Members Present: Chairman William (Bill) J. 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, PR/HR Administrator Angel Melton, Road Superintendent Lynn Cribbs, EMA Director/Fire Chief Walt Rogers, and County Engineer Dennis Odom

Elected Officials Present:

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

Commissioner Billy Conley 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 Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Kennedy 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 – **May 5, 2025**

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

Old Business:

2. **NONE**

New Business:

3. **Legislative Recognition: Jackie C. Trim (Attached)**

Representative Bill Werkheiser, House District 157, thanked members for allowing him the opportunity to recognize and commend Mr. Jackie C. Trim on his retirement. Unfortunately, Mr. Trim was unable to attend, but Representative Werkheiser explained House Resolution 987 was adopted on April 4, 2025 recognizing Mr. Trim for his many outstanding accomplishments and commitment to his community, state, and nation. A framed copy will be given to Mr. Trim.

4. **Legislative Recognition: Gloria P. Dubberly (Attached)**

Representative Bill Werkheiser, House District 157, next presented Gloria P. Dubberly with a framed copy of House Resolution 989, also adopted on April 4, 2025, recognizing and commending her on the occasion of her retirement. He noted she had thirty (30) years of service, with twenty (20) of those years as the

Tattnall County Probate Judge. Representative Werkheiser also shared Mrs. Dubberly has recently been appointed by Governor Kemp to serve on the Council of Probate Court Judges of Georgia. Representative Werkheiser and Mrs. Dubberly, accompanied by her husband Danny, were photographed by the local newspaper. She expressed a heartfelt thank you to everyone.

5. **Matlock Restaurant, LLC/Richard Golden – Retail Beer, Malt Beverages &/or Wine by the Drink-Consumption on Premises 2025 Alcohol License**

County Manager Frank H. Murphy stated all application requirements per our ordinance had been met by the applicant Mr. Richard Golden for the licensing of beer, malt beverages, and/or wine by the drink for consumption on premises at the Matlock Restaurant located at 1127 Cyril P. Burkhalter Road, Glennville, GA 30427.

Hearing no questions and confirming all requirements have been met, Chairman Kicklighter called for a motion to approve.

There was a motion by Commissioner Tatum and a 2nd by Commissioner Allen to approve Matlock Restaurant, LLC/Richard Golden for a 2025 alcohol license for retail beer, malt beverages &/or wine by the drink for consumption on premises only. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Bid Results: Fence Repair at South Tattnall Equipment Yard**

County Manager Frank H. Murphy explained a portion of fencing at the South Equipment Yard was damaged during Hurricane Helene. He presented the following two (2) bids received for the repairs:

- Waters Fence Co. $4,276.00
  Removal of damaged fencing & replacement w/ new posts & fencing
- Central Fence Company1 $5,094.00
  Re-stretch, straighten posts, & repair wire

His recommendation was to accept the low bid from Waters Fence Co.

There was a motion by Commissioner Conley and a 2nd by Commissioner Tatum to accept the low bid in the amount of $4,276.00 and award Waters Fence Co. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **Bid Results: Senior Citizens Center Kitchen Improvements**

County Manager Frank H. Murphy explained the bid was advertised and a mandatory pre-bid site visit was held for prospective bidders to tour the property and obtain documents outfitting the scope of work and bid requirements. He presented the only bid received from Terry Dasher Construction in the amount of $7,300.00 and recommended acceptance based on all criteria being met and Mr. Dasher's quality work on past projects.

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Kennedy to accept the $7,300.00 bid and award Terry Dasher Construction. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **Bid Results:**

County Manager Frank H. Murphy next presented bids received for the two (2) projects listed below that were also advertised with a mandatory pre-bid site visit for prospective bidders. Although there were two (2) prospective company representatives who attended the mandatory pre-bid site visit, only one (1) company, AKZ Investments, LLC d/b/a Fresh Coat Painting, turned in bids for the projects and he recommended acceptance noting they were contracted on previous jobs and did quality work.

Journal Sentinel Advertising Manager Pam Waters asked where they were from to which County Manager Murphy stated they are Tattnall County residents.

