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

Staff Present: County Manager Frank H. Murphy, Certified County Clerk Sheila R. Mills, PR/HR Administrator Angel Melton, Road Superintendent Lynn Cribbs, Road Department Crew Leader Wayne Martin, EMA Director/Fire Chief Walt Rogers, County Engineer Dennis Odom, Project Manager Hal Dasher, Code Enforcement/Animal Control Officer Seth Boyett, Code Enforcement/Animal Control Officer Loretta Boyett, County Extension Coordinator/ANR Agent Aubrey Shirley, 4-H Youth Agent Rebekah B. Greene, Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) Agent Sandy Riner, Agriculture & Natural Resources (ANR) Agent Jonathan Smith, 4-H Youth Extension Educator Bradley Moye, 4-H Youth Rhoda Johnson, 4-H AmeriCorps State Member James Poppell, and Extension Office Administrative Assistant Michelle Halter

Elected Officials Present: Coroner Brad Anderson

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

Commissioner Billy D. Conley gave the opening prayer.

Chairman Kicklighter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Approval of Agenda:**

Chairman Kicklighter asked members to consider amending the agenda to include a Right-of-Entry Agreement between Tattnall County and the City of Collins for the purpose of allowing the City access to access sewer lines located in alley lots. He stated it would be taken up after item number seven (7). Hearing no questions he called for a motion to amend the Agenda.

There was a motion by Commissioner Conley and a 2nd by Commissioner Allen to approve amending the Agenda to add the Right-of-Way Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Commissioner Conley and a 2nd by Commissioner Jarriel 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 – **September 8, 2025**
2. Outfall Ditch Easement – **Sharpe, James Darrell & Christy**
3. Outfall Ditch Easement – **Nolf, James W.**

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:

4. **Proclamation 2026-1: 2025 National 4-H Week & Tattnall County 4-H Month (Attached)**

Chairman Kicklighter welcomed Ms. Kaitlyn Eason, Tattnall County Senior 4-H Club President, and all the other youth members in attendance.

Without hesitation, Ms. Kaitly Eason came forward to the podium and delivered an inspiring speech. She began by introducing herself and stating she is a junior in high school, has been a member of 4-H for four (4) years, and shared the program has truly changed her life. Her 4-H experience started when she was in the 5th grade and was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. She explained while it was a big adjustment and at first, she did not know how to share her story or help others understand what living with diabetes really means, through the program she found her voice. Kaitlyn stated "The public speaking contests, leadership events, and service opportunities gave me the confidence to take something personal and turn it into something powerful." Her 4-H service project, Blue Out for Diabetes Day, was born out of her desire to raise awareness of Type 1 diabetes and to help support the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Each year on November 14th students and the community are encouraged to wear blue and she explained what started as a small idea has grown into a County-wide event that raises money and sparks conversations about how we can all make a difference. She went on to add that she truly believes she could not have accomplished this without the leadership and communication skills she has learned through 4-H. Kaitlyn shared "Whether it is speaking to a classroom, planning an event, or standing here today, 4-H has helped me grow into someone who can take action and inspire others." She next took the opportunity to thank the Tattnall County Board of Commission members for all that they do to support Tattnall County 4-H stating the support makes programs possible that teach youth to lead, serve, and strengthen our community. She extended a personal invitation for all to join her in wearing blue on November 14th, Blue Out Day, and together show support for everyone living with Type 1 diabetes and keep working toward a cure. Kaitlyn closed by expressing her deep appreciation for all that Tattnall County 4-H has given her and thanked everyone for their time, support, and believing in 4-H youth like herself. The crowd gave a rousing round of applause.

On behalf of the Tattnall County Board of Commissioners Chairman Kicklighter recognized the week of October 5-11, 2025 as National 4-H Week and the month of October as Tattnall County 4-H Month and read aloud the proclamation. A framed copy was presented and a group photo was taken by the local newspaper.

Tattnall County 4-H members in attendance were; Americus Arnold, Gracelyn Blaxton, Makayla Mincey, Hailey Baldwin, Lou Lively, Kaitlyn Eason, Jeremiah Ray, Laneeva Beal, Walker Page, Truitt Jarriel, and Maisy Hasz.

