

**Town of Alto
Called Meeting
June 25, 2026-6pm
(Final 2025 Budget Amendment – 2027 Banks Co SPLOST)
Minutes**

Those in attendance:

**Gail Armour, Mayor
Eddie Palmer, Mayor Pro-tem
John Smith, Post 1
James Turner, Post 2
Allen fox, Post 3
Debbie Turner, Post 5
Sean Rogers, Police Chief
Skylier Coalley, W-PW Supervisor
Lisa Turner, CFO/HR
Penny Rogers, Town Clerk**

The Town Officials held a Called Meeting at 6pm that was called to order by Mayor Gail Armour. The invocation was delivered by Eddie Palmer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Armour stated that there is a quorum physically present, but Councilman Allen Fox would be participating via zoom.

The agenda was presented to the Council for approval. Councilman John Smith made a motion to approve. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion.

Approved by all.

The minutes of the June 09, 2026 meeting were presented for approval. Councilwoman Debbie Turner made a motion to accept the minutes. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer seconded the motion.

Approved by all.

New Business:

CFO Lisa Turner summarized the Final 2025 Budget Amendment. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer made a motion to adopt the Amendment. Councilman James Turner seconded the motion.

Approved by all.

Pro-tem Eddie Palmer read the revised project list for the Banks County SPLOST. He reminded the Officials that it has to be submitted by next week so it can be added to the ballot. If it doesn't get drafted, no one in Banks County gets the proposed \$24M in funding.

The Officials were informed that Steve Shields comes annually to analyze safety to determine if the insurance increases. Concerning the suggestion to put W Coker Road on the list, it was explained that in order to have a fire hydrant installed every 1000 feet, there has to be a 6" line in place, which W Coker Road does not have, therefore this would have to be upgraded. Garland White has lots of issues and with a major bust, it could drain the tank in which would affect a lot more customers than there are on W Coker Road.

Guys have been working on several breaks and meters trying to get them all in place for master meters along with their daily operations.

It was stated that the final Audit will be completed by June 30th.

Councilwoman Debbie Turner asked if this SPLOST would come again in 5 years? CFO replied yes, it is every 5 years when department heads turn in projected priority projects. Councilwoman Turner asked if they could get information of needed projects before close to the deadline in the future. Citizen Margaret Beaupre asked if this had been talked throughout the year. Mayor Armour replied that yes, it has been talked about before. Mrs. Beaupre stated that she didn't understand why it came as a surprise to anyone? Mayor Armour asked if there was any discussion for the project list?

Safety Coordinator Sean Rogers stated that he has to try to prevent safety issues with vehicles and running old cars/trucks is a risk. He continued saying the Water/Public Works are running old trucks, they're dangerous, newer ones are needed for safety. PD vehicles are worn out. When you run up and down the road, you don't want anything dangerous that could cause an issue. Councilman Allen Fox stated that he was good with getting police cars, but he wants to check on getting good used vehicles/trucks maybe 5-8 years old. Safety Coordinator responded that with that you're getting someone else's problems. You have to consider this is for the city not personal vehicles and we don't need repairs over and over. No one should be driving vehicles that need repairs, it's not safe. If we keep these cars/trucks, you'll have to increase the budget to cover repairs. Councilman Fox asked why the guys couldn't do more of the work instead of paying a mechanic? W/PW Supervisor Skylier Coalley replied that none of the guys are certified mechanics, and they shouldn't be doing the work for safety reasons and besides when would they have the time to do mechanic duties. He continued with we're not asking for brand new trucks, just good ones that'll do what we need. The '05 needs replacing, the transmission is out of the '08 that Wiley drove forever, the mechanic said that it wasn't worth fixing. Councilman James Turner asked if the PD truck could be switched to PW? Response was yes, but a service truck would still be needed to haul the tractor. When asked how he hauls the tractor now, Skylier informed them that he drives it down the road to all the areas needed which is not safe. Mrs Beaupre also agreed that that was very dangerous for employees and stated that sooner or later the Town has to get new trucks, why not with the SPLOST?

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Councilman Fox asked if the dollar amounts on the list were the expected cost to be spent? CFO Turner replied “Yes, it’s estimates.” He then asked if there would be another vote for the actual purchases and she responded Yes.

Councilman Allen Fox made a motion to accept the 2027 Banks County SPLOST. Pro-tem Eddie Palmer seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Pro-tem Eddie Palmer made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the IGA with Banks County. Councilman Allen Fox seconded the motion. Approved by all.

Old Business: N/A

Recommendations from Officers, Departments, and Attorneys: N/A

Public comments: N/A

Councilman James Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Debbie Turner seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted by:

**Penny Rogers
Town Clerk**