HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
6:00 P.M., MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026
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, October 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Jury Assembly Room of the Habersham County Courthouse located at 295 Llewellyn St., Clarkesville, GA 30523.

Present were Chairman Bruce Harkness, Commissioner Ty Akins, Commissioner Kelly Woodall, Commissioner Danny McClellon, County Manager Tim Sims, County Attorney Angela Davis, County Clerk Brandalin Carnes, staff, members of the media, and members of the public.

Vice Chairman Dustin Mealor was absent. Chairman Harkness requested prayers for Vice Chairman Mealor's mother, who had recently been hospitalized.

Chairman Harkness called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Commissioner Woodall led the Invocation.

Commissioner McClellon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Akins, seconded by Commissioner Woodall, and voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the agenda with the following changes:

- Remove New Business item "b. Consider/Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with the Municipalities of Alto, Baldwin, Demorest, Mt. Airy, and Tallulah Falls for Use of County Radio System and Radio Maintenance" and renumber subsequent agenda items.

- Addition to New Business of item d. "Consideration of the Notice of Intent to Rescind the Approval of Section 319(h) Subaward Agreement with EPD for the Soque River"

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. Employee Spotlight: Lindsay Haynes and Katrina Maudlin (Habersham County Emergency Services)

Emergency Services Director Jeff Adams recognized Paramedic Lindsay Haynes and Advanced Emergency Medical Technician Katrina Maudlin for their exceptional bravery, professionalism, and lifesaving response to a violent incident involving multiple stabbing victims on August 31, 2025. Chief Adams explained that the employees responded to a dangerous scene where law enforcement had established a perimeter around an armed suspect who remained barricaded in a nearby camper. Despite the ongoing threat, both employees entered a designated warm zone under law enforcement protection to provide emergency medical care to a critically injured patient. Chief Adams described the extensive injuries sustained by the patient and the immediate medical interventions provided, including stabilization of abdominal wounds, treatment for shock and suspected internal bleeding, medication administration, and emergency transport to a trauma center.

Chief Adams stated that their actions demonstrated exceptional courage, clinical expertise, and dedication to patient care under dangerous circumstances. He further explained that both employees had been recognized by their department and the Region 2 EMS Council for their outstanding response. The Board expressed appreciation for their service and congratulated both employees on their recognition.

PUBLIC HEARING:

a. Special Use Permit Application SUP-26-01: Applicant Austin Fox Requests Special Use Permit for 8.94 Acre Property (Parcel 022 094) Located at 551 Fairview School Road for a Light Duty Diesel Repair Shop

County Attorney Angela Davis reviewed the procedures governing the public hearing process, including allotted speaking times for proponents and opponents and procedures for rebuttal.

Planning and Development Director Mike Beecham presented Special Use Permit Application SUP-26-01 submitted by Austin Fox requesting approval to operate a light-duty diesel repair business on approximately 8.94 acres located at 551 Fairview School Road in the RR (Rural Residential) zoning district. Mr. Beecham explained that the applicant resides on the property and previously operated his business from a commercial location before relocating the operation to a shop constructed on his residential property. He stated that the business primarily services light-duty diesel pickup trucks and does not perform repairs on tractor-trailers or other large commercial vehicles. Mr. Beecham stated that the applicant anticipated servicing approximately five to ten vehicles per week and that repair work, storage of fluids, and vehicle parts would be contained within the building.

Mr. Beecham advised that the special use permit application was initiated after Code Enforcement received a complaint regarding the business operation. He explained that the applicant previously maintained a business license at his former commercial location and that the license had been transferred to the residential property without the required special use permit process. Mr. Beecham reported that two individuals spoke in opposition and one spoke in support during the Planning Commission hearing, and the applicant submitted a petition containing ten signatures from neighboring property owners supporting the business. He stated that the Planning Commission discussed potential conditions regarding operating hours, privacy fencing, and the number of vehicles permitted on the property but ultimately recommended approval without conditions.

County Attorney Angela Davis invited the applicant to address the Commission.

Applicant Austin Fox addressed the Board and explained that his business primarily services higher-value diesel pickup trucks and that maintaining a clean and orderly property is important to his business. Mr. Fox stated that vehicles awaiting service are organized behind the shop and that waste oil and other automotive fluids are properly contained.

County Attorney Angela Davis invited those in favor of Special Use Permit Application SUP-26-01 to address the Commission. There was no one present who wished to speak in support of the special use request.

