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, County Attorney Tom Peterson, PR/HR Administrator Angel Melton, Crew Leader Wayne Martin, County Project Consultant Dennis Odom, EMA Director/Fire Chief Walt Rogers, EMS Director Dustin Dasher, EMS Assistant Director Jordan Rushing, County Project Manager Hal Dasher, County Election Administrator Barbie Mock, County Extension Coordinator/ANR Agent Aubrey Shirley

Elected Officials Present: Sheriff Kyle Sapp, Coroner Brad Anderson

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

Chairman Kicklighter introduced Mr. David Sikes, current Toombs County Chairman and former ACCG (Association County Commissioners of Georgia) president, who is running to represent District 19 in the GA State Senate. Mr. Sikes thanked members for the opportunity to speak and took a moment to share the Sikes family has been in Tattnall County for over 250 years. He feels this is a unique opportunity for individuals to have a fellow comrade representing them, a three-term commissioner who understands home rule and most of all has walked in the same shoes as each and every commission member. He stated he opposes unfunded mandates which place financial burdens on local communities and pledged to be available if there was ever anything he could do. Mr. Sikes closed by saying his goal is to be as well-loved and respected as the late Senator Jack Hill and fight for our values.

Mr. David Sikes 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 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 – **February 2, 2026**
2. License Agreement – **David E. Holland**
3. License Agreement – **Richard Larry Lynn**
4. FLOST (Floating Local Option Sales Tax) Workshop Minutes – **Wallace J. Weidencamp, Jr. & Mona Jean Weidencamp**

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. **Remarks and Appreciation to the Community by Retiring Superior Court Judge Glen A. Cheney**

Retiring Court Judge Glen A. Cheney thanked members for the opportunity to speak. He expressed his sincere appreciation to members, County Manager Frank H. Murphy, and staff who have always supported him. Judge Cheney served Tattnall County for thirty-seven (37) years, with ten (10) years as the Superior Court Judge, which vested and qualified him to serve as a Senior Court Judge appointed by the Governor. He shared he is looking forward to the opportunity and is working diligently to lure judges to accept the current open positions in Tattnall County.

County Attorney Tom Peterson expressed gratitude for the role Judge Cheney had in influencing his personal and professional career with a poignant yet comical trip down memory lane. In closing, he shared there is no better man than Glen Cheney and he will be missed.

Retiring Court Judge Glen A. Cheney thanked everyone for the kind words and closed by sharing his father always said "All I need is a kind word and that was a kind word" to which thunderous applause erupted and he received a standing ovation.

4. **Tattnall County 2026-001 Invitation for Purchase & Sale by Sealed Bid Results**

County Attorney Tom Peterson explained there was only one (1) bid received, in the amount of $27,500.00, from Mr. Marcus Floyd. If members vote to accept a contract will be executed and he will then proceed with the title examination and document preparation to include the deed and settlement statement, and then hold a closing.

County Manager Frank H. Murphy added the parcel of land was divided to get it into commercial use and get it back on the tax base. Mr. Floyd owns adjacent land and wants to add fifteen thousand (15,000) square feet of commercial space on the land.

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Kennedy to accept the bid of $27,500.00 from Mr. Marcus Floyd and approve the contract execution. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Warnell Barrow Road Relocation Proposal (Attached)**

County Project Consultant Dennis Odom and 1st District Commissioner Ricky Jarriel were approached by Mr. Phillip Collins and Mr. Daniel Kennedy, would like to add another poultry house on their property. He Warnell Barrow Road crosses over where they would like to build the poultry house and though they thought about petitioning to close a portion of the road after speaking with neighbors they do not want to do that. The landowners are proposing to cover all expenses to construct the relocated road, prepare a plat and deed for a thirty-foot (30') right of way, and prepare a plat and quit claim deed for the County to deed the existing road to the owner.

After much discussion and legal counsel there was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the Warnell Barrow Road relocation as proposed. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Tattnall County Board of Tax Assessors Resignation Letter: Pete Blocker**

Chairman Kicklighter read aloud Mr. Pete Blocker's resignation letter and recognized his many years of service on the board.

7. **Hiring Approval: County Road Superintendent**

All members were in agreement to postpone consideration of this matter until after discussion in Executive Session.

