

1. Call to Order
2. Introduction
3. Public Comments
4. Approval of August 27, 2025 Minutes

Motion_____

Second_____

Approval of December 3, 2025 Minutes

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5. Business
 - Financial Updates – Allie Pridgen (Director of Finance)
 - Public Health Updates
 - Health Director’s Updates – Mark Eanes, MD, (District Health Director)
 - Infectious Disease- Teresa Hritz, (Infectious Disease Coordinator)
 - HOPWA- Terri Ball, (Housing Program Coordinator)
6. Health Department Updates—Yolunda Lewis, RN
7. Environmental Health Updates – Shannon Walker, BS
8. Epidemiology Updates – Ken Lowery, DrPH, MPH
9. Announcements

Next Meeting May 27, 2026 @12:00pm (Budget Meeting)

10. Adjournment





Brooks County Board of Health Meeting

MINUTES

December 3, 2025 | 12:00 P.M. | Brooks County Commission Building
For Information Purposes Only

Members Present

James Maxwell
Dr. Rose Marie Horne
Toni Brinson

Members Absent

Shelly Kirkendoll
Mayor Zinda McDaniel
Dr. Vickie Reed
Shawn Tatham

Others Present

Mark J. Eanes, MD
Dwain Butler
Karen Harrison
Yolunda Lewis
Valeka carter
Allie Pridgen
Shannon walker
Kirbi Spires
Dr. Ken Lowery

Call to Order

Mr. Maxwell called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM.

Introductions

There were no introductions.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Due to having no quorum, approval of August 27, 2025 minutes will be tabled until the next Board of Health meeting in February.

Financial Updates (Allie Pridgen, Director of Finance)

- Ms. Pridgen provided a summary of the Revenue and Expense Report from July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025.

Public Health Updates (Mark J. Eanes, MD, District Health Director)

- Dr. Eanes recognized and introduced Yolunda Lewis as the County Nurse Manager for Brooks County Health Department.
- Dr. Eanes updated on the Customer Service Survey.
- Dr. Eanes informed the board Georgia House appointed a sub-committee for Rural Health Funding. Noting Representative Dexter Sharper, from Valdosta, serves on the committee.
- Dr. Eanes updated the board on government shutdown.
- Dr. Eanes noted Georgia Department of Public Health is under travel restrictions through January 2026.
- Dr. Eanes updated on Influenza, stating last year was the highest recorded flu cases in several years.
- Dr. Eanes stated the statistics showed 280 children died from the flu.
- Dr. Eanes stated the flu vaccines do work and encouraged everyone to get vaccinated.
- Dr. Eanes noted Dwain Butler, Deputy Health Director, is sending out a Community Health Assessment Survey to all board members.
- Dr. Eanes updated on banking changes.

- Dr. Eanes informed the board members South Health District hired a consultant that will come into the district health departments to guide with coding and billing.
- Dr. Eanes introduced Kirbi Spires with Children's Medical Services and Dr. Ken Lowery, Epidemiologist with South Health District.

Children's Medical Services (Kirbi Spires BSN, RNC-OB, C-EFM)

- Ms. Spires provided an overview of Children's Medical Services.
- Ms. Spires stated Children's Medical Services provides medical care for disabling conditions or chronic diseases in children from birth to the age of 21.
- Ms. Spires stated most referrals received are from pediatricians, however anyone can refer a child.
- Ms. Spires stated Children's Medical Services provides specialty clinics that include orthopedic, endocrinology, cardiology, pulmonology, surgery, nephrology, genetics and hematology.
- Ms. Spires stated along with Children's Medical Services they provide case management for children with hearing, vision, neurological and maxillofacial conditions.
- Ms. Spires noted there are 1100 children enrolled in the program with 70 of those being from Brooks County.

Health Department Updates (Yolunda Lewis, RN)

- Ms. Lewis reviewed the report of services for July 2025 – September 2025.
- Ms. Lewis stated her main focus is customer service.
- Ms. Lewis stated Brooks County Health Department had 83 clients for school base flu. Noting she is working to increase those numbers.
- Ms. Lewis stated Covid vaccines are available for children ages 6-11 and adults 12 and up.
- Ms. Lewis thanked the board for cleaning and trimming the landscape at the health department, adding she wants clients to feel welcome.
- Ms. Lewis introduced Valeka Carter as Admin Support Supervisor.
- Ms. Lewis stated she wants to be involved in all community outreach.

