

Minutes
Taylor County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
February 4, 2025

The Taylor County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:36 p. m. on Tuesday, February 4, 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 Randy Nelson, Commissioner Dianne Renfroe, County Manager Amanda Queen, and County Attorney Eddie Davis.

Chairman Tameka Harris, presiding, called the meeting to order at 6:36pm, Commissioner Watson gave the invocation. Commissioner Latimore led the Pledge to the United States Flag and Commissioner Renfroe led the Pledge to the Georgia Flag.

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

The Minutes of the January 7, 2025, Regular Meeting were approved as distributed on motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Renfroe and carried by voice vote with all voting in favor and none opposed.

The Minutes of the January 21, 2025, Public Hearing #1 were approved as distributed on motion by Commissioner Renfroe, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

The Minutes of the January 23, 2025, Public Hearing #2 were approved as distributed on motion by Commissioner Latimore, seconded by Commissioner Renfroe, and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Citizens scheduled to appear:

1. Nicole Acree / Yolanda Majors – did not show.
2. INMIN Solar – This is a 50 acre property owned by Mike Watson off of Industrial Rd, this will be a 10 megawatt solar farm with a life expectancy of 30 years plus 10 years on converters. While Georgia Power ultimately makes the decision, they are looking to get started in about 4 months. And will come up with a Road wear and tear plan on infrastructure agreement to work with the county.

3. Greg Wainwright – did not show

Reports:

Akeenon Bridges, Planning and Zoning – Mr. Bridges stated that Inman Solar is looking for a Conditional Use Application, the Planning and Zoning Board unanimously approved this at their meeting on December 10, 2024, with no conditions. The bond is 150% cost of decommissions. Commissioner Latimore made a motion to approve the Conditional Use application including the Road lease agreement, seconded by Commissioner Renfroe, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Abb Preston, Taylor County EMS – Mr. Preston reported that during January, there were 188 Emergency calls, with 113 transports. Mr. Preston stated that the Flu and stomach virus' are pretty bad right now and hospitals are diverting transports. The new ambulance should be ready soon.

Jamason Byrd, Taylor County Fire Department – Mr. Byrd was not available, Mr. Thomas Hoffman reported on his behalf, there were 12 calls in the month of January. No report provided.

Garrett Bosely, Project Manager – Mr. Bosely reported that at the Roads and Bridges department has had fencing installed and is more secure and looks better. In the upcoming weeks we will be asphaltting part of the Annex parking lot with the leftover money from the Transit Grant.

River Valley Regional Commission – no meeting due to the storm.

Unfinished business:

None.

New business:

Vote on HB581- Homestead Exemption Opt Out – Commissioner Latimore made a motion to Request that Taylor County Opt out of the statewide HB581, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, carried with a voice vote of Commissioners Latimore, Nelson, and Renfroe in favor and Commissioner Watson opposed.

Accounting Software – Ms. Queen stated that currently we have a very outdated and slow accounting software that needs to be shelved and replaced. Currently looking at two companies, Tyler Technologies and RDA. There will be a \$62,000 upfront cost and will pay out as things get implemented, no information on what would be added on or the cost. One thing we are looking at implementing is a Purchase order tracking. Commissioner Watson made a motion to upgrade our accounting software, seconded by Commissioner Latimore, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

SERTQ (IT) – Ms. Queen stated that we have been looking to upgrade our IT and looking at SERTQ, the Sheriff's department and the Courthouse already contracts with SERTQ for \$1560 a month, it would only be an additional \$1650 to add in the Annex. They have 24/7 help and are quick to respond. This price would be a 3 year contract. Commissioner Latimore made a motion to contract SERTQ as our IT, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Amend Budget – Ms. Queen stated there have been a few costs that require us to reallocate funds in the Budget. The Dollar Surcharge has received more than expected and will be moved around to pay for the new ambulance, Sheriff's Department computers, and the County software. There were several other changes made. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve the budget changes, seconded by Commissioner Latimore, carried with a voice vote of all in favor and none opposed.

Approve Resolution for GEFA Grant – Ms. Queen said that this is the grant for the Potterville water system. \$495,000 to replace the Lead/Copper pipes in the water system to houses. This is a grant loan that will not cost much to repay. Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the GEFA Grant for the Potterville water system, seconded by Commissioner Latimore, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Commissioner Nelson made a motion to move the meeting into Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Latimore. The meeting was moved into Executive Session at 7:34pm.

The meeting was adjourned at _____ (information not provided)

Work session followed for the Budget FYE 06.30.2025.

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