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, Crew Leader Wayne Martin, EMS Director Dustin Dasher, EMA Director/Fire Chief Walt Rogers, County Project Consultant Dennis Odom, Project Manager Hal Dasher, County Extension Coordinator/ANR Agent Aubrey Shirley

Elected Officials Present: Coroner Brad Anderson

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

Chairman Kicklighter gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Approval of Agenda:**

County Manager Frank H. Murphy requested to add a new agenda item, **Item 15A: Request to Solicit Proposals for Auditing Services**, to the current agenda for consideration.

Chairman Kicklighter called for a motion to approve.

There was a motion by Commissioner Conley and a 2nd by Commissioner Tatum to approve amending the agenda to add Item 15A: Request to Solicit Proposals for Auditing Services. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kicklighter next called for a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

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 – **October 6, 2025**

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. **Bid Results: 2026-27 2026 LMIG**

County Project Consultant Dennis Odom shared bids were solicited for the 2026 LMIG (Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant) to include leveling/resurfacing, striping and shoulder grading of approximately 10.03 miles and the installation of nine (9) rumble strips. The roads to be resurfaced include Henry Moxley Road, D D Durrence Road, and portions of Albert Rahn Road, Campground Road, and D L Durrence Road.

He noted six (6) companies attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting and presented the following bids received:

• Abundant Grace Farms, LLC d/b/a AGF Seeding & Construction	NO BID
• East Coast Asphalt, LLC	$1,375,745.73
• J. Hiers Company Inc.	$1,476,584.00
• McLendon Enterprises, Inc.,	$1,259,630.70
• Reeves Construction Company	$1,315,014.45
• Sikes Brothers, Inc.	$1,335,292.00

County Project Consultant Dennis Odom's recommendation was to go with the low bid received from McLendon Enterprises, Inc.

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

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Kennedy to accept the low bid in the amount of $1,259,630.70 and approve awarding the contract to McLendon Enterprises, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Bid Results: 2026-28 Hillview Road LMIG EEE Project**

County Project Consultant Dennis Odom shared Hillview Road was heavily damaged during a flash flood on May 11, 2025 and a section of the road has remained closed. A drainage study was performed and the County applied for and received a grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) under the 2026 LMIG EEE which will fund ninety percent (90%) of the repair project. He stated ten (10) companies attended the mandatory pre-bid and presented the following bids received:

• Abundant Grace Farms, LLC d/b/a AGF Seeding & Construction	$360,726.83
• Barksdale Contracting & Supply, Inc.	$481,133.84
• CB Property Maintenance, LLC	$387,887.90
• J. A. Long, Inc.	$289,170.16
• J. Hiers Company, Inc.	NO BID
• McLendon Enterprises, Inc.	$285,378.58
• Moses Grass Company	NO BID
• Reeves Construction Company	NO BID
• T&K Hicks Contracting, Inc.	NO BID
• Tyson Utilities Construction, Inc.	$318,710.29

County Project Consultant Dennis Odom's recommendation was to go with the low bid received from McLendon Enterprises, Inc.

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

There was a motion by Commissioner Conley and a 2nd by Commissioner Allen to accept the low bid in the amount of $285,378.58 and approve awarding the contract to McLendon Enterprises, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Proposed Change Orders: 2025 LMIG & 2025 LMIG LRA Deadline Extensions**

County Project Consultant Dennis Odom shared McLendon Enterprises, Inc. currently has two (2) contracts:

- 2025 LMIG Resurfacing - completion deadline 10/31/2025
- 2025 LMIG LRA Resurfacing – completion deadline 11/30/2025

Considering the new contract award, he asked members to consider extending the completion deadline for both the existing contracts to align with the new contract deadline of 12/31/2025. The work is currently on schedule; however, to optimize resource allocation and logistical efficiency due to overlap in project locations, granting the extensions would be beneficial. After discussion, it was determined that the resurfacing work on Cyril P. Burkhalter Road be prioritized for completion in November.

Commissioner Ricky C. Jarriel asked how soon the NTP (Notice to Proceed) would be given for the Hillview Road repair. County Project Consultant Odom shared McLendon Enterprises, Inc. expects to start within a week of receiving it with a goal to complete the project within thirty (30) days. The contract will be drawn up for execution in the next few days.

Hearing no further questions or comments, Chairman Kicklighter called for a motion to approve.

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the 2025 LMIG and 2025 LMIG LRA deadline extension dates to 12/31/2025. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Approval to Solicit Request for Proposals (RFP) Engineering & Design Services: Transportation Investment Act (TIA) PI #0018762 Rushing Boone Road**

County Manager Frank H. Murphy stated TIA funding has been released for this project and requested approval to solicit RFPs for engineering and design services.