- ❖ Mr. Maxwell stated the replacement of windows for Brooks County Health Department will be added to the 2026 county commission agenda.

Environmental Health Updates (Shannon Walker, BS)

- Mr. Walker presented the Environmental Health Update and Food Inspection Scores for July 2025 – September 2025.

Epidemiology Update (Ken Lowery, DrPH, MPH)

- Dr. Lowery provided and reviewed an Investigated Illness Report for Brooks County.
- Dr. Lowery added the State of Georgia has a list of notifiable illnesses that all healthcare providers and laboratories are required by law to report to Public Health for which is followed up on.

- Dr. Lowery provided information on PrEP for HIV prevention and Opioid Awareness.

Announcements

The next meeting is February 25, 2026 at 12:00pm

Adjournment

Mr. Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 12:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Kirkendoll, Secretary
Karen Harrison, Typist

**Brooks County Board of Health
Revenue and Expense Summary
July 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025**

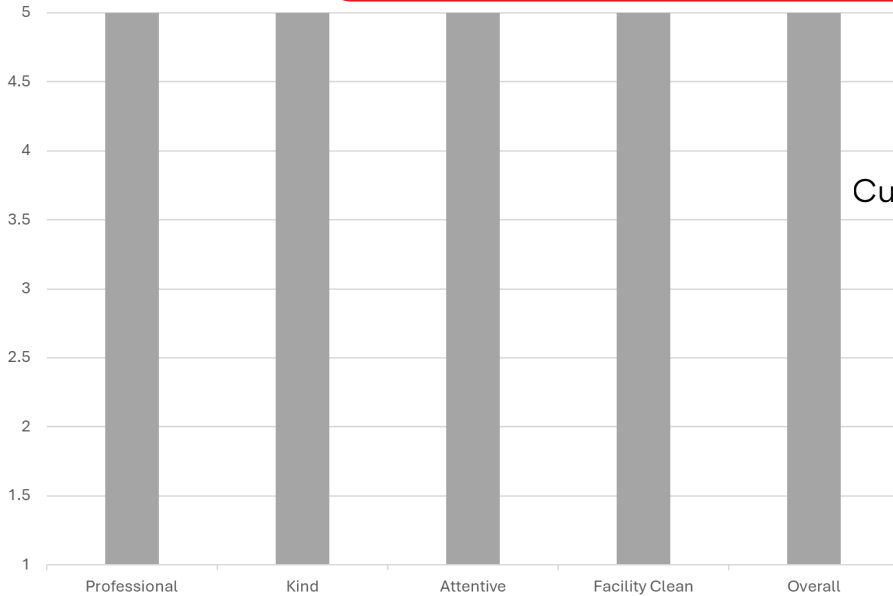
		% of Budget				
		YTD	Revised Budget	Received/ Expended	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)
Revenue						
456001	County Participating	10,691.25	25,659.00	41.67%	25,659.00	0.00
456004	County Non-Participating	12,225.40	29,341.00	41.67%	29,341.00	0.00
995001	Unassigned Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00
456006	Municipal - City of Quitman	2,500.02	5,000.00	50.00%	5,000.00	0.00
456024	Restricted Fund Balance - Pr Yr Fees	90,467.17	90,468.00	100.00%	80,415.00	10,053.00
456050	Restricted Fund Balance - Pr Yr Adm Claiming	103,027.31	86,678.00	118.86%	51,533.00	35,145.00
456040	Intra Agency Transfer - From Lowndes	20,382.00	20,382.00	100.00%	20,382.00	0.00
456040	Intra Agency Transfer - From Annex 750	18,815.00	18,815.00	100.00%	18,815.00	0.00
456051	Qualifying Local Funds - Interest Income	865.84	3,050.00	28.39%	3,050.00	0.00
456052	Non-Qualifying Local Funds - Returned Drugs	1,577.49	1,577.00	100.03%	0.00	1,577.00
458001	Grant-In-Aid	179,142.10	349,726.00	51.22%	383,077.00	(33,351.00)
456008	Out-Patient Medicare Fees	2,974.62	0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00
456010	Out-Patient Client Fees	5,389.03	0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00
456016	Private Insurance	7,033.07	0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00
456022	Health Check	1,602.06	0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00
456031	Environmental Fees	19,555.00	0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00
456034	Medicaid - DSPS	1,586.16	0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00
456036	Medicaid PCM	145.20	0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00
456041	Vital Records Fees	8,365.00	0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00
456049	Current Yr Adm Claiming	9,315.53	0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00
Total Revenue		495,659.25	630,696.00	67.77%	617,272.00	13,424.00
Expenses						
511000	Salaries	125,181.27	249,341.00	50.20%	249,341.00	0.00
514001	FICA	9,166.72	18,134.00	50.55%	18,384.00	(250.00)
515001	Retirement	34,653.95	69,243.00	50.05%	74,843.00	(5,600.00)
516000	Health Insurance	36,629.78	72,941.00	50.22%	73,441.00	(500.00)
614001	Supplies & Materials	4,062.42	24,048.00	16.89%	16,548.00	7,500.00
614018	Pharmaceuticals	20,099.24	54,445.00	36.92%	40,000.00	14,445.00
615001	Repairs & Maintenance	7,492.49	15,000.00	49.95%	28,500.00	(13,500.00)
617001	Utilities	5,593.79	10,835.00	51.63%	10,835.00	0.00
618001	Printing	155.00	885.00	17.51%	885.00	0.00
619001	Other Rent	0.00	250.00	0.00%	250.00	0.00
620001	Insurance and Bonding	700.97	800.00	87.62%	800.00	0.00
622001	Direct Benefits to Clients	917.99	4,500.00	20.40%	4,500.00	0.00
627001	Other Operating	3,031.53	16,525.00	18.35%	11,525.00	5,000.00
633001	Computer Software - Microsoft License Fee	1,436.34	4,950.00	29.02%	4,950.00	0.00
640001	Travel	2,216.48	7,500.00	29.55%	7,500.00	0.00
645001	Rental of Equipment	1,503.01	3,000.00	50.10%	2,500.00	500.00
651001	Per Diem & Fees	216.15	500.00	N/A	0.00	500.00
653001	Contract - Maintenance Fee - Clinical Software	2,664.90	5,350.00	49.81%	3,850.00	1,500.00
673001	Telecommunications	5,557.99	10,800.00	51.46%	9,800.00	1,000.00
681001	Postage	177.87	500.00	35.57%	500.00	0.00
761001	Indirect Costs	12,062.53	61,149.00	19.73%	58,320.00	2,829.00
Total Expenses		273,520.42	630,696.00	43.37%	617,272.00	13,424.00