County Extension Coordinator/ANR Agent Aubrey Shirley next took the opportunity to share he has been involved for nearly nine (9) years and has seen the importance of the 4-H program in allowing kids to start young, gain confidence and communication skills though public speaking, all while providing an environment for kids to be themselves. He conveyed his enthusiasm regarding his 5th grade son's participation in District Leadership in Action (DLA) in 4-H this year and stated the Tattnall County 4-H program is very strong and everyone is doing a great job. He next introduced all staff; 4-H Youth Agent Rebekah B. Greene, Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) Agent Sandy Riner, Agriculture & Natural Resources (ANR) Agent Jonathan Smith, 4-H Youth Extension Educator Bradley Moye, 4-H Youth Rhoda Johnson, 4-H AmeriCorps State Member James Poppell, and Extension Office Administrative Assistant Michelle Halter.

County Extension Coordinator/ANR Agent Shirley recognized County Extension Administrative Assistant Michelle Halter, who he shared is responsible for a multitude of tasks in the office and is an invaluable part of the team. She was formally presented with a framed professional development award for her excellent work, originally granted back in August, which came as a surprise to her. The audience clapped appreciatively and a photo of Michelle Halter and her husband Newly was taken by the local newspaper.

4. **Greater Savannah Regional Alliance (GRSA) Board Appointment Recommendation: Hannah Mullins**

County Manager Frank H. Murphy stated the Greater Savannah Regional Alliance is an inclusive board which Tattnall County appoints two representatives to serve on. Tattnall County Industrial Development Chairman Wayne Dasher currently serves, and the recommendation is to appoint Ms. Hannah Mullins to replace Chairman Bill Kicklighter on the board as he is unable to continue serving due to his current commitments.

Tattnall County Industrial Development Authority Chairman Wayne Dasher introduced Ms. Mullins sharing she comes with a wealth of experience and will serve as a valuable addition as one of Tattnall County's representatives. She currently serves as President/CEO of the Candler County Industrial Authority. Her twelve-year (12) career in economic development has focused on rural communities stretching from North Georgia to South Georgia. Ms. Mullins has been the recipient of many community and development awards.

Ms. Hannah Mullins graciously thanked members for the nomination. She and her two (2) children live in Tattnall County. She took the opportunity to briefly explain the importance of representation at the GRSA meetings. According to GRSA bylaws a representative must live in the county of the board seat that is represented which is why she does not hold a seat for Candler County. The intent of GRSA is to market as a region, not each county individually. Therefore, decisions voted on in meetings are cast based on the collective benefit. Furthermore, the bylaws also state a quorum must be present in order to conduct any business and unfortunately many meetings have been cancelled due to a lack of quorum. Ms. Mullins pledged her commitment to attend and represent at all meetings. In closing she vowed to remain in close contact with members and focus her vote on interests meaningful to Tattnall County.

Hearing no questions Chairman Kicklighter called for a motion to approve.

There was a motion by Commissioner Conley and a 2nd by Commissioner Jarriel to approve appointing Ms. Hannah Mullins to replace Chairman Kicklighter on the GRSA Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kicklighter recessed the meeting for a short break to fellowship with the students, who had prepared refreshments to serve to the Commission members and guests in gratitude for the continued support.

The meeting reconvened at 9:40 a.m.

5. **Bid Results: Courthouse Flooring**

Project Manager Hal Dasher explained bids were solicited to replace the existing flooring on all three (3) floors of the Tattnall County Courthouse. A mandatory pre-bid site visit was held with only one (1) company attending, Graham's Floor Covering, Inc. He presented the bid received:

- Graham's Floor Covering, Inc. $63,196.00

Project Manager Hal Dasher's recommendation was to accept and approve the bid from Graham's Floor Covering, Inc. He stated the bid was very close to the estimated amount that was budgeted for the project. Furthermore, pricing was consistent with recently awarded projects with multiple bids validating the fairness of the price.

Chairman Kicklighter called for a motion to accept and approve.