Hearing no questions Chairman Kicklighter called for a motion on each project:

a) Interior Painting at the USDA Building
$9,296.38

There was a motion by Commissioner Conely and a 2nd by Commissioner Allen to accept and approve the bid from AKZ Investments, LLC d/b/a Fresh Coat Painting in the amount of $9,296.38.00 for the interior painting at the USDA building. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Refinish 4 Exterior Entrances on Tattnall County Courthouse
$14,914.23

There was a motion by Commissioner Allen and a 2nd by Commissioner Tatum to accept and approve the bid from AKZ Investments, LLC d/b/a Fresh Coat Painting in the amount of $14,914.23 for the refinishing of four (4) exterior entrances on the Tattnall County Courthouse. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Bid Results: EMA Mower**

EMA Director/Fire Chief Walt Rogers shared bids received to replace the over ten (10) year old mower used to cut at the fifteen (15) volunteer fire sheds located throughout the county and also at the EMA facility:

- Quik-Cut $10,599.00
  Tiger Cat 61"
- Tims Mowers $11,200.00
  Toro 60"
- Claxton Saw $12,378.00
  Gravley 60"

His recommendation was to go with the low bid from Quik-Cut noting they have been pleased with the performance of the current Tiger Cat.

There was a motion by Commissioner Allen and a 2nd by Commissioner Kennedy to accept the low bid from Quik-Cut in the amount of $10,599.00. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **DOT Traffic Study Request: Intersection of Hwy 144, Cyril P. Burkhalter Road, & Mile Field Road**

Chairman Kicklighter shared his concerns regarding the newly aligned intersection of Cyril P. Burkhalter & Mile Field Road at Hwy 144. He stated there have been numerous 911 calls and two (2) accidents at the location and to ensure safety and do everything possible to prevent any further incidents he would like members to consider asking the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to conduct a traffic study at the location. Flashing signs have been placed along the route as well as an electronic speed limit sign set at 30 mph in an effort to alert drivers to slow down.

County Manager Frank H. Murphy added the contract for the placement of rumble strips on various county roads has been let with installation of those on Mile Field Road to be done first. Additionally, the contract to include the widening and resurfacing of Cyril Burkhalter Road will include the placement of rumble strips to alert drivers and enhance safety.

There was a motion by Commissioner Conley and a 2nd by Commissioner Allen to draft a letter of request for a traffic study on the intersection of Hwy 144, Cyril P. Burkhalter, and Mile Field Road. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **Scrap Tire Disposal Price Increase Consideration:**
    a) **Truck Tires – tires from tractor-trailers/semi-trucks**
    b) **Large Off-the-Road (OTR) Tires – very large tires from farm tractors, construction equipment, etc.**
    ****No skidder tires or equivalent accepted**

Chairman Kicklighter noted currently at each of our three (3) convenience centers we accept a limit of four (4) lightweight car or truck tires per person at no charge. This is done in an effort to provide citizens a way to dispose of them rather than discarding them along the roadways or in the woods. The following are currently accepted at the county equipment yard in Reidsville, with payment required prior to drop-off at the Solid Waste office located in the courthouse:

Type of Tire	Current Price	Propose Price
• Truck Tires – tires from tractor trailers/semi-trucks	$10.00 each	$35.00 each
• Large Off-the-Road (OTR) Tires – very large tires from farm tractors, construction equipment, etc... **No skidder tires or equivalent accepted	$10.00 each	$35.00 each

Scrap tire disposal is only open to Tattnall County residents and tires from commercial dealers will not be accepted.

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the proposed increase as presented for Tattnall County residents only. Motion carried unanimously.

12. **Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement (STAR) Program Application**

Chairman Kicklighter explained the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has a fairly new program to encourage local governments to assist with their efforts to clean up scrap tires in Georgia. He spoke with a company in Baxley that is EPD approved as a scrap tire carrier and processor within the program.