Chairman Kicklighter called for a motion to approve.

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Allen to approve the request to solicit proposals for engineering and design services for TIA PI #0018762 Rushing Boone Road. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **Request for Second DOT Traffic Study: Intersection of State Route 144, Cyril P. Burkhalter Road, & Mile Field Road**

Chairman Kicklighter asked members for approval to submit a request to GDOT for a second traffic study at the intersection of State Route 144, Cyril P. Burkhalter Road, and Mile Field Road. He reminded members that a previous request was sent back in June. The response received in July stated there was no crash history based on the new alignment and no additional safety improvements were warranted at this time. He respectfully asked in light of several major accidents and one (1) fatality at the intersection.

There was a motion by Commissioner Conley and a 2nd by Commissioner Allen to approve the request for a second DOT traffic study at the intersection of State Route 144, Cyril P. Burkhalter Road, and Mile Field Road. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **Independent EMS Medical Director Appointment Recommendation: Dr. Joseph C. Hand III**

EMS Director Dustin Dasher explained Dr. Mallory Smith had volunteered for decades providing the necessary oversight required per state law by a licensed credentialed physician. Responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:

- Medical oversight for the EMS system
- Clinical performance
- Ensures quality improvement
- Provides medical direction
- Approves credentials and certification of EMS personnel to ensure compliance with regulations
- Oversees education & curriculum training programs
- Acts as a liaison with local hospitals and the medical community

EMS Director Dasher stated Dr. Smith will no longer be providing the service and recommends Dr. Joseph C. Hand III who is affiliated with Optim Medical Center-Tattnall, who has agreed to serve in the position as an independent contractor part-time, approximately ten (10) hours per month.

There was a motion by Commissioner Allen and a 2nd by Commissioner Jarriel to appoint Dr. Joseph C. Hand III. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Approval to Solicit Request for Proposals (RFPs) 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan Renewal**

EMA Director/Fire Chief Walt Rogers explained a hazard mitigation plan is required to receive federal and state disaster assistance. A plan helps reduce long-term risk and recovery costs from natural disasters, and strengthens community resilience by identifying and implementing actions to lesson the impact of hazards like severe weather, floods, and wildfires. Tattnall County's current plan is set to expire on November 14, 2026 and he asked permission to solicit proposals for assistance in preparing a turnkey hazard mitigation plan.

There was a motion by Commissioner Conley and a 2nd by Commissioner Tatum to approve the request to solicit proposals for the 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan renewal. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **Road Superintendent Lynn Cribbs Early Retirement Notice**

Chairman Bill Kicklighter shared Road Superintendent Lynn Cribbs submitted his formal retirement letter effective Friday, October 31, 2025 rather than December 31, 2025 at the recommendation of his doctor due to ongoing health concerns. On behalf of all members and staff County Manager Frank H. Murphy expressed appreciation for Lynn's many years of dedicated work and wished him well in his retirement.

There was a motion by Commissioner Allen and a 2nd by Commissioner Tatum to accept Road Superintendent Lynn Cribbs early retirement notice. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **April 2026 End-of-Lease Early Turn-In Request: 2019 Caterpillar Motor Grader SN: 1227 (Hours 77)**

County Manager Frank H. Murphy stated the 2019 Caterpillar motor grader SN: 1227 has approximately seventy-seven (77) hours left on it. Members were asked to consider turning in the leased motor grader early because its hours will soon expire and will not be retained in the fleet.

There was motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the end-of-lease early turn-in request for the 2019 Caterpillar motor grader SN: 1227. Motion carried unanimously.

12. **Request to Solicit Bids: New Motor Grader**

County Manager Frank H. Murphy next requested permission to solicit bids for a new motor grader to replace the one coming off lease.

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Conley to grant the request to solicit bids for a new motor grader. Motion carried unanimously.

13. **Road Dept. Purchase Request: Electric Wet Steam & Hot Water Pressure Washer**

County Manager Frank H. Murphy shared the following quotes received for the purchase of an electric steam and hot water pressure washer for the road department:

- Northern Tool + Equipment $3,931.97
- Pressure Washer Direct $5,495.00
- Grainger $8,677.87

He recommends accepting the low quote from Northern Tool + Equipment which meets the needs and is the preferred selection.