County Attorney Angela Davis invited those opposed to Special Use Permit Application SUP-26-01 to address the Commission. There was no one present who wished to speak in opposition to the special use request.

Commissioners discussed the location of the shop, its distance from surrounding residences, the previous business licensing process, and the need for conditions to protect surrounding residential properties. Chairman Harkness requested additional information regarding the property's layout and proximity of neighboring homes. Mr. Beecham explained that the parcel is long and narrow, with surrounding residential parcels generally consisting of several acres, and estimated that the nearest residence was approximately 200 to 300 feet from the shop.

Commissioner Akins expressed concern regarding the absence of conditions in the Planning Commission's recommendation and noted that similar businesses operating in residential districts had previously been

DRAFT

subject to restrictions regarding screening, operating hours, and vehicle storage. Mr. Fox stated that he generally concludes business operations by approximately 5:00 p.m. but acknowledged that occasional later hours may be necessary. Commissioners discussed establishing operating hours of 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and requiring a six-foot privacy fence extending from the corner of the shop building to the wooded area to screen vehicles parked behind the shop. Additional discussion concerned limiting the number of customer vehicles awaiting repair or being serviced on the property. Mr. Fox requested a maximum of 15 customer vehicles, excluding personal vehicles, and staff indicated that a limit between ten and fifteen vehicles would be reasonable. Commissioner Woodall expressed appreciation for the applicant's entrepreneurship while emphasizing the importance of maintaining compatibility with the surrounding residential neighborhood.

Motion by Commissioner Akins, seconded by Commissioner Woodall, and voted unanimously (4-0) to approve Special Use Permit Application SUP-26-01 with the following conditions:

- Installation of a six-foot privacy fence extending from the corner of the shop building to the tree line or wooded area to screen vehicles located behind the shop.

- Business operating hours shall be limited to 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

- A maximum of 15 customer vehicles, excluding personal vehicles, shall be permitted on the property for servicing or awaiting repairs at any given time.

b. Map Amendment Application Z-26-01: Applicant Jonathan Smith Requests Map Amendment to Rezone 5.82 Acres from AG, Agricultural District to SR, Suburban District at 2101 Cody Road (Parcel 130 187D)

Planning and Development Director Mike Beecham presented Map Amendment Application Z-26-01 submitted by Jonathan Smith requesting rezoning of approximately 5.82 acres located at 2101 Cody Road from AG (Agricultural) to SR (Suburban Residential). Mr. Beecham explained that the property is currently vacant and was originally part of a larger tract divided into five parcels during an estate subdivision in 2014. He stated that the applicant had expressed interest in dividing the property into smaller residential parcels, potentially consisting of approximately one acre each. Mr. Beecham explained that the property is located within the suburban transition character area and that surrounding land uses include agricultural property, single-family residences, and commercial development, including a nearby movie theater.

Mr. Beecham reported that one individual spoke in opposition during the Planning Commission hearing. He stated that the Planning Commission discussed preservation of agricultural property, residential development, and the potential financial impacts associated with increased residential density. A motion recommending approval failed for lack of a second, and the Planning Commission subsequently voted to recommend denial.

County Attorney Angela Davis invited the applicant to address the Commission.

Applicant Jonathan Smith addressed the Board and explained that the property's size limits its suitability for agricultural operations. He stated that he intended to make a portion of the property available to family members and anticipated retaining approximately 2.8 acres for himself. Commissioner Woodall questioned whether the applicant had a specific development plan for the property. Mr. Smith acknowledged that he had not established a finalized plan and was seeking greater flexibility regarding future property use. Commissioner Akins asked whether the current agricultural zoning would permit the division of property for family members under the recently adopted Unified Development Ordinance. Mr. Beecham confirmed that the ordinance allows certain family subdivisions consisting of one-acre parcels without requiring rezoning.

DRAFT

County Attorney Angela Davis invited those in favor of Map Amendment Application Z-26-01 to address the Commission. There was no one present who wished to speak in support of the map amendment request.

County Attorney Angela Davis invited those opposed to Map Amendment Application Z-26-01 to address the Commission.

Mr. Douglas McDonald addressed the Board in opposition to the request. Mr. McDonald stated that he owned approximately 82 acres adjoining the subject property and had maintained the property for agricultural purposes for many years. He expressed concern regarding the continued loss of agricultural land and potential impacts of increased residential development on surrounding properties. Mr. McDonald questioned the applicant's lack of a definite development plan and discussed property transactions associated with the parcel, including concerns regarding the purchase price and ownership history. He stated that rezoning requests should be supported by sufficient information to allow the Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners to evaluate the intended use of the property. Mr. McDonald emphasized the importance of preserving agricultural land and requested that the Board uphold the Planning Commission's recommendation of denial.

