Members Present: Chairman William J. (Bill) Kicklighter, Commissioners Ricky C. Jarriel, Bobby Kennedy, Billy Conley, Wayne Tatum, and Wanda S. Allen

Staff Present: County Manager Frank H. Murphy, Certified County Clerk Sheila R. Mills, County Attorney Tom A. Peterson, County Engineer Dennis Odom, Project Manager Hal Dasher

Elected Officials Present: Sheriff Kyle Sapp

Chairman Kicklighter called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

Commissioner Ricky C. Jarriel gave the Invocation.

Chairman Kicklighter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Approval of Agenda:**

Chairman Kicklighter called for a motion to approve the Agenda.

There was a motion by Commissioner Conley and a 2nd by Commissioner Tatum to approve the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Approval of Consent Agenda:**

Chairman Kicklighter next called for approval of the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Regular Commission Meeting Minutes: **February 3, 2025**
2. HB 581 Workshop Minutes – **February 3, 2025**
3. Road Abandonment Requests Public Hearing Minutes – **February 27, 2025**
4. Budget Amendment Request – **225 Opioid Remediation**
5. Budget Amendment Request – **100/03920 EMA**
6. Borrow Pit Easement – **Bland, Shannon Beau & Kimberly Jayne**
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9. Borrow Pit Easement – **Boyett, Jerry & Cynthia L.**
10. Borrow Pit Easement – **Canady, Michael**
11. Borrow Pit Easement – **City of Reidsville**
12. Borrow Pit Easement – **McCoy, Mindy Jo & Harley Jackson McCoy Jr.**
13. Borrow Pit Easement – **Smith, Stephen Larry**
14. Borrow Pit Easement – **Tattnall County School District**

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

3. **Proposed Road Abandonment in District 1:**

Firebreak Road – 1.57 miles beginning at its intersection with Burkhalter Road and Terminating at its intersection with Joe Kennedy Road.

District 1 Commissioner Ricky C. Jarriel shared two (2) landowners expressed their opposition to the proposed abandonment during the public hearing.

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Kennedy not to abandon Firebreak Road and leave it as is. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Proposed Road Abandonment Request by John G. Shuman in District 2:**
   J. Rogers Road – 0.20 miles beginning at its intersection with Akins Surrency Road and terminating approximately where J. Rogers Road intersects with Linda Rogers Holland Road.

District 2 Commissioner Bobby Kennedy stated he had spoken with citizens in the area and there were none opposed to the abandonments as presented.

There was a motion by Commissioner Kennedy and a 2nd by Commissioner Jarriel to approve moving forward with the abandonment of 0.20 miles of J. Rogers Road beginning at its intersection with Akins Surrency Road and terminating approximately where J. Rogers Road intersects with Linda Rogers Holland Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Portion of Akins Surrency Road – 0.75 miles
In particular that portion of Akins Surrency Road beginning approximately where such road intersects with Linda Rogers Holland Road and terminating approximately where such road is abutted on either side by lands nor or formerly owned by John G. Shuman and by lands now or formerly owned by Esker Family Holdings, LLC.

There was a motion by Commissioner Kennedy and a 2nd by Commissioner Jarriel to approve moving forward with the abandonment of a 0.75-mile portion of Akins Surrency Road beginning approximately where such road intersects with Linda Rogers Holland Road and terminating approximately where such road is abutted on either side by lands now or formerly owned by John G. Shuman and by lands now or formerly owned by Esker Family Holdings, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Georgia Power Community Charging Program EV Station Proposal**

County Manager Frank H. Murphy presented Georgia Power's proposal for the placement of two (2) Level 3/DC Fast Chargers on the courthouse square at no cost to Tattnall County. He explained Georgia Power has presented to options for the placement:

1) Option 1 – Two (2) spaces near the stop light at 111 N Main Street, Reidsville
2) Option 2 – Two (2) spaces fronting the courthouse on 108 W Brazell Street, Reidsville

County Engineer Dennis Odom shared there is a Level 2 charging station at the hospital, which takes about six (6) to eight (8) hours to complete a charge vs. a Level 3 charging station which takes approximately thirty (30) minutes to complete a charge. He noted advantages of these charging stations are that travelers would be enticed to travel the Wiregrass Trail down to the coast and shop locally while waiting for their vehicles to charge.

