

Minutes
Taylor County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
February 17, 2026

The Taylor County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p. m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, in the County Commissioners Meeting Room of the Taylor County Government Complex at 7 Ivy St., Butler, GA. Present were Chairman Cicero Latimore, Vice-Chairman Randy Nelson, Commissioner Jeff Watson, Commissioner Tameka Harris, Commissioner Dianne Renfroe, County Manager Amanda Queen, Assistant County Manager Teresa Blackston, and County Attorney Heath English.

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

Agenda approved with the addition of #8 on New Business, Update Procurement Agreement on motion by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, and carried with all in favor.

The Minutes of the January 6, 2026, Regular Meeting were approved as distributed on motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Watson and carried by voice vote with all in favor and none opposed.

Citizens scheduled to appear:

1. Michael Montfort – Road Concerns – Mr. Montfort was here on behalf of Bennie Dugger and Joanne Montfort regarding Pine Forest Dr in Reynolds, it is currently a private road and there are concerns that they wish the county would take the road. Commissioner Nelson stated that they will look at the road, they have put asphalt millings on the road previously and can possibly do the whole road. But they will get Mr. Crook to take a look at it. Commissioner Watson made a motion to table this discussion until further, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed
2. Open Public Comments – Closing Martin Rd. – No comments.

Reports:

Planning and Zoning – Mr. John Hattaway had nothing to report

Abb Preston, Taylor County EMS – Mr. Preston reported that during the month of January there were 164 calls with 111 transports to 10 hospitals and one landing zone.

Taylor County Fire Department – Mr. Keith Poole reported that the fire department responded to 18 calls in January, there are 5 currently in the Firefighter 1 class. Recently held the 1st Annual Fire Fighter banquet, with several deserving awards and recognizing the service of former Chief Jamason Byrd.

Project Manager – Mr. Crook reported to the Board on several issues. 1. Pricing signs to go on project roads showing how the construction/repairs are being funded. These will be reusable as the road projects are new each year. 2. The Road tractor/semi truck that we have is having issues and will cost \$18,000 for repairs, can we post this on the gov deals website to sell and purchase a 2016 Mack truck at Barrow Truck & Jeep for \$38,000. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to proceed with the purchase of the Mack truck from Truck & Jeep, seconded by Commissioner Watson and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed. 3. We have one Garbage truck down with repairs, do we want another front loader garbage truck, or do we want to go in the direction of more roll-off's? 4. Mr. Crook gave updates on the Gym Project, the framing has arrived and they are finished with the floor plumbing and in-ground electric. Showed pictures of the updated project. 5. We received a grant from Flint of \$5,000 for the recreation in Reynolds.

River Valley Regional Commission – no report

Chamber of Commerce: Ms. Nicole Acree shared some updates with the Board. The Chamber Banquet was a success with a wonderful turnout. The Chamber's annual calendar will be available soon.

Development Authority – Ms. Acree shared that there is a Regional Job Fair scheduled for March 18 at Flint Energies, currently hosting 14 employers from surrounding counties. The appointment to the Joint Development Authority was tabled until next month.

Unfinished business:

None

New business:

4-H Agreement - Ms. Queen stated that every 4 years we resign the MOU to provide facilities as well as pay staff, provide a budget & utilities. Commissioner Renfroe made a motion to sign the MOU for 4-H Extension Office, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Resolution for E911 - Ms. Queen stated this is not ready but will have it for the next meeting.

Data / Solar Ordinance – Mr. John Hattaway stated that on April 14th his board will vote on the Data Center and Solar ordinances for the county and then it will come before the Commission Board.

Change to Jury Fees – On October 13, 2025 the Grand Jury increased the daily pay for jurors from \$10 to \$25. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to increase the daily pay for Jurors to \$30, seconded by Commissioner Watson, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Appoint New Joint Development Authority Board Member – This was tabled until further notice.

Property Swap – Watson- Mike Watson wanted to swap 30 acres behind the Rec department with 10 acres along 96. Commissioner Nelson stated this was a bad decision, no action taken.

County Audit – The yearly audit was successful and only thing noted was separation of duties which we are doing the best we can at the moment.

Update Procurement Agreement – Ms. Queen stated that currently on file we have a procurement agreement of \$2,500 and as the purchasing agent for the county, if this was increased it would be easier to move things along faster with certain purchases. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve a procurement agreement of \$10,000; seconded by Commissioner Harris and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Commissioner Harris made a motion to move the meeting into Executive Session at 7:29pm, seconded by Commissioner Renfroe, carried with a voice vote of all in favor none opposed.

No further information was provided about the meeting.

mb