

HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
6:00 P.M., MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025
HABERSHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE
JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM
295 LLEWELLYN ST, CLARKESVILLE, GA 30523

The Habersham County Board of Commissioners held a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, September 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Jury Assembly Room of the Habersham County Courthouse located at 295 Llewellyn St, Clarkesville, GA 30523.

Present was Chairman Jimmy Tench, Vice Chairman Bruce Harkness, Commissioner Dustin Mealor, Commissioner Ty Akins, Commissioner Kelly Woodall, County Manager Tim Sims, County Attorney Angela Davis, County Clerk Brandalin Carnes, staff, members of the media and the public.

Commissioner Tench called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Commissioner Harkness led the Invocation.

Commissioner Akins led the Pledge of Allegiance

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Akins, seconded by Commissioner Woodall, and voted unanimously (5-0) to adopt the agenda as presented.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Citizen Recognition: Larry Whitfield
- b. Employee Spotlight: Hugh Rucker
- c. Proclamation Designating September 26, 2025 as "Goodwill of North Georgia Day"
- d. Transform Habersham Inc: Blake Foster, President/CEO

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- a. Mr. Bruce Palmer addressed the Commission, expressing his disappointment at a letter that he received from them last week requesting that he cease representing himself as a current County Commissioner and soliciting donations on behalf of the County. He did not feel that the way his social media accounts were worded made any false representations, however he has adjusted the titling on his Facebook page. He takes great offense regarding the Commission seeming to question his integrity, as he feels that he is a community advocate who can be of great assistance to both the County government and its citizens. He informed the Commission that he had reached out to Emergency Services Director Jeff Adams regarding assisting in soliciting donations after a local business owner had asked him about helping with EMS Appreciation week, and that all of the money and supplies that he collected were taken directly to the fire department and picked up by fire department personnel. Mr. Palmer stated that he felt that he could be of great use in getting information about SPLOST out to the community, however he does not like having his integrity questioned. Commissioner Harkness expressed that he would never question Mr. Palmer's integrity and that he was sorry Mr. Palmer felt this way. Mr. Palmer asked him if he got the same letter, would he not feel that it was questioning his integrity? Commissioner Harkness felt that he was splitting words.

- a. Mr. Robert Honeycutt, Mr. Jim Andrews, and Mr. Mark Ausburn all signed up for public comment wanting to speak on the matter of Map Amendment Application Z-25-02, which was an application by Greg and Paula Bagley for a map amendment to rezone 26.239 acres located at 1191 Blair Road (tax parcel 132 003) from AG, Agricultural District to LI, Light Intensity District. County Clerk Carnes informed these individuals prior to the meeting that public comment would not be allowed on this topic per the County Attorney as it is part of a hearing that was held on August 18, 2025. This hearing was publicly advertised in accordance to the state laws governing such hearings and the applicant as well as members of the public who were both in favor of and opposed to the map amendment were provided with equal opportunity to speak as required. The public discussion portion of the hearing is now closed; however, the Commission postponed their decision on the hearing until today's meeting. No additional discussion from the public or applicant is allowed until the Commission decides on the matter, which is slated under the "Old Business" portion of the agenda. County Attorney Angela Davis reaffirmed this to the public and the Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- a. Conditional Use Application CU-25-03: Applicant by Brooklyn Ward Seeking Conditional Use for Dog Kennel/Boarding Facility on 1.25 Acre Property Located at 383 Dixon Road (Parcel 022 079) in the LI, Low Intensity District

Planning Director Mike Beecham addressed the Commission. Applicant Brooklyn Ward is seeking a conditional use for a dog kennel/boarding facility on 1.25 acres of property located at 383 Dixon Road (Parcel 022 079) in the LI, Low Intensity District. This 1.25 acre parcel was recently split from a larger 10.8-acre tract and a new manufactured home was placed on the site. Ms. Ward currently has a 10' x 14' kennel at 283 Dixon Road and plans to move an additional 10' x 14' kennel to the new location. She plans to board animals in addition to breeding Dalmatians. Ms. Ward is currently licensed by the Georgia Department of Agriculture for both boarding and breeding activities. The property is located in a rural area that largely consists of single-family homes and vacant, forested lands. Staff recommended the condition of requiring an enclosed building for housing the animals since it was a condition imposed by the Commission for the last approved breeding operation, however the kennel the applicant currently owns is enclosed and the additional kennel she is purchasing is enclosed as well. Additionally, the applicant intends on surrounding both kennels with a privacy fence. There was some confusion regarding the size of the parcel in question, however it has since confirmed that the recorded plat shows the parcel as 1.25 acres.