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Kennedy to grant the request to accept the low quote from Northern Tool + Equipment in the amount of $3,931.97 and approve the purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

14. **2026 Tattnall County Proposed License/Permit Fees (Attached)**
    a) **Alcohol License**
    b) **Salvage License**
    c) **Pawn Shop License**
    d) **Recovery Residence Permit**
    (One motion to approve all fees)

County Manager Frank H. Murphy next read aloud the proposed 2026 license and permit fees. He stated the fee prices remain the same as in 2025.

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Kennedy to approve all 2026 fees as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

15. **Department Reports**

EMA/Fire Chief Walt Rogers expressed his appreciation to County Attorney Tom Peterson and all involved for their diligent work on closing on the property for the new EMA operations/training center. County Attorney Tom Peterson also shared his gratitude to all. All members and the community gratefully recognize the generous donation of 14.23 acres of land for the EMA facility, made possible by Mr. R. T. Stanley and Prakeish (Peter) Patel, that will benefit generations to come in Tattnall County. The SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax) will fund the new facility.

A) **Request to Solicit Proposals for Auditing Services**

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

16. **Commission/Staff Comments**

In light of a recent accident involving a fatality, Commissioner Bobby Kennedy expressed his desire to request a traffic study at the intersection at State Route (SR) 196 & Rogers Road. After much discussion from all members concerning traffic in the area, the recent installation of a 'No Right Turn' sign for trucks off of Rogers Road onto SR 196 by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), and questions concerning other signage placed on County roads, Commissioner Kennedy respectfully asked to once again amend the agenda to add the following new items for consideration:

A) Immediate removal of all unauthorized signs not installed by the County which are prohibited within the County's right-of-way

B) Request for a review of the SR 196 & Rogers Road intersection by EXP U.S. Services, Inc., the County's contracted on-call transportation and engineering construction and inspection service

C) Request for a GDOT traffic study at the intersection of SR 196 & Rogers Road

Chairman Kicklighter called for a motion to approve.

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Conley to approve amending the agenda to add Items 16A, 16B, & 16C as stated above. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kicklighter next called for a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

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

A) **Immediate removal of all unauthorized signs not installed by the County which are prohibited within the County's right-of-way**

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Conley to approve the immediate removal of all unauthorized signs not installed by the County which are prohibited within the County's right-of-way. Motion carried unanimously.

B) **Request for a review of the SR 196 & Rogers Road intersection by EXP U.S. Services, Inc., the County's contracted on-call transportation and engineering construction and inspection service**

There was a motion by Commissioner Conley and a 2nd by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the request for a review of the SR 196 & Rogers Road intersection by EXP U.S. Services, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

C) **Request for a GDOT traffic study at the intersection of SR 196 & Rogers Road**

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the request for a GDOT traffic study at the intersection of SR 196 & Rogers Road. Motion carried unanimously.

17. **Public Comments**

Patty Barnard Busby, Greater Tattnall Chamber of Commerce (GTCC) Executive Director, expressed her sincere appreciation to all who pitched in and provided support for the recent Wiregrass Festival which was a great success.

County Manager Frank H. Murphy shared that the Tattnall Evans Training Center will soon relocate from Hwy 301 to 204 East Howard Street in Glennville. The Tattnall County Development Authority remodeled available space which they will begin leasing. County Project Manager Hal Dasher provided valuable oversight during the process and a ribbon-cutting ceremony is expected in the very near future. With the new facility they expect to be able to effectively serve even more individuals.

18. **Executive Session**

None

19. **Adjournment**

With no further discussion, there was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Conley to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

William (Bill) J. Kicklighter, Chairman

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Sheila R. Mills, Certified County Clerk

2026 Tattnall County Alcohol License Fees

License/Fee Type	Fee Amount
Background Check/Application Fee *Non-Refundable	$ 200.00
Retail Packaged Beer, Malt Beverages &/or Wine	$ 800.00
Retail Beer, Malt Beverages & Wine by the Drink Consumption on premises only	$ 800.00
Retail Packaged Distilled Spirits – Package Shop	$ 1,200.00
Retail Packaged Distilled Spirits, Beer, Malt Beverages &/or Wine - Package Shop	$ 1,200.00
Retail Distilled Spirits by the Drink Consumption on premises only	$ 1,200.00
Farm Winery	$ 800.00

2026 Tattnall County Salvage License Fees

License/Fee Type	Fee Amount
Background Check *Non-Refundable	$ 50.00
Salvage License	$ 200.00

2026 Tattnall County Pawn Shop License Fees

License/Fee Type	Fee Amount
Background Check *Non-Refundable	$ 50.00
Pawn Shop License	$ 100.00

2026 Tattnall County Recovery Residence Permit

License/Fee Type	Fee Amount
Recovery Residence Permit	$ 25.00