The STAR Program reimburses local governments for the costs of transporting and processing scrap tires collected during scrap tire amnesty events. Funding comes from Georgia's Solid Waste Trust Fund. Applicants must be a local government and in compliance with Georgia Department of Community Affairs. He asked members to grant approval for Tattnall County staff to apply.

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Kennedy to grant approval to apply for the STAR Program. Motion carried unanimously.

13. **Request to Solicit Bids: Emmitt Road Paving**

County Manager Frank H. Murphy stated agenda items #13, #14, and #15 will all require individual motions to approve, but he took the opportunity to explain in more detail what has changed affecting all three (3) of the roads. Pre-paving construction such as debris clearing, grading and surface leveling, and the addition of base layer material was scheduled to be done by county forces, with only the paving to be bid out for contract. At this time, the Road Department doesn't have the capacity to take on these projects as they have in the past. For this reason, the request to solicit bids is for not only paving of these roads, but the additional work needed to prepare them for paving.

County Engineer Dennis Odom added that all Right-of-Way (ROW) deeds have been acquired for Magnolia Road, but County Attorney Tom Peterson is still working with property owners and lenders to acquire some ROW deeds on both Lincoln Street and Emmitt Road.

County Attorney Peterson further explained that on Emmitt Road two (2) of the landowners have long term thirty-year mortgages. Unfortunately, each time a mortgage lender has been identified and contacted the mortgage has been flipped and the paperwork and contact process must begin again. There has been a final assignment in each case, but the process has been tedious. He did go on to say that he does not believe any legal action would be needed.

County Attorney Peterson next addressed Lincoln Street. Some of the tracts requiring ROW deeds are more complex, with some having multiple heirs with interests that have not yet all been identified. With that said, condemnation may have to be considered. Condemnation will take longer and require more expense yet the landowners petitioned for the paving so the process may not be contentious. He noted soliciting bids at this early stage may be futile as the condemnation process can be lengthy.

County Manager Frank H. Murphy concluded by reiterating that the request to solicit bids for each road will give approval of solicitation at the point of construction once all legal requirements have been satisfied. Additionally, acceptance of the fact that we do not have operations to build roads at this time, though we will continue to repair and maintain our roads.

There was considerable discussion as members expressed their views and asked questions as to the advantages and disadvantages of paving Emmitt Road.

Hearing no further discussion Chairman Kicklighter called for a motion to approve the request to solicit bids for the pre-paving construction and paving of Emmitt Road.

There was a motion by Commissioner Tatum to give permission to proceed with bid solicitation at the point of construction once all legal requirements have been satisfied. Motion failed for lack of a 2nd.

14. **Request to Solicit Bids: Lincoln Street Paving**

Chairman Kicklighter called for a motion to approve the request to solicit bids for the pre-paving construction and paving of Lincoln Street.

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel to give permission to proceed with bid solicitation at the point of construction once all legal requirements have been satisfied. Motion failed for lack of a 2nd.

15. **Request to Solicit Bids: Magnolia Road Paving**

Chairman Kicklighter called for a motion to approve the request to solicit bids for the pre-paving construction and paving of Magnolia Road.

There was a motion by Commissioner Kennedy to give permission to proceed with bid solicitation at the point of construction once all legal requirements have been satisfied. Motion failed for lack of a 2nd.

16. **E911 Jail Tower Replacement Estimate**

County Manager Frank H. Murphy stated the E911 tower at the jail was damaged during Hurricane Helene and recommendation is to replace it. There is one bid from Radio One, Inc., as they have prior knowledge and are contracted to maintain and service the towers, in the amount of $22,848.20. He recommends acceptance with work to begin immediately so that it is in working order as soon as possible. County Manager Murphy explained SPLOST Emergency Services funding can be used for the imperative replacement. FEMA is currently waiting on the ACCG-IRMA claim decision and once received will determine if they will provide any additional damage reimbursement, but the claim process is moving slowly.

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Allen to accept the bid from Radio One, Inc. in the amount of $22,848.20 for the immediate replacement of the tower while continuing to pursue the damage claims. Motion carried unanimously.