8. **2026-32 New Track Type Mini Excavator Sealed Bid Results**

County Road Crew Leader Wayne Martin presented the following bids received:

- Dobbs Equipment Company
  John Deere 85-P $136,000.00
- Hills Machinery Co.
  Hitachi ZX85-7 $139,700.00
- Low Country Machinery, Inc. dba Low Country JCB
  JCB 100c-2 $149,990.00
- National Equipment Dealers, LLC (NED)
  Yanmar SV100 $171,749.84
  Hyundai HX90A $146,396.03
- Shea Tractor & Equipment Company, Inc.
  Kubota KX080-5S3 *Straight Dozer Blade $143,500.00
  Kubota KX080-5S3A *Angle Dozer Blade $148,500.00
- Yancey Brothers
  Caterpillar 309 $156,914.00

Crew Leader Wayne Martin shared all bids met the minimum specifications required to include the Fecon mulcher mount placeholder and his recommendation was to accept the low bid of $136,000.00 from Dobbs Equipment Company.

There was a motion by Commissioner Tatum and a 2nd by Commissioner Conley to accept the low bid in the amount of $136,000.00 from Dobbs Equipment Company and approve the purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **2026-33 On Call Asphalt Spot Leveling Sealed Bid Results**

County Project Consultant Dennis Odom read aloud the following bids received for the repair of holes in the asphalt roads where sections are breaking up and beyond patching:

- AGF Seeding and Construction
  Asphalt $ 197.89 Ton
  Striping $ 18.40 Ft.
- Platinum Paving and Concrete, LLC
  Asphalt $ 309.00 Ton
  Striping $ 1.32 Ft.
- Southeast Georgia Asphalt
  Asphalt $ 245.00 Ton
  Striping $ 1.50 Ft.

- T & K Hicks Contracting, Inc. — Asphalt $ 222.00 Ton; Striping $ 1.50 Ft.

County Project Consultant Dennis Odom explained when the lowest bidder for asphalt and striping differ an annual calculation based on the prior year quantity totals are tallied. He next presented the 2025 annual calculation totals:

• AGF Seeding and Construction	Asphalt bid $197.89 x 500 tons =	$ 98,945.00
	Striping bid $ 18.40 x 14,000 ft. =	$257,600.00
	TOTAL YEARLY ESTIMATE	$356,545.00
• Platinum Paving and Concrete, LLC	Asphalt bid $309.00 x 500 tons =	$154,500.00
	Striping bid $ 1.32 x 14,000 ft. =	$ 18,480.00
	TOTAL YEARLY ESTIMATE	$172,980.00
• Southeast Georgia Asphalt	Asphalt bid $245.00 x 500 tons =	$122,500.00
	Striping bid $ 1.50 x 14,000 ft. =	$ 21,000.00
	TOTAL YEARLY ESTIMATE	$ 143,500.00
• T & K Hicks Contracting, Inc.	Asphalt bid $222.00 x 500 tons =	$ 111,000.00
	Striping bid $ 1.50 x 14,000 ft. =	$ 21,000.00
	TOTAL YEARLY ESTIMATE	$ 132,000.00

His recommendation was to award T & K Hicks Contracting, Inc. based on the lowest evaluated annualized cost.

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Kennedy to accept and approve the low bid from T & K Hicks Contracting, Inc. in the amount of $222.00 per ton for asphalt and $1.50 per foot for striping. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **Transportation Investment Act (TIA) Update**

County Project Consultant Dennis Odom gave a brief update on the following TIA (Transportation Investment Act) projects:

- Airport & Mile Field Road construction is complete with a few minor items which need to be addressed on Airport Road to finalize the project.
- Rushing Boone Road – RFQ advertised for design and engineering firms with recommendation expected in April.

He noted Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) TIA Band 3 funding set for release in 2030 is going to be available earlier than expected for the following projects:

- U.S. Hwy 280 and Lynntown Road Connector
- Beards Creek Church Road and Hencart Road Connector

Other project updates were as follows:

- Magnolia Road – Design and engineering in process including environmental evaluation, all right-of-way acquisitions are complete and fencing has been removed.
- Lincoln Street – Right-of-way acquisitions in progress

11. Request to Solicit Bids: Original Courthouse Roof Replacement

County Project Manager Hal Dasher requested permission to solicit bids to replace the original courthouse roof. He explained a bad leak in the west stairwell was temporarily repaired successfully earlier this year but full replacement is recommended. He estimates the project investment to be around $150,000.00.

County Manager Frank H. Murphy shared SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax) collections are up since 2020 and there are reserves set aside dedicated to public buildings to fund the project.

