

*Minutes*  
*Taylor County Board of Commissioners*  
*Regular Meeting*  
*April 21, 2026*

The Taylor County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p. m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, in the County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Taylor County Government Complex at 7 Ivy St., Butler, GA. Present were Vice-Chairman Randy Nelson, Commissioner Watson, Commissioner Tameka Harris, Commissioner Dianne Renfroe, County Manager Amanda Queen, Assistant County Manager Teresa Blackston, and County Attorney Heath English.

Vice-Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:03pm, Commissioner Nelson gave the invocation. Commissioner Harris led the Pledge to the United States Flag and Commissioner Renfroe led the Pledge to the Georgia Flag.

Agenda approved on motion by Commissioner Renfroe, seconded by Commissioner Harris, and carried with all in favor.

The Minutes of the March 17, 2026, Regular Meeting were approved as distributed on motion by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Renfroe and carried by voice vote with all in favor and none opposed.

**Citizens scheduled to appear:**

1. none

**Reports:**

Planning and Zoning – Mr. John Hattaway brought 4 items before the Board this evening. First, a variance request to put a second home, double-wide, on a property with city water and sewage the parcel is at 55 railroad st with .82 acre. Commissioner Renfroe made a motion to approve the variance request for the second home on the property, seconded by Commissioner Harris and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed. 2nd & 3rd, Nextera and White Pines conditional use permits expire June 3, they wish to stop the clock on their permits. Commissioner Harris made a motion to amend the conditional use ordinance to state ‘or’ instead of ‘and’, seconded by Commissioner Watson and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed. Commissioner Watson made a motion to amend the Battery Containment ordinance and

fee structure, seconded by Commissioner Harris and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed. Lastly, Mr. Hattaway presented the Solar Farm ordinance amendment and fee schedule resolution. Commissioner Harris made a motion to approve the amended ordinance resolution, seconded by Commissioner Watson and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Abb Preston, Taylor County EMS – Mr. Preston reported that there were 200 calls for the month of March with 118 transports. Mr. Preston announced that he won the Georgia EMS Director of the Year and that Mr. Alton Allen will be retiring, his retirement party will be April 28 at 11:30am, everyone is invited.

Taylor County Fire Department – Mr. Keith Poole reported that the fire department responded to 23 calls in March. The fire department in Mauk is ready to be painted. Three firefighters have passed the FF1 class. Since receiving the grant money, the budget needs to be amended to show the correct amount. Commissioner Harris made a motion to amend the budget to show the grant funds, Commissioner Renfroe seconded, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Project Manager – Mr. Crook reported to the Board on several items. 1. For LMIG projects, the bids were not opened in open session. However, Robinson paving had the lowest bid of 907,000, there is \$300,000 worth of roads short on bid money. Commissioner Renfroe made a motion to accept the Robinson bid and complete Callahan Rd, seconded by Commissioner Harris, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed. 2. Marshall Rd will cost \$66,582 to fix Macon County's portion of the road repair that they will reimburse to the county. 3. The house from across from the Road department has been torn down. 4. The cabinet has been fixed at Headstart. 5. The repairs at the Health department has started with sheetrock installation. 6. Roll-off trash truck prices, 2 options, a 2025 Peterbilt for \$229,000 or a 2027 Cummins that will be available in 8 weeks for \$243,000, there is a \$83,000 a year lease and after the 3<sup>rd</sup> payment it's ours. Commissioner Watson made a motion to choose the 2027 cummings, seconded by Commissioner Renfroe, carried with a voice vote of all in favor and none opposed.

River Valley Regional Commission – Commissioner Harris stated that the annual meeting is coming up in May.

Chamber of Commerce: Ms. Nicole Acree shared that the Strawberry festival is this upcoming weekend, the 1st Friday in Butler is Cinco de Mayo themed, May 7th is the first meeting for the Taylor Made Festival, and the GICH team is headed to Tifton for a

conference on the 29th.

Development Authority – no report

**Unfinished business:**

none –

**New business:**

Appoint DFACS Board Member - There is a vacancy due to the passing of Ms. Phyllis Heath, Commissioner Watson made a motion to appoint Maxine Allen in Ms. Heath's unexpired term, seconded by Commissioner Renfroe and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Airport Tree Removal Bids - These bids were already opened prior to the meeting. LRS had a bid of \$300,000 and Harpers bid was the lowest with \$220,000. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the bid from Harpers, seconded by Commissioner Renfroe and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

LHOST – Add to the Ballot (November) – there were a few bills in the house and senate this year that looked to eliminate property taxes or increase homestead exemption. Ms. Queen wanted to bring an optional LHOST to the Commissioners attention if we need additional income to offset the results of the future of these bills.

Appoint Joint Development Authority Board Member – Vicki Wainwright volunteered from the Development Authority to be placed on the board, the joint authority has day meetings quarterly. Commissioner Harris made a motion to appoint Vicki Wainwright to the Joint Development Authority Board, seconded by Commissioner Renfroe and carried with a voice vote of all in favor.

Commissioner Nelson made a statement on behalf of the Board to express our condolences to the City of Butler and to Mayor Barry Whitley's Family.

Ms. Queen stated that there will be a budget work session on May 12th at 10am.

Commissioner Watson made a motion to move the meeting into Executive Session at 7:10pm, seconded by Commissioner Renfroe, carried with a voice vote of all in favor none opposed.

No further information was provided about the meeting.

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