing the needs of the city as a whole.

McCabe: No response received by print deadline.

Morrow: The citizens of Bandera are frustrated about the rising utility rates and taxes. Since many of our residents are on fixed income, they want to know where their money is going and that it is being used responsibly. They are seeing a rise in utility rates and taxes, but they are not seeing a real improvement in city services. They want transparency, accountability, and assurance that city leadership is managing resources responsibly and working in the best interest of the community.

Teich: No response received by print deadline.

League of Women Voters - Hill Country Texas

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