Mr. Blaine Wasden also addressed the Board in opposition to the request. Mr. Wasden expressed concerns regarding suburban expansion into rural areas of Habersham County and stated that increased residential density could gradually change the character of agricultural and rural neighborhoods. He encouraged the Board to carefully consider the long-term effects of rezoning.

County Attorney Angela Davis provided the applicant an opportunity for rebuttal.

Mr. Smith responded to comments made during the public hearing and stated that he was raised in Habersham County. He reiterated that he had been consistent in explaining his intentions for the property and acknowledged that he did not have a finalized development plan. He stated that his primary objective was to preserve future options for property use while potentially providing land to family members.

Commissioners discussed the property owner's ability to divide land under the existing agricultural zoning classification and the differences between permitted family subdivisions and development under suburban residential zoning. Mr. Beecham explained that the current agricultural zoning permits certain one-acre family subdivisions, while the proposed suburban residential zoning could allow additional residential development subject to applicable subdivision requirements. Commissioner Woodall stated that the Planning Commission had carefully considered the application and that the existing agricultural zoning already provided opportunities for residential use. He also expressed concern regarding approval of a zoning change without a specific development plan.

Motion by Commissioner Woodall, seconded by Commissioner Akins, and voted unanimously (4-0) to deny Map Amendment Application Z-26-01.

c. Map Amendment Application Z-26-02: Applicant Timothy Carrier Requests Map Amendment to Rezone 1.99 Acres from RR, Rural Residential District to GC, General Commercial District at 123 Hollywood Hills Rd (Parcel 128 061D)

Planning and Development Director Mike Beecham presented Map Amendment Application Z-26-02 submitted by Timothy Carrier requesting rezoning of approximately 1.99 acres located at 123 Hollywood Hills Road from RR (Rural Residential) to GC (General Commercial). Mr. Beecham explained that the applicant owns approximately six adjoining acres containing an existing commercial building and wishes to combine the newly acquired property with his existing property under the same zoning classification. He stated that the property previously contained a deteriorated manufactured home that had since been removed and explained that the surrounding area includes a mixture of commercial, residential, and agricultural

DRAFT

properties, with additional commercial development located across Hollywood Hills Road. Mr. Beecham reported that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the application without conditions.

County Attorney Angela Davis invited the applicant to address the Commission.

Applicant Timothy Carrier addressed the Board and explained that he purchased the property to remove the deteriorated manufactured home and clean up the site. He stated that he had removed substantial debris from the property and did not have immediate plans for additional development. Mr. Carrier explained that he wished to combine the property with his adjoining commercial parcel and believed that a consistent zoning classification would be appropriate given the nearby commercial development.

County Attorney Angela Davis invited those in favor of Map Amendment Application Z-26-02 to address the Commission. There was no one present who wished to speak in support of the map amendment request.

County Attorney Angela Davis invited those opposed to Map Amendment Application Z-26-02 to address the Commission.

Mr. Blaine Wasden addressed the Board and initially expressed concerns regarding potential expansion of suburban residential development into rural areas. He discussed the importance of preserving Habersham County's rural character and the long-term effects of zoning changes. During subsequent clarification, Mr. Wasden acknowledged that he had misunderstood the requested zoning classification and that the application sought General Commercial rather than Suburban Residential zoning. Mr. Wasden withdrew his opposition.

Mr. Carrier further explained that the property was surrounded by existing or developing commercial uses and that he had no immediate plans to develop the site. Commissioners discussed the property's location, adjoining commercial zoning, and compatibility with surrounding land uses. Commissioner Woodall stated that the property adjoined existing commercial development and that the proposed zoning was consistent with surrounding uses.

