

**HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
6:00 P.M., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021
HABERSHAM COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM (MAIN FLOOR)
130 JACOB'S WAY
CLARKESVILLE, GA 30523**

A special called meeting of the Habersham County Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, November 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Habersham County Administrative Building in Clarkesville, Georgia.

Present: Chairman Dustin Mealor; Commissioner Bruce Harkness; Commissioner Jimmy Tench; Commissioner Bruce Palmer; County Attorney Donnie Hunt; Interim County Manager Alicia Vaughn; County Clerk Brandalin Carnes; Department Directors; Individuals from the media and public.

Chairman Mealor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Mealor lead the invocation.

Chairman Mealor lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Harkness, seconded by Commissioner Palmer and voted unanimously to adopt the agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel and Litigation

Motion by Commissioner Palmer, seconded by Commissioner Mealor, to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, pursuant to O.C.G.A § 50-14-3 (b)(2) and litigation, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §50-14-2 at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Commissioner Tench- yea
Commissioner Harkness- yea
Chairman Mealor- yea
Commissioner Palmer- yea

MOTION PASSES

Reconvened in Executive Session at 6:10 p.m.

Present: Chairman Dustin Mealor; Commissioners Bruce Harkness, Bruce Palmer and Jimmy Tench; County Attorney Donnie Hunt; Interim County Manager Alicia Vaughn; and County Clerk Brandalin Carnes.

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Motion by Commissioner Harkness, seconded by Commissioner Mealor and voted unanimously to come out of closed session at 6:40 p.m.

County Attorney Donnie Hunt reported that all matters discussed in Closed Session were limited to those matters allowed by the laws of the State of Georgia and asked for a motion authorizing the Chairman to make such a representation under oath on the affidavit.

Motion by Chairman Mealor, seconded by Commissioner Tench, and voted unanimously to adopt the representation authorizing such affidavit as per County Attorney Donnie Hunt's recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Baldwin Annexation Request for Parcels #053 016A, #053 027, and #053 032

Joe Elam, Mayor of Baldwin, spoke on behalf of the city in favor of the annexation. The Commission brought up the concern that this annexation would create an unincorporated island out of parcel #053 031. Mayor Elam informed this would be avoided, as the intent by the purchasers is to leave a 150-foot strip of land out of the annexation that would connect to this parcel and keep it from being an island. Concerns were brought up by the Commission regarding the impact of such a large development on the infrastructure of Thompson Rd, given that it is a dirt road with a one lane bridge that is currently maintained by the county. They asked Mayor Elam if Baldwin would be taking responsibility for upgrading and maintaining the road and bridge to handle the needs of development on those properties. Mayor Elam says that the developer would be expected to bring the road u to Baldwin standards in the annexed portions of property. He stated he was unable to attest regarding the bridge. Much discussion was had by the Commission; however, no motions were made and no action was taken by the Commission regarding this matter.

ADJOURN 7:41 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Tench, seconded by Commissioner Harkness and voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

By: _____
Chairman Dustin Mealor

Attest: _____
County Clerk Brandalin Carnes

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