

Minutes
Taylor County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
May 21, 2026

The Taylor County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p. m. on Thursday, May 21, 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 Attorney Jonah Riceman filling in for 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 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 Renfroe, seconded by Commissioner Harris and carried by voice vote with all in favor and none opposed.

Citizens scheduled to appear:

1. Kelly Murphy - Ms. Murphy addressed the Board this evening to discuss the ordinances for Data Centers, complimenting Planning and Zoning Director John Hattaway on his protection of Taylor County as he writes these ordinances. Asking the Board to consider extending the moratorium instead of approving the ordinances which will negate the moratorium upon approval.

Reports:

Planning and Zoning – Mr. John Hattaway brought 3 items before the Board this evening. First, discussing the ordinances from last month, the Data Center moratorium actually expired in April, so in order to have the county covered with protection we need to approve the updated ordinances. After a discussion regarding extending the moratorium versus approving the ordinance, we are unable to extend a moratorium once

it expires, you must wait six months. The Board agreed that the ordinance is sound and will offer us protection. Commissioner Harris made a motion to approve the ordinances as presented, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed. Second item is the Industrial District Ordinance to solidify the conditional use requirements. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the Industrial District Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Harris, and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed. Lastly, a resolution for calculating permit fees using the ICC database to calculate fees, instead of constantly updating the resolutions to match the current fee schedule. Commissioner Harris made a motion to utilize the ICC database to calculate the fees, seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Abb Preston, Taylor County EMS – Mr. Preston reported that there were 187 calls for the month of April with 116 transports. Mr. Preston stated that we have been at a Level Zero with no ambulances available nearly every day.

Taylor County Fire Department – Mr. Keith Poole reported that the fire department responded to 11 calls in April. They are hosting a fundraiser with winners to be drawn on June 11th. The Fire department is currently testing all the hoses. Currently we have 11 at Firefighter 1 with 4 passing their live burn this past Saturday.

Project Manager – none

River Valley Regional Commission – none

Chamber of Commerce: no report, see attached flyer for upcoming events

Development Authority – no report

Unfinished business:

Update on Energy Audit Grant – Ms. Queen gave an update on the final phase of the project; Mark Moore will be working on the Heating and Air for the Annex and 6 Rivers Electric will complete the electrical work, once the work is finished the grant will be closed out.

New business:

Appoint Tax Assessor's Board Member - Brian Lawhorn's term is expiring, he was appointed to fill an unexpired term last year. Commissioner Watson made a motion to re-appoint Brian Lawhorn to the Tax Assessor's Board, seconded by Commissioner Nelson

and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Approve Headstart Lease - Ms. Queen stated that Headstart has approved the lease for the increase from \$24,819.06 to \$33,600.00 for a three-year lease. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve the Headstart lease, seconded by Commissioner Watson, 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 6:52pm, 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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