The Planning Commission had some concerns regarding noise, setbacks and the number of dogs, however there were no citizens who spoke in opposition to the request. The Planning Commission is forwarding conditional use application CU-25-03 to the Board of Commissioners with recommendation of approval with the following conditions:

- 1) There shall be a maximum of only two (2) breeding dogs.
- 2) There shall be a maximum of eight (8) adult dogs limited to four (4) per kennel structure.
- 3) All setbacks must be met.
- 4) A 6-foot privacy fence must be installed.
- 5) There shall be no freestanding exterior lighting.

Mr. Beecham informed the Commission that Animal Control Director Madi Nix knows this applicant and has no concerns to raise regarding approval of the conditional use.

County Attorney Angela Davis invited the applicant to address the Commission. Ms. Brooklyn Ward was not present to speak on behalf of her conditional use application.

County Attorney Angela Davis invited those who were in favor of conditional use application CU-25-03 to address the Commission. There were none present who wished to do so.

County Attorney Angela Davis invited those who were in opposition to conditional use application CU-25-03 to address the Commission. There were none present who wished to do so.

Motion by Commissioner Mealor, seconded by Commissioner Akins, and voted unanimously (5-0) to approve CU-25-03 with all of the conditions recommended by the Planning Commission.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Commissioner Akins, seconded by Commissioner Mealor, and voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the consent agenda as presented

- a. Consider/Approve Minutes of July 21, 2025 Executive Session
- b. Consider/Approve Minutes of August 18, 2025 Regular Meeting
- c. Consider/Approve Minutes of August 27, 2025 Special Called Meeting
- d. Consider/Approve Authorizing Chairman to Sign All Necessary Documents for the FY 2027 Georgia Department of Transportation 5311 Grant Application
- e. Consider/Approve Memorandum of Agreement with Hall County for Hall County Fire and Rescue to Serve as a Clinical Site for Habersham County Emergency Services Training Center Students
- f. Consider/Approve Habersham County Emergency Services Recruit Training and Reimbursement Agreement Form and Authorize County Manager to Sign Agreements
- g. Consider/Approve Memorandum of Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for Right-of-Way Expenses Associated with Replacement of Garrison Dr. Bridge Over Mud Creek
- h. Consider/Approve Memorandum of Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for Right-of-Way Expenses Associated with Replacement of Hub Tatum Rd. Bridge Over Sautee Creek
- i. Consider/Approve Facilities Usage Agreement with GA Department of Drive Services for Use of Aquatic Center Parking Lot for Motorcycle Safety Program
- j. Consider/Approve Amendment to Fee Schedule for Recreation Department
- k. Consider/Approve Facilities Usage Agreement with Rapids Futbol Club for Use of County Athletics Fields
- l. Consider/Approve Award of Contract for RFP 2026-01 for AVTTA and Health Department Roof Replacements
- m. Consider/Approve Award of Contract for RFP 2025-26 for Automated Weather Sirens

- n. Consider/Approve Authorizing Chairman to Sign Subdivision Participation Form and All Other Documents Necessary for Participation in the Alvogen, et al. Settlement as Part of the National Prescription Opioid Litigation
- o. Consider/Approve Temporary FY 2026 Subcontractor Coordinated Transportation Services Agreement with Verida, Inc for Provision of Transportation Services to Eligible DHS Seniors
- p. Consider/Approve Resolution in Support of the City of Clarkesville's Town Square Restoration Project
- q. Consider/Approve Sale of .081 Acres of Right-of-Way and Granting of .157 Acres of Easement (Parcel 069A 024) to GDOT For Purpose of Construction of New Bridge at SR17/SR115- Soquee River Crossing (GDOT Project PI#0017732)

REPORTS:

- a. County Manager's Report: Tim Sims, County Manager

APPOINTMENTS:

Joint Development Authority

4-Year Term Expiring 6/30/2029

- 1. Mike Beecham (Term Expires 6/30/2025): At-Large Appointment

Motion by Commissioner Tench to appoint Mr. C. Allen Whitner to the Joint Development Authority to fill the seat left vacant by Mr. Beecham's term expiration. The motion died for lack of a second.