Brooks County Health Department Quarterly Customer Feedback

OCT - DEC 2025

SUMMARY: The Customer Feedback Report provides insights into customer satisfaction and sentiment for the quarter. Key findings and customer comments are summarized below.

Customer Satisfaction



Customer Service Satisfaction Scale:

5 - Strongly Agree

1 - Strongly Disagree

(13 completed)

Customer Comments

“Yogunda was amazing.” - Jessie

“The front desk lady and nurse were so kind and helpful. They went above and beyond to help me track down records so I could update my vaccine records.” - A

“Shoutout the front desk staff and the doctor {nurse} for taking time for me, listening to my concerns and answering all my questions. Those 3 ladies were amazing!!!” - N/A

“Nurse Yolunda Lewis is very nice and helpful.” - Nicole

“Always great services. Absolutely love the entire staff here.” - R

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Doing?



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Brooks County Health Department Productivity Report

OCT - DEC 2025



SOUTH HEALTH DISTRICT

Clinic Summary

Patient Report:

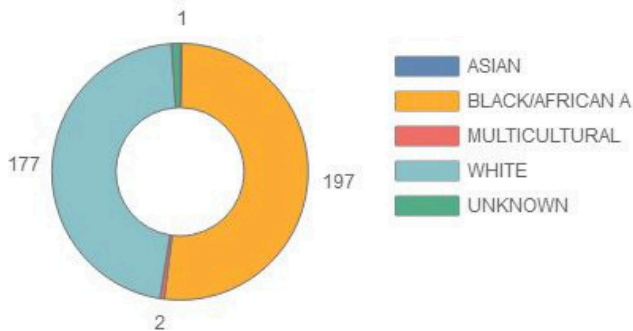
- Total Patients: 321
- Total Services: 381