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Conley to approve the request to solicit bids for the courthouse roof replacement. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Department Reports

None

13. Commission/Staff Comments

Commissioner Ricky C. Jarriel shared he is often questioned about the County's ISO fire rating. EMA Director/Fire Chief Walt Rogers explained an ISO audit is expected this year and re-evaluations are conducted every five (5) years. While an ISO rating doesn't guarantee the lowest premium as insurers also consider natural disasters and the specific location of one's home, he shared continued efforts to lower our ISO classification is a top priority supported by our continued investment in the volunteer fire department's equipment and personnel. The addition of a new fire truck purchased with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding enhances our fire suppression capabilities. Water supply logistics and distribution remain a concern due to Tattnall County's large, expansive geography, but mutual aid agreements with neighboring counties are advantageous.

Tattnall County Board of Elections Administrator Barbie Mock shared as of January 1, 2026 Georgia county and city commissioners must file campaign finance and personal financial disclosure reports directly with the State Ethics Commission through the new "PeachFile" system.

14. Public Comments

Ms. Donna Blocker asked for a status update concerning an occupancy permit for a mobile home moved onto property near the Glennville Veterans Cemetery. County Manager Frank H. Murphy stated there will be no occupancy permit issued by the Tattnall County Code Enforcement Officer and any violations would be handled through formal civil litigation.

15. **Executive Session**

Chairman Kicklighter called for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel.

There was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Conley to go into executive session at 9:52 a.m. to discuss personnel 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 Conley to go back into open session at 10:51 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Commissioner Conley and a 2nd by Commissioner Tatum to approve the hiring of Louie Wayne Martin as County Road Superintendent. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Commissioner Tatum and a 2nd by Commissioner Conley to formally accept County Manager Frank H. Murphy's request to rescind his retirement notice, approve cancellation, and confirm continued employment appointment through December 31, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

16. **Adjournment**

With no further discussion, there was a motion by Commissioner Jarriel and a 2nd by Commissioner Kennedy to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

