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, County Attorney Tom Peterson, PR/HR Administrator Angel Melton, Senior Accountant Kim Chavez, Crew Leader Wayne Martin, County Project Consultant Dennis Odom, EMA Director/Fire Chief Walt Rogers, County Extension Coordinator/ANR Agent Aubrey Shirley

Elected Officials Present: Sheriff Kyle Sapp, Probate Judge Tara Finnerty, Coroner Brad Anderson

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

Reverend David Lamm, Collins First Baptist Church, gave the Invocation.

Chairman Kicklighter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Approval of Agenda:**

County Manager Frank H. Murphy requested to amend the agenda to add a new item for consideration, **Item 7A: Road Department Vehicle Repairs; 2009 Volvo dump truck and 1999 Ford F150.**

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 Item 7A: Road Department Vehicle Repairs; 2009 Volvo dump truck and 1999 Ford F150. 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.

2. **Approval of Consent Agenda:**

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

1. Regular Commission Meeting Minutes – **January 5, 2026**
2. FLOST (Floating Local Option Sales Tax) Workshop Minutes – **January 5, 2026**
3. Special Called Meeting Minutes – **January 20, 2026**
4. FLOST (Floating Local Option Sales Tax) Workshop Minutes – **January 20, 2026**
5. Commission Liaison Workshop – **January 20, 2026**

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

Old Business:

None

New Business:

3. **Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA): Imposition of Floating Local Option Sales Tax (FLOST)**

County Attorney Tom Peterson stated the qualified municipalities of Collins, Reidsville, Manassas, and Glennville have all agreed to the IGA draft. The purpose of FLOST is to provide Ad Valorem property tax relief for the qualified cities and unincorporated area. All stakeholders and the public were invited to participate in a series of advertised workshops leading up to the final draft which is presented. If members vote to approve and adopt the executed IGA the County shall forward a copy of the same to the Tattnall County Board of Elections and Registration. The Election Superintendent shall issue the call for an election for the purpose of submitting the question of the imposition of 2026 FLOST to the voters within each qualified taxing district. County Attorney Peterson noted the Board of Elections and Registration shall execute a Public Notice: Resolution to Call for Special Election One Percent (1%) FLOST Referendum to be held May 19, 2026 and it must be published in the legal organ of Tattnall County once a week for four weeks immediately preceding the date of the election. The law sets a strict timeline for compliance which can be met if members vote to execute today.

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 the FLOST IGA. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Resolution 2026-7: Tattnall County Board of Commissioners Real Property Bid Proposal Invite**

County Attorney Tom Peterson explained this is a resolution to proceed with invitations regarding sale of a 1.785-acre tract described as Lot #2 in a recent survey done by Eason Land Services, LLC. The property is part of a larger tract owned by Tattnall County Board of Commissioners on John O. Parker Road. Specific rules and regulations must be followed in order to sell the property. In summary this sets forth the process to include:

- Public advertisement of invitation to submit sealed bid
- Public advertisement of sealed bid opening date and time
- Bid forms and/or documents may be obtained from the Office of the County Clerk Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until bidding closes.
- Cash only purchase
- Tattnall County reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Conley to approve and accept Resolution 2026-7 Tattnall County Board of Commissioners Real Property Bid Proposal Invite. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **2026 Vice Chairman & Board Liaison Recommendations (Attached)**
(One motion for all appointments.) Retroactive Term 1/1/26 – 12/31/26

Vice Chairman – Commissioner Billy D. Conley
Commissioner Ricky C. Jarriel – Roads & Bridges/county Shop
Commissioner Bobby Kennedy – Public Buildings/Code Enforcement/Reidsville Recreation/Animal Control/Action Pact & Pineland Mental Health Board
Commissioner Billy D. Conley – Public Buildings/Code Enforcement
Commissioner Wayne Tatum – Utility Billing/curbside Pickup/Glennville Recreation
Commissioner Wanda S. Allen – Emergency Services/Public Safety

Chairman Kicklighter read aloud the recommendations and called for a motion to approve.

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Allen to accept and approve the recommendations as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) 50/50 Georgia Forestry Commission Grant**

EMA Director/Fire Chief Walt Rogers explained Tattnall County has been awarded the 50/50 VFA grant and presented the following bids received for the purchase of fire equipment:

- FIRELINE, INC. $ 8,369.00
  Freight TBD
- NAFECO $10,819.48
  Freight TBD
- TEN-8 $18,893.44
  Freight INCLUDED IN QUOTE

He recommends going with the low bid from Fireline, Inc. for the equipment purchase and noted the Georgia Forestry pays fifty percent (50%) and the remaining fifty percent (50%) will be paid out of the SPLOST equipment budget.

There was a motion by Commissioner Conley and a 2nd by Commissioner Tatum to accept the low bid from Fireline, Inc. in the amount of $8,369.00 and approve the purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **Request to Solicit Proposals (RFP): State and Federal Funding Grant Facilitator**

EMA Director/Fire Chief Walt Rogers shared with members grant writing skills is a need within EMA noting the many state and federal grant funding opportunities available. iParametrics, LLC was brought on board to manage our FEMA grant reporting and have done an excellent job helping navigate the most recent storms, Tropical Storm Debby and Hurricane Helene. He requested permission to advertise a Request to Solicit Proposals (RFP) for a grant writing facilitator and went on to explain with certain types of grants once they are awarded, a percentage of the grant funding is dedicated to covering administration costs associated with implementing and monitoring the project.

