

*Minutes*  
*Taylor County Board of Commissioners*  
*Regular Meeting*  
*August 6, 2024*

The Taylor County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p. m. on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, in the County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Taylor County Government Complex at 7 Ivy St., Butler, GA. Present were Chairman Milton Harris, Vice Chairman Tameka Harris, Commissioner Robert Peacock, Commissioner Randy Nelson, Commissioner Cicero Latimore, County Manager Amanda Queen, and County Attorney Eddie Davis.

Chairman Milton Harris, presiding, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Commissioner Cicero Latimore gave the invocation. Commissioner Peacock led the Pledge to the United States Flag and Commissioner Nelson led the pledge to the Georgia Flag.

The agenda was approved as distributed without changes, on motion of Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Latimore and carried with all in favor.

The Minutes of the July 11, 2024, Regular Meeting was approved as distributed on motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Peacock, and carried by voice vote with all voting in favor and none opposed.

**Citizens scheduled to appear:**

1. Thomas Hoffman – Mr. Hoffman addressed the Board regarding adding a No Engine Braking sign on 90W/127W near 137 due to the engine brakes of semi-trucks spooking his horses. He has spoken with GADOT and they require a resolution before they will put up a sign.
2. Jamie Garner – Attorney for the Taylor County School Board – Since the ESPLOST was passed last November on the ballot, bonds must be issued for the sports complex at the new campus, in order to levy the millage, we must have the bond resolution signed by the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Davis stated that he has been working with Mr. Garner and everything looks like it's in order and is ready to be signed by the Board. Commissioner Latimore made a motion to approve the Resolution for the ESPLOST Bond, seconded by Commissioner T. Harris, and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

**Reports:**

Amber Swann, Planning and Zoning –no report

Abb Preston, Taylor County EMS – Mr. Preston reported that during the month of July there were 146 calls with 102 transports.

Jamason Byrd, Taylor County Fire Department – Mr. Byrd reported that the fire department responded to 10 calls for the month of July. The fuel cost for the month was \$972.99.

Garrett Bosely, Project Manager – Mr. Bosely shared with the Board that the motor grader we have purchased should be ready by the end of September. Mr. Bosely reported that following up on last month's Perry Brothers contract details, it is a 3-year contract, fuel costs would be real time at the moment of refilling, this will cover Roads & Bridges and the Airport. Commissioner Peacock made a motion to move forward with the contract, Commissioner Latimore seconded, and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed. Mr. Bosely spoke with the Board about the tree removal around the Courthouse, we had 2 quotes for removal, the plan is to spot plant grass until further landscaping plans can be made. Included in the quote is removing the tree at the rear of the Annex building, it is leaning up against the building. The 1st quote is from New Leaf with removing the Courthouse trees at \$12,000 and the Annex tree at \$4,500. The 2nd quote is from Mid Georgia Tree Service with removing the Courthouse trees at \$12,500 and the Annex tree at \$3,800. Commissioner T. Harris made a motion to approve New Leaf's quote of \$12,000 for the Courthouse trees and Mid GA Tree Service's quote for removing the Annex tree at \$3,800. Seconded by Commissioner Latimore and carried with a voice vote of all in favor and none opposed.

River Valley Regional Commission – No Report.

**Unfinished business:**

Amendments to the Budget FYE 06.30.2025 – Ms. Queen stated that the end of FYE 06.30.2024 is complete the budget spend overall less. The departments have been given July expense reports and are only supposed to have used 8% of their overall budget.

**New business:**

Sign Transit Non-discrimination Agreement – Ms. Queen stated that the Transit needs this signed due to a change in the County Manager. Commissioner T. Harris made a motion to sign the new agreement, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Sign RVRC Workforce Agreement – Ms. Queen stated that there is no conflict of interest and we support updating bylaws, if there is a need we will be able to utilize the RVRC Workforce program. Commissioner Latimore made a motion to sign the agreement, Commissioner Nelson seconded, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Amend Employee Handbook – Ms. Queen stated that there are a few items on the dress code that just needs updating. Please note that the attached document is from the County Manager’s office. Commissioner Latimore made a motion to approve the updated dress code policy, seconded by Commissioner Peacock, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Adjust Budget for Columbus Consolidated – This is the fee for the Superior Court, juvenile and the Public Defenders, last year they were not paid what they were owed, so the budget is amended to include the past due balance, next year it will go back to the actual amount due. The past due balance is about \$10,000.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:05pm by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Latimore, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

A work session followed the regular meeting.

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