There was a motion by Commissioner Kennedy and a 2nd by Commissioner Allen to accept the bid in the amount of $63,196.00 and approve awarding the contract to Graham's Floor Covering, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **2026 Regular Commission Meeting Dates (Attached)**

County Manager Frank H. Murphy read aloud the proposed 2026 Regular Commission Meeting dates noting the only change from the 1st Monday of each month will be the September meeting. Due to the Labor Day holiday on September 7, 2026 the meeting will be held on Monday, September 14, 2026.

Chairman Kicklighter called for a motion to approve.

There was a motion by Commissioner Conley and a 2nd by Commissioner Tatum to approve the 2026 Regular Commission Meeting dates as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **2026 County Holidays (Attached)**

PR/HR Administrator Angel Melton read aloud the 2026 County Holidays noting there are thirteen (13) proposed dates.

Chairman Kicklighter called for a motion to approve.

There was a motion by Commissioner Allen and a 2nd by Commissioner Tatum to approve the 2026 County Holidays as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

****Right of Entry Agreement-Tattnall County & City of Collins (Attached)**

Chairman Kicklighter explained the County owns a 0.08-acre lot in Collins acquired through a tax sale several years ago. The City of Collins have asked for permission to use the lot to access a sewer line. County Attorney Tom Peterson drafted a Right of Entry Agreement for execution if members are in agreement.

County Engineer Dennis Odom added that the 0.08-acre size of the lot is what most would consider an uneconomic remnant and it would be quite beneficial for the City of Collins to be able to access the alley where the sewer lines run without having to cross private property.

Hearing no questions Chairman Kicklighter called for a motion to approve the Right of Entry Agreement.

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the Right of Entry Agreement between Tattnall County and the City of Collins. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **Department Reports**

None

9. **Commission/Staff Comments**

None

10. **Public Comments**

Board of Elections Chairman Dennis Odom gave an election update. He shared coming up on November 4, 2025 are the following:

- Countywide – Public Service Commission Disricts 2 & 3
- Glennville – Council Member Ward 4 & Council Member Ward 3
- Reidsville – Council Member Ward 2 Post 1, Council Member Ward 2 Post 2, & Council Member Ward 1 Post 2
- Collins – Mayor & For Council Member At Large (Vote for Five)
- Special Election – Board of Education District 5

Advance voting begins Tuesday, October 7, 2025 and the last day to register is today, Monday, October 6, 2025. The local paper will be printing a sample ballot this week.

Mr. Lenton Butler expressed his desire to see Tom Rogers Road paved. 2nd District Commissioner Bobby Kennedy recommended letters be sent to the property owners asking if they would be willing to provide the required right-of-way should the County consider the road for paving in the future.

11. **Executive Session**

None

12. **Adjournment**

With no further discussion, there was a motion by Commissioner Conley and a 2nd by Commissioner Jarriel to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

William (Bill) J. Kicklighter, Chairman

Sheila R. Mills, Certified County Clerk

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GEORGIA 4-H

PROCLAMATION 2026-1
NATIONAL 4-H WEEK
OCTOBER 5-11, 2025 &
TATTNALL COUNTY 4-H MONTH

WHEREAS, the young people of Georgia and Tattnall County are our greatest natural resource; and

WHEREAS, this year's National 4-H Week theme, **"Beyond Ready,"** reminds us that 4-H is building a ready generation in a world of change and equips young people with skills for the future while meeting them where they are today; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is America's largest youth development organization, supporting six million youth across the country; and

WHEREAS, 4-H programs are delivered by the Cooperative Extension System – a community of more than 100 public land-grant colleges and universities across the Nation – that provides experiences for young people to learn by doing; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is in every city and county in the United States and helps 6 million youth become engaged, successful and independent; and

WHEREAS, 4-H connects young people and adults to their communities, preparing them for work and life through experiential and inquiry-based learning while providing emerging research for positive youth development; and

WHEREAS, expanding from its strong agricultural roots, 4-H helps young people explore the world around them and grow into productive adults; and

WHEREAS, supporting future leaders in science, agriculture and community leadership is an important imperative for U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture 4-H programs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Tattnall County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 5-11, 2025 as **NATIONAL 4-H WEEK** and the month of October to be **Tattnall County 4-H Month** and urge all our citizens to recognize 4-H for the significant impact they have made and continue to make by empowering youth with the skills they need to lead for a lifetime.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we subscribe our names this 6th day of October, 2025.