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Conley to approve County Attorney Tom Peterson to proceed w/ negotiating the licensing agreement on our behalf. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Levi Kennedy Road Repair Proposal**

County Engineer Dennis Odom stated that Levi Kennedy Road washed out during the November 7, 2024 storm and there has been much discussion as to how to proceed with repairs. He gave a brief explanation of the repair and explained there are two (2) pipes which come under the pond dam that are on the hill above the road which run into two (2) of our pipes. If there is a failure with the dam those pipes seal off and can't drain. He presented an option to place concrete boxes with grates in the top so that if there is a failure in the dam and the water backs up it will go into the boxes and the two (2) pipes become functional again. Furthermore, when the dam fails there is only one (1) pipe draining the road and this would open up all four (4) pipes again with a better chance to save the road in the future. County Engineer Odom made a recommendation to bid out the project with an approximate estimated cost of $140,000.00 for the repair.

Commissioner Bobby Kennedy added that citizens are frustrated and seeking the repair be made quickly as the USPS refused to deliver mail as long as the road is closed.

Chairman Kicklighter added Senior Project Manager Ritchie Swindell with EXP, Tattnall County's contracted on-call engineering consulting service, has been contacted to provide a drainage study for the repairs to Levi Kennedy Road which will also be taken into consideration once received.

Commissioner Wayne Tatum asked if there was going to be any funding available from FEMA for the repairs to which Chairman Kicklighter replied, "No".

Commissioner Kennedy asked if it were possible during the bidding process to ask if the contractors had any additional suggestions for the repair. County Engineer Odom explained this is usually done during the mandatory pre-bid meeting and any details are then incorporated into the final bid package ensuring all bid proposals are uniform.

Chairman Kicklighter asked for a motion to approve repairing Levi Kennedy Road, and once the drainage study is received to come back before the board for a decision on the best repair solution before advertising.

There was a motion by Commissioner Kennedy and a 2nd by Commissioner Conley to approve repairing Levi Kennedy Road, and furthermore to consider the results of EXP's drainage study before voting on what the best repair solution will be for the bid. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **Rumble Strip Upgrades at various locations to current Department of Transportation (DOT) Standards**

County Engineer Odom shared in 2016 rumble strips were installed at twenty-five (25) intersections and there are eleven (11) left that must be replaced to meet the current DOT standards. He read the following list aloud noting the State Route or US Highway and intersecting County Road:

- SR121 – Raymond Bland Road
- SR144 – Cyril Burkhalter Road, Carl Dasher Road
- SR169 – Albert Rahn Road, Carl Dasher Road, Raymond Bland Road
- SR23 – Pine Grove Church Road

- SR292 – Lynntown Road (South), Lynnetown Road (North), Kennedy Bridge Road
- US280 – Joe Kennedy Road
- US301 – Blocker Road

County Engineer Odom stated there are a total of thirty-six (36) rumble strips with an estimated total cost of $28,800.00 and requested approval to solicit bids for the project.

Chairman Kicklighter inquired what the funding source would be for the project to which County Manager Frank H. Murphy noted TIA (Transportation Investment Act, or more commonly known as T-SPLOST, Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax) proceeds would fund the project.

There was a motion by Commissioner Allen and a 2nd by Commissioner Tatum to approve the request to solicit bids and fund the project with TIA/T-SPLOST proceeds. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **2025-21 Spot Leveling Bid Results**

County Engineer Dennis Odom next presented the bids received for the repair of holes in the road that are beyond patching:

- Reeves Construction Company — Asphalt $ 408.50 Ton; Striping $ 7.40 Ft.
- T & K Hicks Contracting, Inc. — Asphalt $ 222.00 Ton; Striping $ 1.40 Ft.

His recommendation was to award T & K Hicks Contracting, Inc.

There was a motion by Commissioner Conley and a 2nd by Commissioner Tatum to accept and approve the low bid from T & K Hicks Contracting, Inc. in the amount of $222.00 per ton for asphalt and $1.40 per foot for striping. Motion carried unanimously.

In closing, County Engineer Odom gave a brief update on the following current projects:

- Harmony Church Road – resurfacing on one (1) lane complete
- Loves Chapel Road – resurfacing should be complete on (1) lane today

Estimated completion on these roads is within the next two (2) weeks.

Repairs due to November 7, 2024 storm damage on the following:

- Evergreen Church Road – paving scheduled to begin 3/4/25 with expectations the road will be open later this week
- Cedar Hall – paving scheduled to begin this week

2022 TIA/T-SPLOST:

- Milefield Road – Paving began today and completion is expected within the next few weeks

9. **2025-22 Motor Grader Bid Results**

County Manager Frank H. Murphy presented the bids received:

- **Yancey Brothers (Caterpillar)**

5 Annual Principal Payments @ 54,347.00 =	$271,735.00
Buyback/Purchase Price	$135,900.00
Delivered Price Bid:	$407,635.00
5.49% Interest on 5 Annual Payments @ 13,031.32 =	$ 65,156.60
Total w/ Financing	$472,791.60

He noted this was the only bid received and with the same proposed delivered pricing and financing that Yancey Brothers had submitted back in January for another purchase, he felt confident in the integrity of the sole bid.