William (Bill) J. Kicklighter, Chairman

Sheila R. Mills, Certified County Clerk

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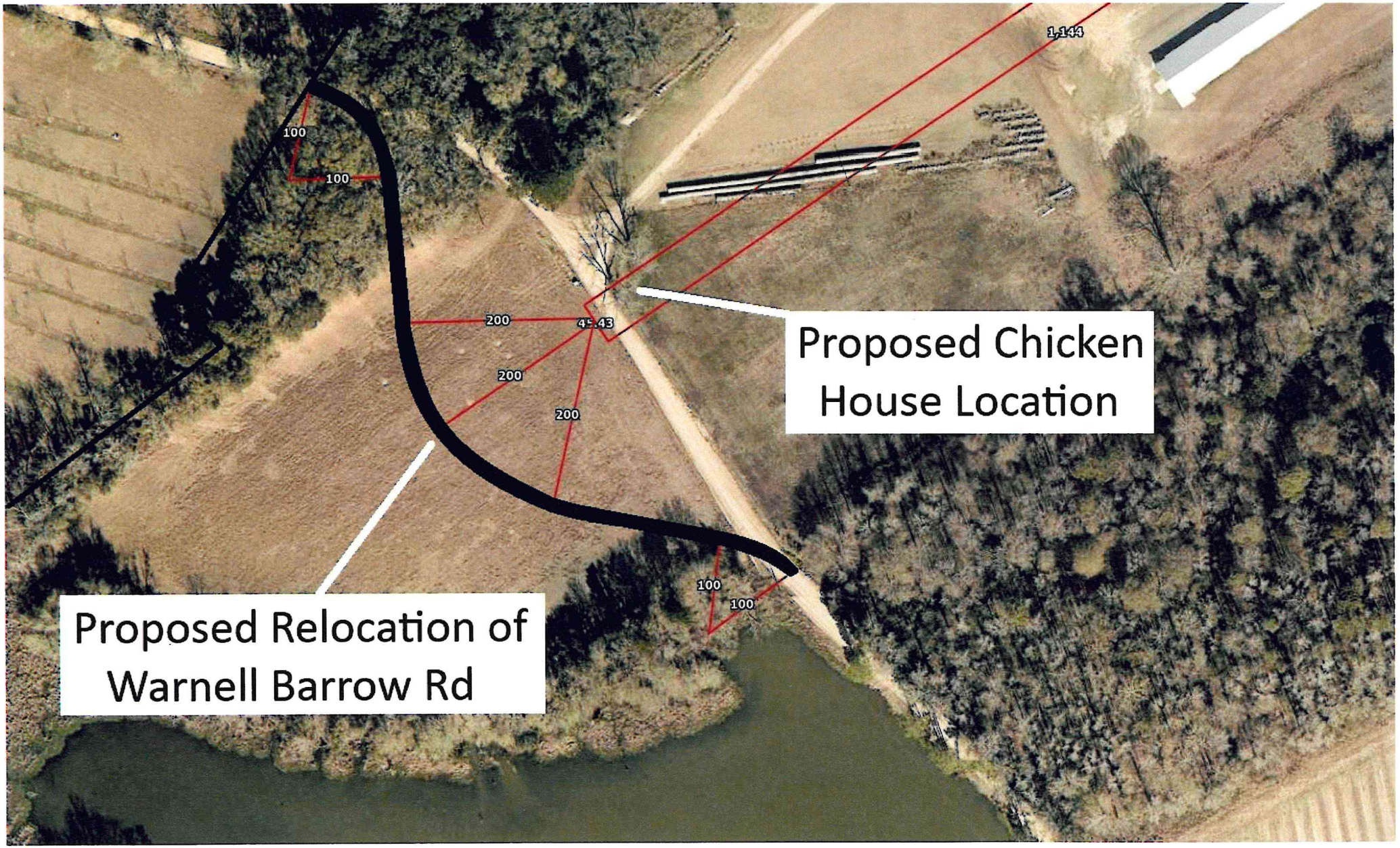
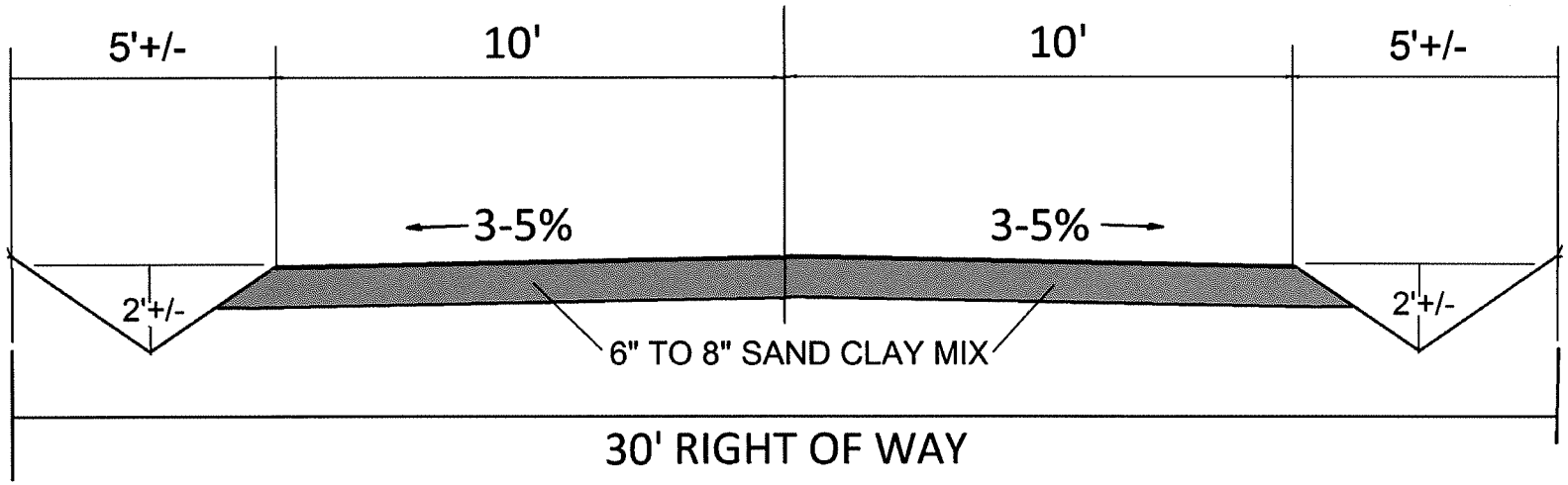


Warnell Barrow Rd. Relocation

Property owner has agreed to construct the relocated road, prepare a plat and deed for a 30' right of way, and prepare a plat and deed for the county to deed the existing road to the owner. Existing road is 730' long. Relocated road will be 800' long

TYPICAL SECTION

DIRT ROAD



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 March 2, 2026.

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

3.
The executive session was called to order at 9:55 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 2nd day of March, 2026.

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

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

Notary Public

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ricky C. Jarriel, Bobby Kennedy, Billy D. Conley, Wayne Tatum, Wanda S. Allen, County Atty. Tom Peterson, County Clerk Sheila R. Mills, PR/HR Admin. Angel Melton