Motion by Commissioner Woodall, seconded by Commissioner Akins, and voted unanimously (4-0) to approve Map Amendment Application Z-26-02.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

a. Pennie Pinkerton 525 Sherwood Drive: Need and Support for ADA Lift/Swing Chair for Lap Pool at Ruby Fulbright Aquatic Center

Ms. Pennie Pinkerton addressed the Commission requesting improved accessibility to the lap pool at the Ruby Fulbright Aquatic Center. Ms. Pinkerton explained that participation in aquatic exercise had significantly improved her mobility and overall health. She stated that she previously required a walker but had regained the ability to walk independently through exercise and other health improvements. Ms. Pinkerton expressed appreciation for the aquatic center and its programs but explained that individuals with limited mobility face difficulties entering and exiting the lap pool using existing ladders. She requested installation of an ADA-accessible pool lift or swing chair that would allow individuals with mobility limitations to safely enter and exit the lap pool. Ms. Pinkerton stated that similar equipment had previously been available at the University of North Georgia swimming facility and submitted a petition containing approximately 84 signatures supporting improved pool accessibility, along with a statement from her physician regarding the health benefits of aquatic exercise.

Commissioner Akins expressed support for exploring improvements that would increase access to recreational facilities for individuals with physical limitations. Chairman Harkness explained that the County must consider such requests through the established budget process and encouraged continued participation

DRAFT

during upcoming budget discussions. Finance Director Kiani Holden advised that preliminary cost estimates had already been obtained and that the proposed improvement was being considered as part of preparations for the FY2028 budget. County Manager Tim Sims explained that departmental budget hearings are generally conducted in March and encouraged Ms. Pinkerton and other interested residents to attend the Parks and Recreation budget presentation. Mr. Sims also stated that County staff were exploring possible grant opportunities to assist with funding. The Board thanked Ms. Pinkerton for bringing the request forward.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Commissioner Akins, seconded by Commissioner Woodall, and voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the consent agenda.

a. Consider/Approve Minutes of September 21, 2026 Board of Commissioners Meeting

b. Consider/Approve Amendment #1 to FY 2027 Food Services Agreement with Trio Community Meals, LLC for Provision of Food Services at Habersham County Senior Center

c. Consider/Approve Professional Services Agreement with CSRA Probation Services, Inc for Provision of Probation Services for Habersham County Superior Court

d. Consider/Approve Professional Services Agreement with CSRA Probation Services, Inc for Provision of Probation Services for Habersham County State Court

e. Consider/Approve Professional Services Agreement with CSRA Probation Services, Inc for Provision of Probation Services for Habersham County Magistrate Court

f. Consider/Approve Contracted Instructor Agreement with Samuel Mashburn for Provision of Master Swim Program and Private Coaching Instruction for Parks and Recreation

REPORTS:

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

b. Quarterly Financials: Kiani Holden

OLD BUSINESS: None

APPOINTMENTS:

Avita Community Partners Board of Directors
Remainder of 3- Year Term Ending 06/30/2027

1. Brenda Hochmuth (Resignation)- At Large Appointment

Motion by Commissioner Akins, seconded by Commissioner Woodall, and voted unanimously (4-0) to approve appointing Linda Johnson to serve on the Avita Community Partners Board of Directors for the remaining term left vacant by Brenda Hochmuth's resignation.

DRAFT

Chestatee-Chattahoochee Resource Conservation & Development Council
Remainder of 1- Year Term Ending 12/31/2026

1. John Hagadorn (Resignation)- At Large Appointment

Chairman Harkness informed the Board that there were no applicants for this appointment vacancy at this time.

Motion by Commissioner Woodall, seconded by Commissioner Akins and voted unanimously (4-0) to table this appointment to the Chestatee-Chattahoochee RC&D.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Consider/Approve Ratification of Acceptance of Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for Purchase of Ten (10) Stryker Lifepak Cardiac Monitors

Finance Director Kiani Holden presented information regarding the Assistance to Firefighters Grant awarded to Habersham County Emergency Services for the purchase of ten new Stryker LIFEPAK cardiac monitors. Ms. Holden explained that Emergency Services contracted with Research and Project Management, LLC, to assist with preparation of the grant application and reported that the County received notification of a federal grant award totaling approximately $454,545 on September 22, 2026. She stated that the grant required a local match of approximately $45,454 and explained that Georgia Power had awarded an additional $100,000 grant to support the purchase of emergency services equipment.

Ms. Holden stated that the combined grant funding would cover the equipment purchase, required matching funds, and associated grant administration costs without requiring additional County funding. She explained that the County would receive credit for trading in existing cardiac monitors and that the new equipment would significantly improve emergency medical response capabilities. Ms. Holden requested ratification of the grant acceptance, explaining that the County had previously authorized acceptance in order to secure pricing before an anticipated equipment cost increase.

