

**HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET REVIEW MEETING MINUTES
9:00 A.M., THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026
HABERSHAM COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM
130 JACOB'S WAY, CLARKESVILLE, GA 30523**

Members of the Habersham County Board of Commissioners attended departmental budget review meetings that occurred on Thursday, March 12, 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 12:30 p.m. in the Commission Conference Room of the Habersham County Courthouse located at 130 Jacob's Way, Clarkesville, GA 30523. There was no quorum as only two Commissioners were in attendance.

Present at the start of the meeting was Chairman Bruce Harkness, 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 and Commissioner Ty Akins.

Chairman Harkness called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

County Manager Tim Sims led the invocation.

Hannah Long and Kiani Holden lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

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| 1. (9:10 a.m.) | The Everyday Good | Holly Borrow & Amy Johnson |
| 2. (9:22 a.m.) | Family Resources Center | Linda Johnson, Executive Director |
| 3. (9:31 a.m.) | Soque River Watershed | Ellie Van Dornum, Board of Directors President
Eijah King, Executive Business Manager
Brad Coppedge, Clarkesville City Council |
| 4. (9:47 a.m.) | Health Department | Jamie Bowman, County Nurse Manager &
Marcus Hall, Environmental Health Manager |
| 5. (10:11 a.m.) | DFAC's | Kelly Usher, Interim Regional Program Director |
| 6. (10:22 a.m.) | Break | |
| 7. (10:37 a.m.) | AVITA | Cathy Ganter, CEO |
| 8. (10:49 a.m.) | Habersham Libraries | No Representatives in Attendance
Kiani Holden Presented on Their Behalf |
| 9. (10:57 a.m.) | Legacy Link | Melissa Armstrong, CEO &
Pat Rylee, CFO |
| 10. (11:08 a.m.) | Partnership Habersham | Alex Robinson, Executive Director |

11. (11:25 a.m.) Boys and Girls Club

Steven Mickens, CEO &
Wade Rhodes, Board of Directors

12. (11:42 a.m.) Freedom Hill Home

Becky Easley, Executive Director

13. (11:58 a.m.) Development Authority

Alex Robinson, Executive Director

14. (12:11 p.m.) Human Resources

Ann Cain, Human Resources Director

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

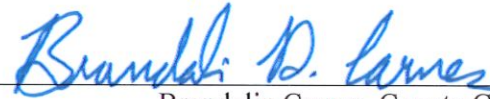
Respectfully submitted,

By:



Bruce Harkness, Chairman

Attest:



Brandalin Carnes, County Clerk