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Kennedy to accept and approve the bid from Yancey Brothers in the amount of $472,791.60 with 5.49% interest financing. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **Floor Covering (Various County Buildings) Bid Results**

Project Manager Hal Dasher presented the following bids received for the replacement of floor covering in various County buildings to include the 2nd floor of the Judicial Annex, the Tax Assessors Office, the Tax Commissioners Office, and the Election and Registration Office:

- Graham Floor Covering, Inc. $78,000.00
- UGMS (United Grounds Maintenance Services, Inc.) $99,500.00

His recommendation was to award the low bidder, Graham Floor Covering, Inc.

There was a motion by Commissioner Kennedy and a 2nd by Commissioner Allen to accept and approve the low bid from Graham Floor Covering, Inc. in the amount of $78,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **Surplus Vehicle: 2007 Ford XL Passenger Van VIN: 5615**

Sheriff Kyle Sapp stated the van was primarily being used by the Tattnall County Extension Office to transport 4H members to events. With the recent purchase of a new van for their program it is no longer needed and being turned in as surplus. It runs, is in good condition, and has 123,655 miles on it.

Chairman Kicklighter made a recommendation to keep the van which could be used by the Road Dept. for carpooling, or other departments, as needed.

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Allen to retain the 2007 Ford XL van VIN:5615 in the fleet. Motion carried unanimously.

12. **Department Reports**

None

13. **Commission/Staff Comments**

None

14. **Public Comments**

Suzannah Foster, Tattnall County Senior Center, asked members to consider letting them use the 2017 Ford van on occasion to schedule various outings and Chairman Kicklighter agreed to give it consideration.

Glennville City Manager Stan Dansby expressed his apperception to members for all that they do and their continued support.

15. **Executive Session**

Chairman Kicklighter stated executive session was needed to discuss real estate matters.

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Kennedy to go into executive session at 9:30 a.m. to discuss real estate matters. Motion carried unanimously. **(Affidavit signed by Chairman Kicklighter and made part of the Official Record)**

There was motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Tatum to go back into open session at 10:23 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Kennedy to proceed with sealed bids on a portion of parcel number 038 048 IN & parcel number 088A 067 with the understanding that potential buyer will pay minimum sale price for each lot as set by the County and any and all fees, expenses, and costs incurred by the County or buyer in connection with any sale, including appraisal fees. Motion carried unanimously.

Next there was a motion by Commissioner Kennedy and a 2nd by Commissioner Conley to proceed with negotiations with Action Pact, Inc. regarding the lease of parcel number R09 008B, the adult literacy center. These negotiations will contemplate a sealed bid procedure with any lessee agreeing to pay all attorney's fees associated with the closing of the lease incurred by the landlord and the tenant. Motion carried unanimously.

Lastly, there was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Kennedy to approve hiring Eason Land Surveying to conduct surveys on parcel numbers 038 048 IN and 088A 067. Motion carried unanimously.

16. **Adjournment**

With no further discussion, there was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Conley to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

William J. (Bill) Kicklighter, Chairman

Sheila R. Mills, Certified County Clerk

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AFFIDAVIT OF CHAIRMAN

I, William J. (Bill) Kicklighter, Chairman of the Tattnall County Board of Commissioners, being duly sworn, states under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief:

1.
The Tattnall County Board of Commissioners met in a duly advertised meeting on March 3, 2025.

2.
During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.

3.
The executive session was called to order at 9:40 a.m./p.m.

4.
The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter (s) within the exceptions provided in the open meeting law:

_____ Consultation with the County Attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought by or against the county or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer may be directly Involved in O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(1);

_____Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. 50-14-2(2) And _____.

✓ Discussion of the future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (4);

_____Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6);

_____ Other_____
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As provided in _____

This 3rd day of March, 2025.

_____
William J. (Bill) Kicklighter, Chairman
Tattnall County Board of Commissioners

CLERK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SEAL TATTNALL CO., GA.

Sworn to and subscribed
Before me this 3rd
Day of March, 2025.

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Notary Public

SHEILA RENEE MILLS NOTARY PUBLIC Comm. Exp. 10/08/28 TATTNALL COUNTY, GA

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