Motion by Commissioner Akins, seconded by Commissioner Woodall, and voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the acceptance of the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) funding for the purchase of ten (10) LIFEPAK 35 Cardiac Monitors.

b. Consider/Approve Resolution Providing for the Levy and Collection of An Annual Tax to Provide Funds for the Payment of the Principal and Interest on a Habersham County School District General Obligation Sales Tax Bond, Series 2026 in the Principal Amount of $15,000,000.

County Manager Tim Sims presented a resolution providing for the potential levy and collection of an annual tax to pay principal and interest on Habersham County School District General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2026, in the principal amount of $15 million. Mr. Sims explained that the School District had previously authorized issuance of the bonds in connection with its voter-approved Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST) program. He stated that the Board of Commissioners serves as the tax-levying authority for Habersham County and that state law requires the Board to adopt the resolution providing for the levy of a tax if necessary to satisfy the School District's bond obligations.

County Attorney Angela Davis clarified that the resolution was a statutory requirement and did not impose an additional property tax at the time of approval. She explained that the provision would apply only if the School District lacked sufficient sales tax revenues to meet the required bond payments.

DRAFT

Commissioners discussed the School District's existing authorization and the County's responsibilities as the tax-levying authority.

Motion by Commissioner Woodall, seconded by Commissioner Akins, and voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the resolution providing for the levy and collection, if required, of an annual School District tax to pay principal and interest on the $15,000,000 Habersham County School District Obligation Sales Tax Bond, Series 2026, as set forth in the attached Debt Service Schedule, and authorize the Chairman and County Clerk to execute the resolution and related documents.

c. Consider/Approve Precision Planning, Inc's Proposal for Design and Construction Phase Services for the New Habersham County Jail and Sheriff's Office Project in An Amount Not to Exceed $2,320,400.

County Manager Tim Sims presented a proposal from Precision Planning, Inc. for architectural design, construction documents, and construction administration services associated with the new Habersham County Jail and Sheriff's Office project. Mr. Sims explained that Precision Planning previously performed conceptual design services for the project in 2018 and 2019 and is one of the County's approved on-call architectural firms. He stated that the proposed fee of $2,320,400 represents approximately 4.6 percent of the anticipated construction budget and is below typical industry percentages for comparable projects. Mr. Sims explained that the proposed fee was included within the overall $52 million project budget approved by voters and did not represent an expenditure beyond the established project funding.

Commissioners discussed the proposed architectural fees, previous expenditures for preliminary design work, and the County's process for selecting architectural firms. Commissioner McClellon expressed concerns regarding the overall cost of the proposal and questioned whether the County should seek additional competitive proposals before proceeding. Mr. Sims explained that the County maintains contracts with three approved on-call architectural firms and that Precision Planning had been selected based on its previous involvement, qualifications, and experience with jail construction projects.

Chairman Harkness expressed concerns regarding cost increases experienced during previous County construction projects and emphasized the importance of protecting taxpayers from unexpected project expenditures. Mr. Sims explained that the County anticipated utilizing a Construction Manager at Risk delivery method, which would establish a guaranteed maximum construction price following further development of the design documents.

Commissioner McClellon proposed tabling consideration of the Precision Planning proposal until January 2027, when newly elected Commissioner Shelley Tullis would take office.

Motion by Commissioner McClellon, seconded by Chairman Harkness, to table consideration of the Precision Planning, Inc. proposal until January 2027, when Ms. Tullis takes office. The motion failed due to a tie vote (2-2).

County Attorney Angela Davis reviewed the Board's rules of procedure and advised that a tie vote defeats the motion to table.

Commissioners continued discussing the project schedule, architectural selection process, and potential consequences of delaying approval. Commissioner Woodall stated that the proposed architectural fee was within the previously established project budget and had been negotiated below typical industry percentages. Commissioner Akins expressed concern that postponing approval could delay the project. Mr. Sims reiterated that the proposal represented the next required phase of project development and that the County intended to maintain the overall construction project within the funding authorized by voters.