Top Three Programs:

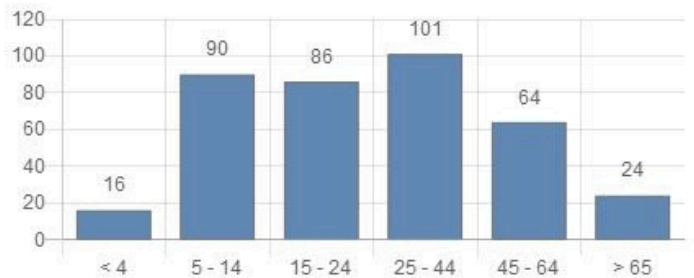
- Immunizations (43%)
- Family Planning (19%)
- Skin Testing (19%)

Demographic Spotlight

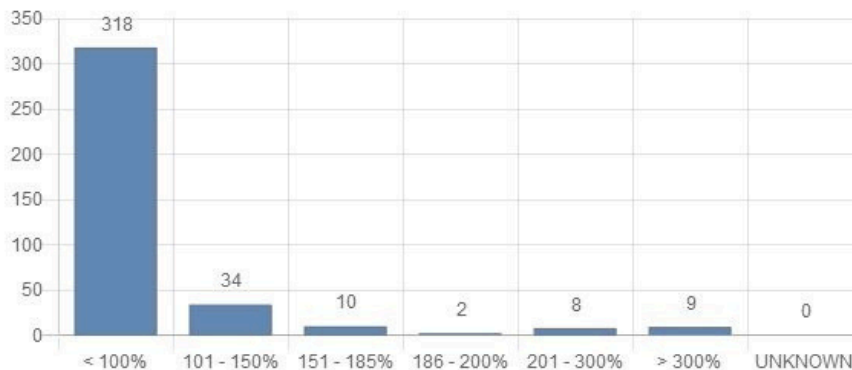
By Race



By Age Group



By Poverty Level



Brooks County Environmental Health Update

Jan 1- Dec 31, 2025

Total Permitted Facilities: 48



Facility Inspections

Food Service Inspections	86
Tourist Accommodation Inspections	2
Public Pool Inspections	5
Body Art Inspections	n/a

Land Use

New System Permits Issued	78
New Installations Inspected	76
Repair Permits Issued	35
Repair Installations Inspected	23
Well Permits Issued	39
Water Samples	31

Other Programs

Animal Bite Investigations	32
Complaint Investigations	37

Brooks County Environmental Health Update

Oct 1- Dec 31, 2025

Total Permitted Facilities: 48



Facility Inspections

Food Service Inspections	21
Tourist Accommodation Inspections	0
Public Pool Inspections	0
Body Art Inspections	n/a

Land Use

New System Permits Issued	15
New Installations Inspected	18
Repair Permits Issued	3
Repair Installations Inspected	4
Well Permits Issued	13
Water Samples	6

Other Programs

Animal Bite Investigations	9
Complaint Investigations	15



4th Q Brooks Inspections Report

Food Facility Inspections (22 Total)

