

Minutes
Taylor County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
September 2, 2025

The Taylor County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p. m. on Tuesday, September 2, 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 Dianne Renfroe, County Manager Amanda Queen, and County Attorney Eddie Davis.

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

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

The Minutes of the August 5, 2025, Regular Meeting were approved as distributed on motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Latimore and carried by voice vote with all voting in favor and none opposed.

Citizens scheduled to appear:

1. Tommy Blackston (County-wide Garbage) – Mr. Blackston addressed the Board in reference to keeping the dumpsters and enforcing the current laws in place regarding dumping. He reminded the Board of the ‘green box program’ where the money received from the dump has always paid for the boxes and trucks with money left over. Mr. Blackston requested that the Commissioners enforce the laws instead of a blanket punishment for everyone in the county.
2. Imecca Wright (Allen Rd) – Ms. Wright addressed the Board regarding Allen Rd and 8 Point Rd, she purchased this about 4 years ago and when it rains, the roads are unpassable, and they are completely stuck. There have been times when they have been stuck in the road and her son has missed school because the bus can’t make it down the road and they are trapped at home, not able to get out. Please do something about this road. Commissioner Watson stated that this is in his district and will ride the road with Mr. Bo Crook, the Road Superintendent, and they will come up with a plan.

3. Lin Rodger / Amanda Queen (Close Martin Rd.) – Mr. Rodgers has been in contact with Ms. Queen and she stated that he is requesting his road to be closed, he owns the land on both sides of the entire road with the exception of one parcel that's accessible from Crowell Rd. Commissioner Watson made a motion to proceed with the process of closing Martin Rd, seconded by Commissioner Latimore and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.
4. Lashonda Lee (Pilgrims Rest Church Rd) – Ms. Lee appeared before the Board to bring to their attention Pilgrims Rest Church Rd, the annual church meeting will be happening in the middle of September and they are requesting the road to be packed in like the county did with County Line Church Rd. Ms. Queen stated that the LMIG money can be used for dirt, Mr. Bo Crook stated that the road needs new pipes put in for drainage. Commissioner Latimore stated that they will look at the road.

Reports:

Planning and Zoning – Mr. John Hattaway stated that he has 4 ordinances for the Board to review in the work session.

Abb Preston, Taylor County EMS – Mr. Preston reported that during August, there were 177 Emergency calls, with 127 transports and 47.5 gallons of gasoline and 700 gallons of diesel fuel were used.

Taylor County Fire Department – Mr. Keith Poole reported that the fire department responded to 7 calls in August bringing the total for the year to 97 calls. Right now there are 13 firefighters and we will be closing 3 fire stations: Crossroads, Rupert, and Panhandle.

Project Manager – Ms. Queen stated that at the Courthouse, irrigation has been put in and they will start installing sod Friday and should be finishing up by the end of the month and everything is on track to be finished by the festival.

River Valley Regional Commission – no report

Chamber of Commerce: Director Nicole Acree shared that the Taylor Made fall festival is scheduled for the second week in November this year and will be around the square with the theme as “Music on Main”. The Chamber banquet is scheduled for February 12th. Amber Woodward resigned from the Chamber Board and Ms. Amy Lowe has been

appointed in her place.

Development Authority: Mr. David McLeighton reported for the Development Authority, the recent job fair was a success with 4 of our top employers there, and they are planning the next one for March. He stated that Nextera will be requesting a 45% tax abatement. And that Mr. Earl Lockhart resigned from the Development Authority Board and he wishes to publicly thank him for his 11 years of service to the community.

Unfinished business:

GICH Program / Housing – Ms. Queen shared the slides that were prepared last month but met with some technical difficulties. Moving forward the next meeting will be on October 1 with some site visits around the cities.

Recreation Gym Updates – Ms. Queen stated that at Friday's pre-bid meeting there were 14 contractors that showed up with 20 bids turned in.

New business:

LMIG 2026 – Ms. Queen stated we are starting the process of deciding which roads to address for 2026 funds.

Social Media Policy – Ms. Queen stated that currently we do not have a policy and read the proposed policy (see attached). Commissioner Latimore made a motion to approve the new Social Media Policy, seconded by Commissioner Renfroe and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Appoint 2 Development Authority Members – Ms. Queen stated that Ms. Patsy Brunson's term is expiring and Mr. Earl Lockhart has resigned, Ms. Brunson wishes to serve again. The 4 names available for appointment is Patsy Brunson, Russell Pounds, Latonja Turner, and Moneak McCrary. Commissioner Watson made a motion to appoint Russell Pounds to replace Ms. Brunson, seconded by Commissioner Renfroe and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed. Commissioner Latimore made a motion to appoint Moneak McCrary for Mr. Lockhart's unexpired term, seconded by Commissioner Watson and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Approve IGA for Municipal Elections – Ms. Bass stated that the Board of Elections and Registration has contracted with each city to conduct their Municipal election this November and this is just the County Commissioner part. Ms. Bass stated that this is the same IGA we had 2 years ago, and Mr. Eddie Davis has looked it over. Commissioner Renfroe made a motion to approve the IGA's, seconded by Commissioner Watson and

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

At 7:14pm Commissioner Latimore made a motion to enter Executive session, seconded by Commissioner Watson.

There was no information provided for closing the meeting.

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