William (Bill) J. Kicklighter
Chairman

Ricky C. Jarriel
1st District

Bobby Kennedy
2nd District

Billy D. Conley
3rd District

Wayne Tatum
4th District

Wanda S. Allen
5th District

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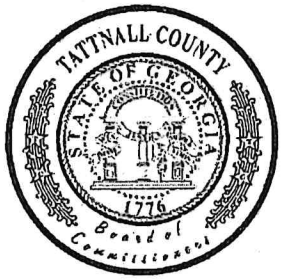

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BOBBY KENNEDY
District 2
BILLY CONLEY
District 3
WAYNE TATUM
District 4
WANDA S. ALLEN
District 5

2026 Regular Commission Meeting Schedule

Monday, January 5, 2026

Monday, February 2, 2026

Monday, March 2, 2026

Monday, April 6, 2026

Monday, May 4, 2026

Monday, June 1, 2026

Monday, July 6, 2026

Monday, August 3, 2026

Monday, September 14, 2026
2nd Monday due to Labor Day Holiday

Monday, October 5, 2026

Monday, November 2, 2026

Monday, December 7, 2026

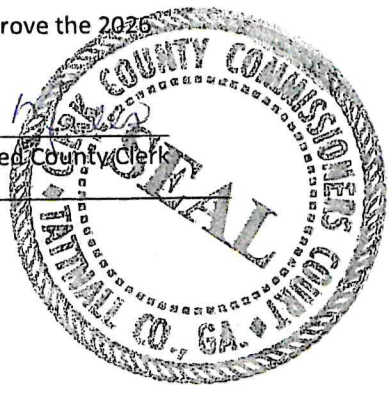
Meetings are held at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room on the 2nd floor of the Tattnall County Courthouse, 108 W. Brazell Street, Reidsville, GA 30453.

Individuals with disabilities who require certain accommodations in order to allow them to observe and/or participate in this meeting, or who have questions regarding the accessibility of the meeting or the facilities are required to contact the County Clerk at 912-557-4335 promptly to allow the County to make reasonable accommodations for those persons.

In the October 6, 2025 Regular Commission Meeting the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the 2026 Regular Commission Meeting Schedule as listed.

William (Bill) J. Kicklighter Chairman

Sheila R. Mills, Certified County Clerk



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TATTNALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Memorandum

To: Constitutional Officers, Department Heads & All County Personnel
From: Angela Melton, Payroll
Date: Monday, October 6, 2025
Re: 2026 County Holidays

The Board of Commissioners has designated the following schedule for the 2026 County Holidays:

1. **New Year's Day - Thursday, January 1, 2026**
2. **Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday – Monday, January 19, 2026**
3. **Presidents Day – Monday, February 16, 2026**
4. **Good Friday – Friday, April 3, 2026**
5. **Memorial Day – Monday, May 25, 2026**
6. **Juneteenth National Independence - Friday, June 19, 2026**
7. **Day before Independence Day (County Holiday) - Friday, July 3, 2026**
8. **Labor Day – Monday, September 7, 2026**
9. **Veterans Day – Wednesday, November 11, 2026**
10. **Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 26, 2026**
11. **Day after Thanksgiving – Friday, November 27, 2026**
12. **Christmas Eve Day – Thursday, December 24, 2026**
13. **Christmas Day – Friday, December 25, 2026**

In the October 6, 2025 meeting the Board of Commissioners voted to accept the above dates as the 2026 County Holidays.

William J. Kicklighter, Chairman

Sheila R. Mills, County Clerk

TATTNALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT GEORGIA SEAL

Prepared by and to be returned to: Tom A. Peterson IV, 104 SW Main Street, Vidalia, GA 30474, 912.537.6388

TATTNALL COUNTY, GEORGIA

RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT BETWEEN TATTNALL COUNTY, GEORGIA AND CITY OF COLLINS, GEORGIA

This Right of Entry Agreement is made and entered as of the 10th day of October, 2025, by and between Tattnall County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of Tattnall County, Georgia, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, hereinafter called and referred to as "COUNTY", and City of Collins, a Georgia municipal corporation, hereinafter called and referred to as "GRANTEES".