There was a motion by Commissioner Allen and a 2nd by Commissioner Jarriel to approve the request to solicit RFPs for a state and federal funding grant facilitator. Motion carried unanimously.

7A. **Road Department Vehicle Repairs; 2009 Volvo dump truck and 1999 Ford F150**

Commissioner Ricky Jarriel stated the 2009 Volvo dump truck is in the shop in Savannah now and the estimate to fix it is over $6,000.00. He and Crew Leader Wayne Martin have researched the estimated repairs and believe if they bring the truck back to the County shop and have our mechanics complete a majority of the repairs in-house, only outsourcing the exhaust filter, the repair costs would be approximately $1,500.00. He shared the urgency in getting this truck back in service is essential for our road maintenance and made a recommendation to approve bringing the truck back to our shop to complete the repairs.

Commissioner Ricky Jarriel next shared the 1999 Ford F150 4X4 truck has been sitting in the north equipment yard and needs to have the transmission replaced. He stated the transmission repair is estimated to cost approximately $1,500.00. Commissioner Jarriel made a recommendation to fix the transmission.

Furthermore, he explained in his opinion the 4x4 truck is essential if the road crew is called out at night or during storms and it is in good shape other than the transmission. In closing, Commissioner Jarriel expressed his opinion that the truck is worth the cost to repair and would be reliable.

Crew Leader Wayne Martin respectfully disagreed with the recommendation to repair it due to the age, condition, and high mileage on the truck.

After much discussion on both vehicles, the repair costs involved to date, and whether or not to repair or surplus the vehicles, a decision was reached.

There was a motion by Commissioner Tatum and a 2nd by Commissioner Conley to bring the 2009 Volvo dump truck back to the County shop for in-house repair evaluation. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Kennedy to approve replacing the 1999 Ford F150 4x4 transmission. For clarification Chairman Kicklighter conducted a roll call vote; Commissioner Jarriel – "Yea", Commissioner Kennedy – "Yea", Commissioner Conley – "Yea", Commissioner Tatum – "Nay", Commissioner Allen – "Yea". The motion carried 4-1.

Chairman Kicklighter asked for confirmation what the $1,500.00 repair estimate included to which Commissioner Jarriel stated it includes installation and a one (1) year warranty.

8. **Department Reports**

None

9. **Commission/Staff Comments**

County Manager Frank H. Murphy shared in preparation for the significant winter storm that was expected to impact the region in late January Chairman Kicklighter was prepared to sign an emergency order which allows for the EMA to activate the County Emergency Operations Plan, but thankfully it was not needed.

10. **Public Comments**

None

11. **Executive Session**

Chairman Kicklighter called for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and real estate matters.

There was a motion by Commissioner Conley and a 2nd by Commissioner Allen to go into executive session at 9:44 a.m. to discuss personnel and 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 Allen to go back into open session at 10:13 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Commissioner Conley and a 2nd by Commissioner Allen to designate Louie Wayne Martin in his capacity as Crew Leader to be in charge of the Road Department shop and the employees, with the exception of the motor grader operators who will continue to report to the District Commissioner. Furthermore, in the event of leave or sick leave authorizations, motor grader operators are to report to Crew Leader Louie Wayne Martin in addition to their District Commissioner.

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Conley to advertise for the employment of a new Tattnall County Road Superintendent. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Commissioner Kennedy and a 2nd by Commissioner Jarriel to approve negotiations with Action Pact to lease the former adult literacy building and grounds located at 123 Tattnall Street in Reidsville, GA. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ricky Jarriel asked County Manager Murphy to follow up with the fuel pump system IT technician to ensure all wiring is secured and up off of the ground.

12. **Adjournment**

With no further discussion, there was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Kennedy to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

William (Bill) J. Kicklighter, Chairman

Sheila R. Mills, Certified County Clerk

CLERK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SEAL TATTNALL CO., GA.

2026 Vice Chairman &

Board Liaison Appointment Recommendations

Term: Retroactive January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Chairman Kicklighter's Recommendations:

(One motion for all appointments.)

Vice Chairman – Commissioner Billy D. Conley

Commissioner Ricky C. Jarriel – Roads & Bridges/County Shop

Commissioner Bobby Kennedy – Public Buildings/Code Enforcement/Reidsville Recreation/Animal Control/Action Pact & Pineland Mental Health Board

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Liaison Commissioner's Purpose:

Commissioners are assigned by the Board to one or more County offices, departments or agencies for the purposes of being informed about issues pertinent to the office, department, or agency.

1) It is the responsibility of the Liaison Commissioner to facilitate communication and coordination by sharing information from the office, department, committee, or agencies to the Board of Commissioners.

2) Serve as Board representative on committees pertaining to assigned offices, departments, or agencies with the County Officer or Department Head, Chairman, County Manager, County Clerk, and other County staff as necessary, to make recommendations to the full Board of Commissioners.

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 2/2/2026.

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

3.
The executive session was called to order at 9:44 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 February, 2026

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

Sworn to and subscribed
Before me this 2nd
Day of February, 2026.

Notary Public

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

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Wayne Tatum, & Wanda S. Allen
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Sr. Accountant Kimberly Chavez