17. **Department Reports**

None

18. **Commission/Staff Comments**

Commissioner Kennedy expressed in his opinion it would be foolish not to reconsider moving forward with paving of Magnolia Road as all Right-of-Way's and legal requirements have been met.

19. **Public Comments**

Ms. Debra Townes, Barbara Johnson, and Carrie Anne Kennedy, were all in attendance to share their concerns with the deteriorating condition of Ernest Webber Road, Jim Aryard Smith Road, and Dan Waller Road. They implored members to help stating the conditions of the roads make them impassible at times and it is difficult to conduct business, receive deliveries, and most importantly they are concerned emergency vehicles may not be able to reach them.

Chairman Kicklighter and the commission members assured them the roads are not forgotten and they are working to address the challenges presented by the severe weather events over the past several months.

20. **Executive Session**

County Attorney Tom Peterson stated executive session was needed to discuss the future potential acquisition of real estate, potential litigation, and discussion or deliberation on the appointment and hiring of a county employee.

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Conley to go into executive session at 10:08 a.m. to discuss the future potential acquisition of real estate, potential litigation, and discussion or deliberation on the appointment and hiring of a county employee. Motion carried unanimously. **(Affidavit signed by Chairman Kicklighter and made part of the Official Record)**

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Allen to go back into open session at 11:42 a.m.

There was a motion by Commissioner Tatum and a 2nd by Commissioner Kennedy to authorize the County Manager, to include County Attorney Tom Peterson and any staff needed, to begin the process of negotiation and acquisition of approximately 14.8 acres of land in Tattnall County contained within parcel 025-010B owned by Prakeish Patel. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Kennedy to authorize creation of a full-time Road Department Operations Manager position and allow for advertisement and hiring of a qualified candidate for the position with commission members consent. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Commissioner Conley and a 2nd by Commissioner Tatum to appoint Louie Wayne Martin to the position of Interim Road Crew Leader effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

21. **Adjournment**

With no further discussion, there was a motion by Commissioner Tatum and a 2nd by Commissioner Jarriel to adjourn the meeting at 11:56 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

William J. (Bill) Kicklighter, Chairman

Sheila R. Mills, Certified County Clerk

CLERK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SEAL TATTNALL CO., GA.

House Resolution 987

By: Representative Werkheiser of the 157th

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing and commending Jackie Trim on the grand occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Jackie Trim has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service as Chairman of the Tattnall County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Marine Corps, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the Vietnam War, where he was wounded in combat twice; and

WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has given inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and he possesses the vast wisdom

which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, while bravely fighting a melanoma that had spread to his liver, lungs, and chest wall, he never missed a commissioners' meeting; and

WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

WHEREAS, Jackie has served with honor and distinction in Tattnall County, and his vision and unyielding commitment to his community will be sorely missed upon the occasion of his retirement; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the members of this body recognize and commend Jackie Trim for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia; congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Jackie Trim.

House Resolution 989

By: Representative Werkheiser of the 157th

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing and commending Gloria Dubberly upon the grand occasion of her retirement; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Gloria Dubberly has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced dramatically by her superlative service as the Tattnall County Probate Judge for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Gloria first served as Chief Clerk in the Probate Judge's Office in Tattnall County for ten years before running for office as Probate Judge; and

WHEREAS, outside of work, Gloria is a member of First Baptist Church of Glennville and is very committed to Dayspring Walk to Emmaus, where she has served on the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Gloria's significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable patience and diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates; and

WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

WHEREAS, Gloria has served with honor and distinction in Tattnall County, and her vision and unyielding commitment to her community will be sorely missed upon the occasion of her retirement; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Gloria Dubberly.

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF TATTNALL

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 6/2/2025.

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

3.
The executive session was called to order at 10:11 (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_____
_____
_____
As provided in _____

This 2nd day of June, 2025.

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

SEAL
TATTNALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COURT
TATTNALL CO., GA.

Sworn to and subscribed
Before me this 2nd
Day of June, 2025.

Sheila R. Mills
Notary Public

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NOTARY
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