

Minutes
Taylor County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
June 18, 2026

The Taylor County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p. m. on Thursday, June 18, 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, County Manager Amanda Queen, Assistant County Manager Teresa Blackston, and 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 on motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and carried with all in favor.

The Minutes of the April 21, 2026, Regular Meeting were approved as distributed on motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Harris and carried by voice vote with all in favor and none opposed.

Citizens scheduled to appear:

1. Flint Sider Rescue - Mr. Bob Sidell who owns property in Upson County, has come before the Board to request a letter of support from Taylor County because he is applying for a grant to put in a boat ramp on his property at the Flint River and will allow local law enforcement access for rescues. The Board had no issues moving forward with a letter or recommendation as needed.

Reports:

Planning and Zoning –No report

Abb Preston, Taylor County EMS – Mr. Preston reported that there were 199 calls for the month of May with 123 transports.

Taylor County Fire Department – Mr. Keith Poole reported that the fire department responded to 9 calls in May. Mr. Poole requested that we join Fire Recovery for incident responses to auto accidents for insurance purposes to recover some costs to the county. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve moving forward with Fire Recovery to bill insurance companies for incident responses, Commissioner Harris seconded, and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed. Secondly, Mr. Poole stated that we are in need of a new fire truck to replace a 36 year old truck in service, he has added it to his next fiscal year's budget. He has found a new Freightliner with 1,000 gallon tank, pumps 1,500 gallons per minute for \$463,000, but after July 10 it goes up 10,000. Ms. Queen stated that we can use the last of the 2017 SPLOST which has to be used this year, the remaining amount is \$350,000 and can finance the remaining \$73,000 for 3 years starting July 2027. Commissioner Harris made a motion to purchase the new fire truck using the old SPLOST funds, seconded by Commissioner Watson and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Project Manager – Ms. Queen shared that the Gym construction is progressing well and there is a vacant building at the Inert Landfill that needs tearing down.

River Valley Regional Commission – none

Chamber of Commerce: no report

Development Authority – no report

Unfinished business:

Adopt FYE 06.30.2027 Budget – Ms. Queen stated that we can adopt an interim budget until October when we know what the millage rate will be and can finalize the budget at that time. The General fund is set at \$11,746,382 expenditures. Commissioner Harris made a motion to approve the interim budget, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

LHOST Review - Ms. Queen discussed the LHOST and SB70EX, there is a special Legislative session this upcoming Saturday where the LHOST will be discussed, the LHOST if passed will add 1% additional tax, accruing in an account for one year before usage, to alleviate tax burden if the homestead exemption passes. If the legislative session passes the bill, the LHOST will go on the ballot in November to be voted on by the citizens.

New business:

None

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56pm, seconded by Commissioner Harris, carried with a voice vote of all in favor none opposed.

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