

Minutes
Taylor County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
April 1, 2025

The Taylor County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p. m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, in the County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Taylor County Government Complex at 7 Ivy St., Butler, GA. Present were Chairman Tameka Harris, Vice-Chairman Cicero Latimore, Commissioner Jeff Watson, Commissioner Randy Nelson, Commissioner Dianne Renfroe, County Manager Amanda Queen, and County Attorney Eddie Davis.

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, Mr. Tommy Beeland, Pastor of The Church in Butler, gave the invocation. Commissioner Watson led the Pledge to the United States Flag and Commissioner Renfroe led the Pledge to the Georgia Flag.

Agenda approved without change on motion of Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Latimore, and carried with all in favor.

The Minutes of the March 4, 2024, Regular Meeting were approved as distributed on motion by Commissioner Latimore, seconded by Commissioner Watson and carried by voice vote with all voting in favor and none opposed.

Citizens scheduled to appear:

1. None –

Reports:

Planning and Zoning – No report.

Abb Preston, Taylor County EMS – Mr. Preston reported that during March, there were 149 Emergency calls, with 90 transports. Mr. Preston shared since we received our new ambulance, Marion County has asked if they could borrow our old ambulance, Commissioner Nelson made a motion to loan our old ambulance to Marion County, seconded by Commissioner Latimore, and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed. Mr. Preston also stated that an EMT in Valdosta passed and since we had gone down there to help during the hurricane's, Lowdnes county was asking for ambulances

around the state to participate in the funeral procession. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to allow our EMS to participate by sending an ambulance down for the funeral, seconded by Commissioner Watson and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Jamason Byrd, Taylor County Fire Department – Mr. Thomas Hoffman filled in for Chief Byrd, for the month of March, there were 22 calls with 15 being wildfire calls, the ISO audit was March 25 and it usually takes a while for insurance to lower rates based on the ISO Rating.

Garrett Bosely, Project Manager – Mr. Bosely reported on a few updates on some of our projects. First, the Recreation Building, the blueprints are in and they have selected site 2 by the tennis courts for the location. Quotes for the desk was \$5,428.96, they will be striping roads starting next week and we should have the new list of roads for LMIG at the next meeting. Mr. Bosely stated that the landfill needed a new tilt trailer and quoted one at \$54k. Commissioner Renfroe made a motion to purchase the new trailer, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

River Valley Regional Commission – Chairman Harris shared that the Regional Luncheon will be May 22 at SGTC.

Unfinished business:

None.

New business:

Approve Parks & Recreation Improvements– Ms. Queen stated that they met with the City of Reynolds to see how to keep the parks in good condition and safe for the kids, she reached out to Flint and filled out a grant. The park at Liberty St. needs scoreboards and the sewage backs up, the park at Louisiana Ct. needs bathrooms and possibly a second court, probably will need \$150,000 per park. Commissioner Latimore made a motion to approve the Park improvements, seconded by Commissioner Renfroe, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, and none opposed.

Approve Headstart Lease – Ms. Queen stated that we have received one payment for the lease and we only signed a one year lease for a total of \$24,819.06.

Appoint Member to Library Board – Ms. Queen stated that Ms. Mindy Bass's term will

expire June 30 and is unable to be reappointed, and recommended Ms. Kimberly Brown to replace. Commissioner Renfroe made a motion to appoint Ms. Brown to the Library Board, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Adopt and Sign Flint Safe Dig Month Resolution – Ms. Queen stated that this is to bring awareness of where you dig. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adopt Flint Safe Dig Month, seconded by Commissioner Latimore and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Approve Proclamation – June as Men’s Health Month – Ms. Queen stated that we can designate the month of June, or the Week of June 9-15th as “Men’s Health Awareness”

Appoint Development Authority Board Member – Ms. Queen stated that Ms. Lenda Taunton’s term will be expiring in May and she can be reappointed, or the board can appoint Vicki Wainwright, Alton Ford, or Russell Pounds. Commissioner Renfroe made a motion to appoint Vicki Wainwright to the Development Authority Board, seconded by Commissioner Latimore, and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Adopt MOU for University of Georgia – Ms. Queen stated that this is for the reimbursement of salaries for the Extension office. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve the MOU for the UGA Extension office, seconded by Commissioner Renfroe, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Commissioner Nelson brought up a point for naming a bridge on Turner Road. For a citizen who had passed away earlier and made a motion to start the process of naming the bridge on Turner Rd. for Mr. Tim Trussell, seconded by Commissioner Watson, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Commissioner Latimore made a motion to move the meeting into Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Nelson. The meeting was moved into Executive Session at 6:53pm.

The meeting was adjourned at _____ (information not provided)

Work session followed for the Budget FYE 06.30.2025.

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