Permit #	Permit Issue Date	Facility Name	Address	County	Purpose	Score	Grade	Inspection Date	Inspector
FSP-014-000060	02/27/2020	<u>Arigato</u>	1307 E SCREVEN ST QUITMAN, GA 31643	Brooks	Routine	100	A	11/26/2025	Shannon Walker
FSP-014-000090	02/08/2024	<u>Barwick Billiards</u>	2054 E MAIN ST BARWICK, GA 31720	Brooks	Routine	100	A	10/31/2025	Shannon Walker
FSP-014-000054	05/15/2019	<u>Brooks County Detention Center</u>	1003 HOLLOWAY DR QUITMAN, GA 31643	Brooks	Routine	100	A	10/22/2025	Shannon Walker
014-005	08/03/2009	<u>Brooks County High School</u>	1801 MOULTRIE HWY QUITMAN, GA 31643	Brooks	Routine	100	A	10/21/2025	Shannon Walker
014-012	10/04/1996	<u>Brooks County Middle School</u>	2171 MOULTRIE HWY QUITMAN, GA 31643	Brooks	Routine	100	A	10/21/2025	Shannon Walker
FSP-014-000096	03/27/2025	<u>Burger King of Quitman</u>	1304 W SCREVEN ST QUITMAN, GA 31643	Brooks	Routine	95	A	12/11/2025	Shannon Walker
FSP-014-000076	01/29/2024	<u>Carter's</u>	1104 W SCREVEN ST QUITMAN, GA 31643	Brooks	Routine	96	A	12/22/2025	Shannon Walker
FSP-014-000080	03/08/2023	<u>China Hot HZF, INC</u>	1204 W SCREVEN ST QUITMAN, GA 31643	Brooks	Routine	100	A	12/11/2025	Shannon Walker
014-201	02/02/2006	<u>Coyoacan Mexican Restaurant</u>	212 E SCREVEN ST QUITMAN, GA 31643	Brooks	Routine	94	A	11/25/2025	Shannon Walker
FSP-014-000079	03/01/2023	<u>Croley's BBQ and Grill</u>	38 WEBB AVE PAVO, GA 31778	Brooks	Routine	96	A	10/31/2025	Shannon Walker
FSP-014-000093	03/12/2024	<u>El Mezoquitral</u>	216 S SOUTH COURT ST STE C QUITMAN, GA 31643	Brooks	Routine	100	A	12/18/2025	Shannon Walker
014-189	03/04/2010	<u>Fellowship Home at Brookside</u>	470 FELLOWSHIP HOME LN QUITMAN, GA 31643	Brooks	Routine	100	A	12/04/2025	Shannon Walker
FSP-014-000099	11/04/2025	<u>Irene Dream Kitchen</u>	411 S COURT ST QUITMAN, GA 31643	Brooks	Initial	100	A	11/04/2025	Shannon Walker
014-146	08/25/1992	<u>J & J Fried Chicken and Fish</u>	1311 E SCREVEN ST QUITMAN, GA 31643	Brooks	Routine	100	A	11/12/2025	Shannon Walker
014-148	08/31/1992	<u>North Brooks Elementary School</u>	10295 COFFEE RD MORVEN, GA 31638	Brooks	Routine	100	A	10/07/2025	Shannon Walker
FSP-014-000037	02/24/2017	<u>OMG BBQ</u>	216 S COURT ST QUITMAN, GA 31643	Brooks	Routine	99	A	12/18/2025	Shannon Walker
014-001	06/01/1983	<u>Presbyterian Homes of Georgia</u>	1850 W SCREVEN ST QUITMAN, GA 31643	Brooks	Routine	94	A	12/09/2025	Shannon Walker
014-147	08/28/1992	<u>Quitman Elementary School</u>	2200 MOULTRIE HIGHWAY QUITMAN, GA 31643	Brooks	Routine	100	A	10/20/2025	Shannon Walker
FSP-014-000073	10/06/2021	<u>Royal Cafe Quitman, LLC</u>	304 E SCREVEN ST QUITMAN, GA 31643	Brooks	Routine	100	A	12/18/2025	Shannon Walker
FSP-014-000024	05/29/2014	<u>Stephen's Pizzeria</u>	219 E SCREVEN B QUITMAN, GA 31643	Brooks	Routine	100	A	12/10/2025	Shannon Walker
FSP-014-000014	06/13/2012	<u>Subway of Quitman</u>	1302 W SCREVEN ST QUITMAN, GA 31643	Brooks	Routine	100	A	10/16/2025	Shannon Walker
FSP-014-000074	11/17/2021	<u>Wiregrass Southern Bistro</u>	103 S WASHINGTON ST QUITMAN, GA 31643	Brooks	Routine	100	A	11/05/2025	Shannon Walker

BROOKS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

INVESTIGATED ILLNESS REPORT

(10/2025- 12/2025)

This report summarizes the incidents and illnesses investigated by the South Health District Epidemiology team from October 1 through December 31, 2025, during which routine and outbreak-related disease investigations were conducted across the district's ten counties.

Incident/Illness	Total
Animal Bites	9
Campy	1
COVID	6
Giardia	2
Salmonella	1
Carbapenem Resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE)	1

Other Materials



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- ✓ Local Healthcare
- ✓ Opioid Awareness
- ✓ Needed Resources

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