Motion by Commissioner Woodall, seconded by Commissioner Harkness, to appoint Mr. David Lovvorn to the Joint Development Authority to fill the seat left vacant from Mr. Beecham's term expiration. Motion carries 4-1 with Commissioner Tench dissenting.

Library Board

3-Year Term Expiring 6/30/2028

- 1. Gisela McGugan (Term Expires 6/30/2025): At-Large Appointment

Motion by Commissioner Harkness, seconded by Commissioner Woodall, and voted unanimously (5-0) to table this appointment to the Library Board due to lack of applicants.

DBHDD Region 1 Advisory Council

3- Year Term Ending 11/30/2027

- 1. Jeremy Noles (Resignation- Term Expires 11/30/2027) At-Large Appointment

Motion by Commissioner Woodall, seconded by Commissioner Meador, and voted unanimously (5-0) to table this appointment to the DBHDD Region 1 Advisory Council due to lack of applicants.

Board of Elections & Registration:

4-Year Term Ending 09/30/2029

1. Kathy Nicholson (Term Expires 09/30/2025) At-Large Appointment

Motion by Commissioner Harkness, seconded by Commissioner Akins, and voted unanimously (5-0) to appoint Scott Stilkenboom, to fill the seat on the Board of Elections and Registration left vacant from Ms. Kathy Nicholson's term expiration.

OLD BUSINESS:

- b. Map Amendment Application Z-25-02: Application by Greg and Paula Bagley for a Map Amendment to Rezone 26.239 Acres Located at 1191 Blair Road (Tax Parcel 132 003) from AG, Agricultural District to LI, Light Intensity District

Planning Director Mike Beecham addressed the Commission. The public hearing was held at the Board of Commissioner meeting that was held on August 18, 2025, at which time the Commission voted to postpone their decision on the application until this September 15, 2025 meeting. Staff has worked with the County Attorney and they have a list of nineteen (19) conditions that they are recommending for this rezoning:

- 1) Residences on lots shall be stick-built, detached single family dwellings only. No manufactured homes shall be permitted.
- 2) The property shall not be subdivided into more than 17 lots.
- 3) All trees within the required buffers are to remain, except if removal is required and otherwise approved in advance by the Director of Planning and Development department to accommodate septic system installation.
- 4) The 150' Water Supply Watershed Protection setback and buffer shall apply to all state waters as such designation is determined by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division.
- 5) A traffic study with respect to the impact of the proposed development must be provided prior to preliminary plat approval. The internal spine road and any road improvements recommended from the traffic study shall be constructed in compliance with local ordinances in effect as of March 18, 2025 and approved by the County's Engineer.
- 6) No driveway access shall be allowed directly onto Blair Road from any subdivision lot. Deeds for any lot adjacent to Blair Road shall include this restriction on the title being transferred thereby.
- 7) All lots in the proposed subdivision shall meet the minimum requirements of the Habersham County Comprehensive Land Development Ordinances in effect as of March 18, 2025.
- 8) The development of the lots shall not include a monotonous appearance of identical homes. Commercially reasonable efforts should be made to use different front elevations, architectural styles, building exteriors, setbacks and/or other similar techniques to provide some variation of home appearances within the subdivision.
- 9) The house size shall be a minimum of eighteen hundred (1800) heated square feet for single story homes and fifteen hundred (1500) heated square feet on the main level for two-story homes, with heated square footage excluding porches, garages, unfinished basements, and unfinished upstairs bonus rooms, if applicable.
- 10) The exterior of all structures shall consist of brick, stone, wood shake siding, cementitious shake siding, wood lap siding, and/or cementitious lap siding. There shall be no vinyl, stucco or aluminum siding.
- 11) Each home in the development shall have not less than a two-car garage. Garages shall compliment the house in regard to decorative details and shall be constructed of exterior building materials that are consistent with these conditions.
- 12) Driveways shall be located no closer than five (5) feet to the side property line to allow for landscape screening of garage doors and landscape buffering between adjacent driveways.

