



March 6, 2025,

Commissioners Board Meeting

6:45 PM

Chairperson Kenneth Petty called March 6, 2025, Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 6:45 PM. The invocation and pledge of allegiance followed.

Chuck Jones with Alpha Animal Control came and spoke with the board about options for animal control issues we are having in the county as well as giving the county options on writing summons and fees for animal control. Mr. Jones also stated that his website is Alpha Animal Control Shelter, and his number is posted on his website.

Tracey Green addressed the Commission about a board meeting that was held on April 7, 2022. At the April 7, 2022 meeting there was a discussion about the commissioners' pay going to \$50.00 per meeting to offset the adding the two new commissioners to the board and that a resolution could be approved to do this. Mr. Green concern was that had this resolution been adopted it could have helped the county not have a shortfall on the budgets. The commissioners decided to table this until the next board meeting to do some research on this matter.

Stacey Watkins with Watkins & Associates, LLC to come speak with the board about the water system. MR. Watkins has dealt with small counties with their water systems. Commissioner Justin Staten stated that we are discussing whether it would be beneficial for the county to take over the water system. Mr. Watkins explained what grants we might to accept, What the process might would be and would be beneficial for the county to take over the water system without it being a tax burden for the county.

7:00 PM Chairperson Kenneth Petty requested motion to close the March 6, 2025 meeting workshop. Commissioner Bobby Walker made a motion to close the March 6, 2025 meeting workshop. Vice-Chairman Bobbi Rodgers seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

Chairperson Kenneth Petty requested a motion to approve the agenda of the March 6 ,2025 board meeting. Commissioner Stanley Corbett made a motion to approve the agenda of March 6 ,2025. Commissioner Justin Staten seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

Chairperson Kenneth Petty requested a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 3,2025. Commissioner Justin Staten made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 3,2025 board meeting. Commissioner Bobbi Rodgers seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

Chairperson Kenneth Petty requested a motion to appoint Lisa Jones as the chairperson of the DFACS Board and Mary Lou Carter as Vice-Chairperson. Vice-Chairman Bobbi Rodgers made motion to appoint Lisa Jones as the chairperson of the DFACS Board and Mary Lou Carter as Vice-Chairperson. Commissioner Justin Staten seconded. Motion Carried 5/0.

Chairperson Kenneth Petty requested motion to approve the Echols County permit fee schedule. Commissioner Justin Staten made a motion to approve the Echols County permit fee schedule. Commissioner Bobby Walker seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

Chairman Kenneth Petty requested motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Department of Transportation, United States of America, and Georgia Department of Transportation, For a Grant under TITLE 49 U.S.C., Section 5311. Bobby Walker made motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Department of Transportation, United States of America, and Georgia Department of Transportation, For a Grant under TITLE 49 U.S.C., Section 5311. Commissioner Justin Staten seconded motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Department of Transportation, United States of America, and Georgia Department of Transportation, For a Grant under TITLE 49 U.S.C., Section 5311. Motion carried 5/0.

Chairperson Kenneth Petty requested a motion to approve the election increase to the election budget. Commissioner Justin Staten made a motion to approve the election increase to the election budget. Commissioner Stanley Corbett seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

Chairperson Kenneth Petty requested the motion to adopt resolution 2025-008-to establish a safety coordinator. Commissioner Bobby Walker made a motion to adopt resolution 2025-008-to establish a safety coordinator. Commissioner Justin Staten seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

8:30 PM Chairperson Kenneth Petty requested motion to go into executive session, Vice-Chairman Bobbi Rodgers made a motion to go into executive session. Commissioner Bobby Walker seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

8:55 Chairperson Kenneth Petty requested motion to come out of executive session. Commissioner Bobby Walker made a motion to come out of the executive session. Vice-Chairman Bobbi Rodgers seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

Chairperson Kenneth Petty stated that personnel were discussed and that Judge Rodgers requested that they appoint Teri Laseter as Deputy Magistrate Judge.

Chairperson Kenneth Petty Requested a motion to appoint Teri Laseter as Deputy Magistrate Judge. Commissioner Bobby Walker made a motion to appoint Teri Laseter as the Deputy Magistrate Judge. Vice-Chairman Bobbi Rodgers seconded. Motion Carried 5/0.

9:01 PM Chairperson Kenneth Petty requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bobby Walker made a motion to adjourn. Vice-Chairman Bobbi Rodgers seconded. Motion carried 5/0.



Kenneth Petty, Chairperson



Shona Carter, County Clerk

