

**HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET REVIEW MEETING MINUTES
9:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026
HABERSHAM COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM
130 JACOB'S WAY, CLARKESVILLE, GA 30523**

A quorum of the Habersham County Board of Commissioners attended departmental budget review meetings that occurred on Wednesday, March 11, 2026. These meetings were publicly advertised as potentially having a quorum of Commissioners in attendance and scheduled to be held from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m. in the Commission Conference Room of the Habersham County Courthouse located at 130 Jacob's Way, Clarkesville, GA 30523.

Present at the start of the meeting was Chairman Bruce Harkness, Commissioner Ty Akins, Commissioner Kelly Woodall, County Manager Tim Sims, Interim Finance Director Kiani Holden, County Clerk Brandalin Carnes, members of the media and the public. Various elected officials and county staff were present throughout the day as notated below to present their budgets on behalf of their respective offices and department.

Absent for the meeting was Vice Chairman Dustin Mealor

Chairman Harkness called the meeting to order at 9:05

Commissioner Woodall lead the invocation.

Commissioner Akins lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

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| 1. (9:07 a.m.) | Superior Court & Law Library | Maggie Rickman, Court Administrator |
| 2. (9:27 a.m.) | County Commissioners/Clerk | Brandalin Carnes, County Clerk |
| 3. (9:35 a.m.) | Clerk of Court | April Haygood, Chief Deputy Clerk for Superior Court |
| 4. (9:54 a.m.) | Elections & Voter Registration | Laurel Ellison, Elections Superintendant |
| 5. (10:07a.m.) | Extension Services | Steven Patrick, Extension Services Director |
| 6. (10:16a.m.) | Juvenile Court | Lori Pearson, Juvenile Court Judge &
Maggie Rickman, Chief Deputy Clerk for
Superior Court and Juvenile Court |
| 7. (10:41 a.m.) | Break | |
| 8. (10:46 a.m.) | Accountability Courts | Ykindalyn Mitchell, Director and
Lupe Banda, Associate Director |
| 9. (11:02 a.m.) | Planning & Development | Mike Beecham, Building & Planning Director |
| 10. (11:15 a.m.) | Coroner | Kasey McEntire, County Coroner &
Josh Hazel, Assistant Coroner |
| 11. (11:24 a.m.) | Information Technology | Tracy Williamson, IT Director &
Diana Gallegos, IT Administrator |

The Commission took a break between 11:37 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for Lunch.

The Commissioners returned from lunch at 1:00 p.m. and resumed the departmental budget meetings. Present was Chairman Harkness and Commissioner Woodall. Commissioner Akins was unable to attend the remainder of the presentations after lunch. The presentations continued without a quorum of Commissioners in attendance.

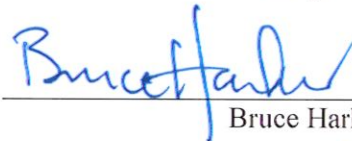
12. (1:00 p.m.)	Animal Control	Madi Nix, Animal Control Director
13. (1:16 p.m.)	Emergency Management & E911	Melanie Bellinger, EMA/E911 Interim Director
14. (1:30 p.m.)	EMS & Fire	Jeff Adams, Emergency Services Director
15. (1:54 p.m.)	Public Information	Ashlyn Brady, Public Information Officer
16. (2:05 p.m.)	Break	
17. (2:23 p.m.)	Magistrate Court	Patricia Hise, Magistrate Judge
18. (2:49 p.m.)	County Manager	Tim Sims, County Manager
19. (2:52 p.m.)	Finance & Countywide	Kiani Holden, Interim Finance Director

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

By:



Bruce Harkness, Chairman

Attest:



Brandalin Carnes, County Clerk