- 13) All front and side yards within a disturbed area of a lot shall be grass covered by seeding or sod. At least one (1) tree shall be planted in each front yard, except on corner lots where at least two (2) trees shall be planted in the front yard. Each tree shall be at least a three (3) inch caliper at the time of planting. For corner lots, the landscaping along the side of the home facing the street shall be comparable to the front yard landscaping installed on other non-corner lots in the development.
- 14) There shall be a landscaped entrance to the development with a monument sign, which shall be set back at least ten (10) feet from the right-of-way. The sign must comply with all applicable regulations in effect as of March 18, 2025.
- 15) Stormwater ponds shall be screened from view from all existing and proposed roads. If the location of the pond is not sufficient for screening, then adequate space will be provided for installation of a landscape screen. A fence alone, if required, shall not qualify as an adequate screening.
- 16) There shall be a mandatory Homeowners Association (HOA) that shall be responsible for maintaining the subdivision entrance sign, open space common areas, buffers, and stormwater management ponds. Membership in the association shall be required as a condition of closing on each lot within the development. Restrictive covenants for the property shall be duly recorded with the Habersham County Clerk of Court to be administered by the property owner and/or the HOA, which shall, at a minimum, require compliance with this condition (the "Covenants"). The Covenants shall also establish that none of the homes or portions of the homes may be leased at any time, and that this covenant shall remain inviolate for a minimum of ten (10) years from the date the Covenants are recorded and following that ten-year period may only be modified by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members of the HOA. The HOA shall be required to maintain insurance that includes coverage for any catastrophic failure of stormwater management facilities located within the development. Control of the HOA shall be turned over to the residential community upon seventy-five percent (75%) of the homes being sold.
- 17) Developer shall be responsible for the maintenance of all undeveloped lots and other common areas in the community, including, but not limited to, removal of downed trees, trash pick-up, and construction debris, as reasonably needed. Silt fencing and erosion control devices shall be installed pursuant to applicable state and local ordinances and shall be kept properly maintained at all times in accordance with applicable state and local ordinances. Dirt may be stockpiled on vacant lots for future use, however, construction and landscape debris must be disposed of properly offsite and shall not be allowed to accumulate or be dumped on any vacant lot or undeveloped portion of the development. Dumpsters must be provided for all lots under construction or all debris must be kept to the rear of the lot under construction.
- 18) If any condition above conflicts with another applicable requirement under state or local law, the condition providing the greatest protection to health, environment, and safety, as reasonably determined by the Planning and Development Director, shall control. These conditions shall not be construed to waive or reduce any requirement otherwise imposed under state or local law.
- 19) If a Land Disturbance Permit (LDP) or equivalent application to commence site development for this project is submitted to the Director of the Planning and Development Department within twelve (12) months of zoning approval, then the County development standards existing at the time the rezoning application was initially filed shall apply to the project (i.e. those standard in effect as of March 18, 2025). If an application for the commencement of site development or for a LDP is not submitted within twelve (12) months after rezoning approval, then the County development standards in existence at the time of LDP application submittal shall be applied to the project.

Commissioner Woodall stated that he noticed that some of the lots that are listed in the subdivision plat show as being under 1-acre, which he thought was less than what the current ordinance requires. Mr. Beecham informed him that is correct and would be something that staff would catch and address during the preliminary plat review stage. He reminded the Commission that approving the rezoning does not automatically approve the development itself. Attorney Davis agreed, stating that this is not a site plan specific rezoning and that any development would have to comply with the ordinance standards.

Commissioner Harkness asked if a traffic study had been conducted on the road? Mr. Beecham informed him that this has not yet been done, as it is conducted during the preliminary plat review stage. He went on to state that a traffic study is required for any development generating more than 50 trips per day, with the assumption being that each single-family home will generate roughly 10 trips per day on average. This means that if there are more than five houses in a development, a traffic study will need to be done.

Commissioner Harkness inquires as to whether the School Board has been consulted? Mr. Beecham informed him that this has not yet been done, as it is part of the preliminary plat review stage.

Commissioner Harkness asked who contacts the municipality that provides sewer and water to these developments? Mr. Beecham stated that if the subdivision is going to be on city water or sewer than they require a letter from the city stating they can provide the service during the preliminary plat review stage.

Commissioner Woodall stated that the bulk of the concerns that he has heard from citizens regarding the impact that development of this property would have on the safety of traffic on this road, as they feel that there are already issues with speeding, accidents, and DUP's. Additionally, this road intersects with a road that leads to the school. It is important to the citizens that a traffic study be required.