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Sheriff's Tax Deed recorded in deed book 262, page 34, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court, Tattnall County, Georgia, the COUNTY owns or may own an interest in the following COUNTY property, to-wit:

> All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Collins, Tattnall County, Georgia, containing approximately 3,600 square feet, fronting west on the east side of Parker Street for a distance of approximately 40 feet and extending from thence in an easterly direction between two parallel lines for a distance of approximately 90 feet, and being bounded now or formerly as follows: North by land of A.J. Eason; East by a 15 foot lane or alley; South by land of Lon Jackson; and West by Parker Street. This is the same property that was originally part of property owned by A.J. Eason.

WHEREAS, the GRANTEE desires to:

1. Acquire or gain access to certain real property that it owns, described as a "15-foot lane or alley" which is east of and adjacent to the COUNTY property, to be permitted upon execution of this Right of Entry Agreement, and

2. Gain and maintain ingress/egress to its 15-foot lane or alley, by being permitted to travel over, across and through the COUNTY property, to be permitted upon execution of this Right of Entry Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants herein contained, it is agreed by and between the COUNTY and GRANTEE that:

1. This Right of Entry Agreement is intended by the parties to release the COUNTY from all losses or claims for injuries, damages to the GRANTEE whether known, unknown, foreseen, unforeseen, now and in the future, and patent or latent that the GRANTEE may have against the COUNTY, and the GRANTEE understands and acknowledges the significance and consequences

of such specific intent to release all claims and hereby assumes full responsibility for any injuries, damages or losses that may incur.

2. This Right of Entry Agreement is freely and voluntarily executed by the GRANTEE and in executing same, the GRANTEE does not rely on inducements, promises or representations made by the COUNTY or any of its representatives.

3. This Right of Entry Agreement shall be valid for ingress/egress to GRANTEE'S 15-foot lane or alley, over, across and through the COUNTY property, unless and until this Agreement is terminated by the COUNTY, at any time and for any reason or no reason, by the COUNTY sending to GRANTEE a written notice of termination.

4. The GRANTEE further releases the COUNTY of all responsibility related to quality of material including engineering and environmental acceptability.

5. Further, if in the COUNTY'S sole discretion the GRANTEE ever violates any provision of this Agreement, then, among any other remedy allowed by equity or law, the COUNTY may terminate this Agreement immediately by sending the GRANTEE a written notice of termination, and GRANTEE shall immediately cease using the COUNTY property, and remove all improvements thereto, and if such improvements are not completely removed within sixty (60) days of the COUNTY'S notice of termination, then all such improvements shall become the property of and owned by the COUNTY.

6. This Agreement shall be construed pursuant to and governed by the laws of the State of Georgia.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, said parties have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year above first written.

COUNTY:
Tattnall County Board of Commissioners

By: _____
William (Bill) J. Kicklighter
Chairman

Signed, sealed and delivered
in my presence, this 16th
day of October, 2025.

_____
Unofficial Witness

_____
Notary Public

LARENDA DASHER NOTARY PUBLIC TATTNALL COUNTY, GA Comm. Exp. 09/11/27

SEAL

Attest: Sheila G. Mills
Sheila Mills
County Clerk

SEAL

Signed, sealed and delivered
in my presence, this 6th
day of October, 2025.

Frank H. Murphy
Unofficial Witness

Lavenda Dasher
Notary Public

LAVENDA DASHER NOTARY PUBLIC Comm. Exp. 09/11/27 TATTNALL COUNTY, GA

GRANTEE:
City of Collins

By: Charles Rushton
Mayor

Print Name: Charles Rushton

Signed, sealed and delivered
in my presence, this 6th
day of October, 2025.

Frank H. Murphy
Unofficial Witness

Sheila R. Mills
Notary Public

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

SEAL

Attest: Deborah J. Stubbs
City Clerk

Print Name: Deborah J. Stubbs

Signed, sealed and delivered
in my presence, this 6th
day of October, 2025.

Frank H. Murphy
Unofficial Witness

Sheila R. Mills
Notary Public

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

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