

Minutes
Taylor County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
October 1, 2024

The Taylor County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p. m. on Tuesday, October 1, 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 Cicero Latimore, County Manager Amanda Queen, and County Attorney Eddie Davis.

Chairman Milton Harris, presiding, called the meeting to order at 6:06pm. Commissioner Cicero Latimore gave the invocation. Commissioner T. Harris led the Pledge to the United States Flag and Commissioner Latimore led the pledge to the Georgia Flag.

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

The Minutes of the September 12, 2024, Regular Meeting were approved as distributed on motion by Commissioner T. Harris, seconded by Commissioner Latimore, and carried by voice vote with all voting in favor and none opposed.

Citizens scheduled to appear:

1. None

****out of order**** Ms. Patsy Brunson requested to speak with the Board regarding the Joint Development Authority. These are usually staggered terms. No one has been going to the meetings. Commissioner Latimore made a motion to appoint Patsy Brunson and Nicole Acree to the Joint Development Authority Board. Seconded by Commissioner T. Harris and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Reports:

Planning and Zoning –no report

Abb Preston, Taylor County EMS – Mr. Preston reported that during the month of September there were 181 calls with 126 transports. Mr. Preston shared that the state had requested help in Voldosta regarding the devastation and recovery from hurricane Helene. Mr. Preston stated that they sent one ambulance with 2 EMT's and they had returned and had been requested again. With the Board's permission they would send

additional help. Mr. Preston stated that we had been looking into remounting the old ambulance once we received the new one. Looking into pricing, a remount would cost \$201,000 and a new ambulance would cost \$285,000; it's his recommendation to go with the new ambulance and sell the old one once it arrives to offset the additional funds.

**Chairman M. Harris thanked the First Responders for all their work during the Hurricane prep and post work, especially David Windham.

Jamason Byrd, Taylor County Fire Department – Mr. Byrd reported that the fire department responded to 19 calls for the month of September. The fuel cost for the month was \$747.31. We have 2 new certified Fire Fighter 1, Brandon Bell and Avery Character.

Garrett Bosely, Project Manager – Mr. Bosely reported that the LMIG projects have been completed and he has met with Rick Saunders to work on the 2025 projects. The tree removal at the courthouse is scheduled to start October 5th. The “Turks” buildings will be torn down October 14 – 18. Commissioner Latimore asked about the new motor grader, Mr. Bosely stated it was delivered about a month ago. Mr. Bosely stated that we wish to support Atkinson and Coffee Counties due to Helene aftermath and would like to take 4 pallets of water and a skid steer to assist in cleanup, Mr. Bosely stated that he would be the one to take it down there, drive it and return, he would only be down there for a couple days. Commissioner T. Harris made a motion to send the water and skid steer to help with cleanup, seconded by Commissioner Latimore, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Commissioner T. Harris asked Mr. David Windham about a shelter in Taylor County, Mr. Windham stated that we do not have the ability to man or have a shelter to meet the legal requirements.

River Valley Regional Commission – Ms. Camielle Bielby discussed with the Board about the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act, these programs help youth services, displaced workers, adults, GED remediation, all programs are income based. Commissioner Latimore asked if this information was being dispersed at the schools, Ms. Bielby stated that yes, they do distribute the info with the school system.

Greg Wainwright, GA Forestry – No report.

Unfinished business:

None

New business:

Review Fee Schedule for DPH – Body Art – Ms. Queen stated that the Health Department published a new fee schedule. The piercing/body modifications fee would be for a tattoo parlor if one were to open in Taylor County. Commissioner T. Harris made a motion to adopt the Resolution for the Department of Health Fee Schedule, seconded by Commissioner Latimore, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Sign MOU with the City of Butler for the Courthouse Project – Ms. Queen stated that there are 2 things; 1st is the Courthouse Project and our contribution to give the City of Butler \$375,000 for specific items including sidewalks. 2nd item is for a firetruck; SPLOST for the City of Butler allows for the county to pay for half of the cost, a new one is \$700,000, our contribution is about \$365,500 and will take about a year or two to build. Commissioner Latimore made a motion to sign the MOU with Butler, seconded by Commissioner T. Harris, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Appoint Members to the Joint Development Authority – This was completed during the Citizens to appear section.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:00pm by Commissioner Latimore, seconded by Commissioner T. Harris, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

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