Commissioner Tench inquired if the nineteen conditions would be required in addition to the requirements that are already in the CLDO? Mr. Beecham affirmed that he was correct, adding that the CLDO already addresses items such as how the internal subdivision road needs to be constructed, required sight distances, required construction building standards, etc. The recommended conditions are in addition to what is already required by the CLDO.

Commissioner Woodall asked Mr. Beecham to clarify that at this time, the Commission is only considering the rezoning request itself, and that the plat review and any required traffic studies for the subdivision would be addressed later? Mr. Beecham informed him that he was correct.

Motion by Commissioner Akins, seconded by Commissioner Meador to approve Map Amendment Z-25-02 with all nineteen (19) conditions as recommended by staff. Motion carries 4-1 with Commissioner Harkness dissenting.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Discussion of Progress of UDC Amendments and Possible Action Regarding Same

Sarah McQuade, Principal Planner for CPL, addressed the Commission regarding the progress of the unified development ordinance (UDO) update that they have been contracted to draft for the County. She informed the Commissioner that they have an initial draft ready to give to the Commission for their review. Ms. McQuade reviewed the timeline and process that has lead up to this point. This project kicked off in June 2024 with CPL researching and analyzing Habersham County's existing code. In August of 2024, CPL completed a direction and findings report and began development of the unified development code. Community engagement was conducted in September and October 2024 via surveys, and this feedback was used to help with ongoing development of the UDC along with feedback received in February and March of 2025 from the Board of Commissioners, Planning Commission, County Staff, the Development Community and other stakeholders. Ms. McQuade informed the Commission that, while CPL had intended to get them the drafted unified development ordinance in June, they ran into some delays caused by a transition period in June and July from the original project manager leaving CPL to go back to school. While this delay was communicated to County staff, she apologizes for the lack of communication that may have occurred in August and September while they were going "heads down" to try to get the draft finished by September. She reminded the Commission that this document was still in draft form, and that they want for the

Commission to review it and give them feedback. Additionally, there will be some graphics and tables that will need to be inserted into the final draft. Ms. McQuade reviewed some of the changes that were made to the development code, stating that the organizational structure may be different but much of the content would be familiar. She stated that their goal is to try to retain as much as possible and make the code recognizable as is while providing clarification, reducing conflicts, and updating for best practices. She stated that if an existing code functions well they try to keep as much of it as they can as it helps those who work in it. Commissioner Woodall and Commissioner Mealor both expressed concern with this, as they were under the impression that the way the land use districts were going to be restructured and better defined so that they would reduce the number of variance hearings coming before the Commission. Mr. Beecham informed them that CPL has expanded the zoning districts from four to eight, which would address this. Commissioner Harkness stated that citizens that have talked to him want to make sure that certain areas of the County are protected. Mr. Beecham informed him that CPL has created a conservation district with a suggested 5-acre minimum lot size, though he recommends going higher than this as he has consistently heard from citizens that they don't want development on the north end, and that while they understand the need for industrial and commercial development they want for this type of growth to be focused along the four lane highway and at the south end of the County. Commissioner Harkness agreed with this, stating that he felt that the Commission was elected to manage and control growth to preserve and protect the culture and heritage of Habersham County. Ms. McQuade informed the Commission that the zoning districts have been expanded to nine types: Agricultural, Rural Residential, Village Center Residential, Village Center Commercial, Commercial, Public & Institutional, Light Industrial, Conservation, Planned Development. The drafted unified development ordinance goes over how the zoning map applies and goes into the purpose for each of the districts as well as the minimum development standards for each and the use standards. The use standards table goes into more detail about what is allowed in each district type. Ms. McQuade stated that now the County has received this initial draft, she would like for the Commission, staff, and other appropriate parties to review it and give them feedback by October 6th so they can incorporate it into the final edits. They hope to provide the county a final draft by October 13th so the Commission can begin the adoption process.

Commissioner Akins commended Ms. McQuade for jumping in and taking the lead on the back end of this project, informing her that this is an important issue as Habersham County is growing quickly and the land uses aren't keeping up. He wanted to know if any of the original CPL staff that interviewed the Commission and County staff at the beginning of the process still working with CPL? Ms. McQuade confirmed they were not. Commissioner Akins wanted to make sure that the feedback that was received at the beginning of the process was retained and used in drafting the unified development ordinance? Ms. McQuade assured him that they still had all of the information and were using it. Commissioner Akins brought up that this process has taken longer than was initially anticipated, and he wanted to make sure that the County would not end up paying more in regard to duplicate work that resulted from the change in project managers? Ms. McQuade assured him that there wouldn't be any cost exceeding the original contract and that any additional revisions are included.

