

Minutes
Taylor County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
October 7, 2025

The Taylor County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p. m. on Tuesday, October 7, 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, 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 Latimore led the Pledge to the United States Flag and Commissioner Nelson led the Pledge to the Georgia Flag.

Agenda approved with the addition of Georgia Forestry in the Reports section on motion of Commissioner Latimore, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and carried with all in favor.

The Minutes of the September 2, 2025, 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.

The minutes of the September 17, 2025, Special Called Meeting were approved as distributed on motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Latimore and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

The minutes of the October 2, 2025, Special Called Meeting were approved as distributed on motion by Commissioner Latimore, seconded by Commissioner Watson, and carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.

Citizens scheduled to appear:

1. LaShonda Lee (Pilgrim Rest Church Rd) – Ms. Queen stated that she received a thank you note from Ms. Lee, thanking the Road and Bridges department and the Commissioners for their help and attention to Pilgrim Rest Church Rd.
2. Martha Whitters (County Line Church Rd) – Ms. Whitters addressed the Board regarding her road, County Line Church Rd, thanked the county for the gravel surface, but still requests it to be paved. Ms. Whitters expressed her concerns over

the gravel and the effect on vehicle tires. This road is partially in Talbot County, Bo Crook, Road Superintendent, stated that the next action would be triple surface, and has reached out to Talbot County.

3. Monica Schmelzenbach (NextEra Energy) – Ms. Schmelzenbach addressed the Board regarding the MOU for the Battery Storage facility and tax abatements. They are requesting a 40/60 tax abatement. Commissioner Watson asked about the life span of the batteries themselves, what happens when they need replacing? Monica had advised that the individual batteries inside the containment unit have a life span of about 5 years and would be replaced as needed during the life span of the project. Commissioner Nelson made a motion to table this for further research, seconded by Commissioner Latimore, carried with a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed.
4. Thomas Hoffman – Mr. Hoffman addressed the Board regarding getting more involvement from the community especially regarding high school students about filling spots for the Fire Department. He discussed bitcoin and digital currency options for investing which the Board thanked him and said they will look further into it, but they are handling taxpayer dollars and have to be careful how they invest.

Reports:

Planning and Zoning – Mr. John Hattaway brought two moratoriums before the Board regarding Solar permits and Data Center permits where it expires after 12 months. Commissioner Latimore made a motion to approve the moratoriums regarding permits, 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 during September, there were 198 Emergency calls, with 131 transports and 269 gallons of gasoline and 872 gallons of diesel fuel were used.

Taylor County Fire Department – Mr. Keith Poole reported that the fire department responded to 15 calls in September. The ISO review came back with a 610 rating versus the 910 previous, this will help homeowners lower their insurance rates.

Project Manager – Updates regarding a few road projects including Parker Rd, Duncan Rd, Whatley Pond Rd, Pilgrim Rest Church Rd, Allen Rd. The kitchen at the jail has

been completed.

River Valley Regional Commission – no report

Development Authority: The GICH program will be making the acceptance announcements October 17. There is a Fiberglass company that has relocated to Taylor county behind the Spec building.

Forestry – Mr. Greg Wainwright shared with the Board that we have picked up a new county and went over the year end report, see attached.

Unfinished business:

GICH Program / Housing – Ms. Queen shared that we are checking ordinances and making amendments as needed and waiting for October 17.

Recreation Gym Updates – Ms. Queen stated that October 14th at 3pm is the ground breaking for the Recreation gym. Completion is projected next summer.

New business:

ISO Rating – this was covered during the Fire Department report.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm by Chairman Harris

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