DRAFT

Following further discussion, motion by Commissioner Woodall, seconded by Commissioner Akins, and voted (3-1) to approve Precision Planning, Inc.'s $2,320,400.00 not-to-exceed proposal for design and construction phase services for the Habersham County Jail and Sheriff's Office project; to authorize the Chairman and County Clerk to execute the agreement; and to confirm the quoted fees remain valid. Commissioner McClellon voted in opposition.

d. Consideration of the Notice of Intent to Rescind the Approval of Section 319(h) Subaward Agreement with EPD for the Soque River

Finance Director Kiani Holden presented information regarding the previously approved Section 319(h) Subaward Agreement associated with a Soque River watershed improvement project. Ms. Holden explained that Habersham County had partnered with the Soque River Watershed Association on multiple grant-funded projects intended to improve water quality and environmental conditions within the Soque River watershed. She stated that the most recent agreement was associated with a specific property identified for restoration and mitigation work and that following approval of the agreement by the Board, the property owner withdrew from participation. Ms. Holden explained that the Georgia Environmental Protection Division had indicated that grant funding could remain available for an alternative eligible project site identified through the watershed planning process.

Mr. Elijah Keene, Executive Business Manager for the Soque River Watershed Association, addressed the Board and explained the project's development and grant administration process. Mr. Keene stated that the original grant was intended to support watershed mitigation efforts and that the identified property was one potential project location. He explained that the Association had anticipated obtaining a memorandum of understanding with the property owner before beginning work and stated that the Association was pursuing an alternative project location. Mr. Keene further explained that written commitments from participating property owners would be secured before submitting a new agreement for approval.

Commissioners expressed concerns that the previously approved agreement identified private property owners who had not executed a final written agreement confirming their participation. Commissioner Woodall stated that inclusion of private property owners in the agreement without their approval placed the Board in a difficult position and emphasized the importance of ensuring appropriate documentation before requesting future approvals. Chairman Harkness expressed support for the Soque River Watershed Association's environmental improvement efforts but stated that the County must also protect the interests of property owners and taxpayers.

County Attorney Angela Davis explained that the Board's rules of procedure require notice at a regularly scheduled meeting before rescinding an action approved at a previous meeting. Ms. Davis recommended that the Board provide formal notice of its intent to rescind the previous approval and place the matter on the agenda for the next regular Commission meeting. She further advised that any future agreement should clearly establish the responsibilities of the County, the Watershed Association, and participating property owners and recommended that the County obtain additional documentation establishing the Association's responsibility for performing activities required under the grant agreement. Mr. Keene acknowledged the concerns raised by the Board and stated that the Association was modifying its procedures to ensure appropriate written agreements were obtained before future approvals were requested.

Commissioner Akins made the following motion:

"Based upon evolving modifications to project plans, it is my intent to have the County consider rescission of the Approval of the Section 319(h) Subaward Agreement that was approved at the last meeting. Pursuant to Section 3(C) of the County's Rules of Procedure, I move that this consideration of rescission be placed upon the agenda for the next Commission meeting."

DRAFT

Motion by Commissioner Akins, seconded by Chairman Harkness, and voted unanimously (4-0) to add consideration of rescission of the approval of the Section 319(h) Subaward Agreement to the November 16, 2026 Board of Commissioners meeting agenda.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Commissioner Akins expressed appreciation to Georgia Power for its continued support of Habersham County and its recent $100,000 contribution toward the purchase of emergency services equipment. Commissioner Akins suggested inviting a Georgia Power representative to a future Commission meeting for formal recognition of the company's contributions to public safety. Chairman Harkness supported the suggestion and requested that arrangements be explored to recognize Georgia Power's partnership with the County.

Chairman Harkness thanked those in attendance for their participation and encouraged residents to remain safe during upcoming community and holiday activities.

Commissioner McClellon had no comments.

Commissioner Woodall had no comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Litigation, pursuant to O.C.G.A §50-14-2

Motion by Commissioner Woodall, seconded by Commissioner Akins, to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing Litigation, pursuant to O.C.G.A §50-14-2.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Commissioner Harkness- aye
Commissioner Akins- aye
Commissioner Woodall- aye
Commissioner McClellon-aye

Motion carried to enter executive session at 8:16 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Akins, seconded by Commissioner Woodall, and voted unanimously (4-0) to leave executive session at 9:10 p.m.

County Attorney Angie Davis attested that the matters discussed during executive session were those allowed under state law as exceptions to the Georgia Open Meetings Act and recommended authorizing the Chairman to sign an affidavit attesting to the same.

Motion by Commissioner Akins, seconded by Commissioner Woodall, and voted unanimously (4-0) to authorize the Chairman to sign the executive session affidavit.

ADJOURN

Motion by Commissioner Akins, seconded by Commissioner Woodall, and voted unanimously (4-0) to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

DRAFT

By: _____
Bruce Harkness, Commission Chairman

Attest:_____
Brandalin Carnes, County Clerk

DRAFT