Commissioner Woodall stated that the community has a real desire to get ahead of the growth rather than chasing their tails. The citizens have been very vocal about having a plan in place so they don't have to have all of these meetings where the Commission has to deliberate and jump through hoops for a solutions for every property owner who wants to rezone. He agrees with Commissioner Akin regarding the unified development ordinance draft taking longer than anticipated, stating that with this in mind, the Commission has drafted a resolution enacting an emergency moratorium barring until October 21, 2025 the acceptance of applications for preliminary plat approval for residential developments of five lots or more and rezoning to the residential single family (LI-R), residential multi-family (MI-R) and planned development (PD) land use districts. This emergency moratorium is for the purpose of allowing the County adequate time to consider recommendations as to management and improvement of utility and infrastructure deficiencies and potential amendments to the Code of Ordinances, that may alter or change the policies, standards, guidelines and requirements for development within the County. The moratorium imposed by the resolution shall terminate on the earliest date of October 21, 2025; approval by the Habersham County Board of Commissioners of an

additional moratorium after a public hearing; or Board action terminating the moratorium. Commissioner Woodall read the entire resolution aloud for those present.

Commissioner Harkness inquired to County Attorney Davis as to whether the Commission could move forward with approving the resolution tonight? Ms. Davis informed him that the Commission could approve this emergency resolution tonight lasting until October 21st, however if the Commission wished to extend the moratorium past October 21st, her recommendation would be that the Commission would need to advertise a public hearing to be held at their next meeting on October 20th to allow the public an opportunity to comment on the extension. The Commission could then decide if they wish to extend the moratorium until the new unified development code is in place. Commissioner Meador asked how long the moratorium could be extended? County Attorney Davis informed him that it would be for whatever reasonable time frame it would get them through the public hearing process for the new code and allow them to address any other infrastructure issues as necessary, likely between 90 to 120 days. She wanted to clarify for the public that this moratorium is limited in that it does not apply to those who are developing small subdivision or splitting their property into less than five lots. Additionally, this moratorium only applies to residential single family (LI-R), residential multi-family (MI-R), and planned development (PD). It also does not apply to anything that is currently approved or in process.

Motion by Commissioner Woodall, seconded by Commissioner Harkness to adopt the resolution enacting an emergency moratorium on the acceptance of applications for preliminary plat approval for residential developments of five lots or more and rezoning to the residential single family (LI-R), residential multi-family (MI-R) and planned development (PD) land use districts. Motion carries 4-1 with Commissioner Tench dissenting.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Commissioner Harkness thanked everyone for attending the meeting and thanked the staff for everything they do for the County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Litigation, pursuant to O.C.G.A §50-14-2; Personnel, pursuant to O.C.G.A § 50-14-3(b)(2); and Land Acquisition, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-3§ (b)(1)

Motion by Commissioner Meador, seconded by Commissioner Akins, and voted unanimously (5-0) to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing Litigation, pursuant to O.C.G.A §50-14-2; Personnel, pursuant to O.C.G.A § 50-14-3(b)(2); and Land Acquisition, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-3§ (b)(1).

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Commissioner Woodall- aye
Commissioner Harkness- aye
Commissioner Tench- aye
Commissioner Akins- aye
Commissioner Meador- aye

Motion carries to enter executive session at 8:11 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Akins, seconded by Commissioner Meador, and voted unanimously (5-0) to leave executive session at 9:43 p.m.

County Attorney Angela Davis attested that the matters discussed in executive session were those allow under state law as exceptions to the open meetings act and authorizing the Chairman to sign an affidavit attesting to this.

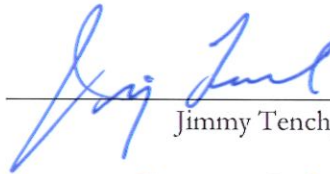
Motion by Commissioner Mealor, seconded by Commissioner Harkness, and voted unanimously (5-0) to authorize the Chairman to sign the executive session affidavit.

ADJOURN

Motion by Commissioner Harkness, seconded by Commissioner Mealor, and voted unanimously (5-0) to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

By: _____



Jimmy Tench, Commission Chairman

Attest: _____



Brandalin Carnes, County Clerk