

April 10,2025

## Commissioners Board Meeting

6:45PM

Chairperson Kenneth Petty called the April 10,2025, Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 6:45 PM. The invocation and pledge of allegiance followed.

Patrick Dupree, the chair of the Board of Elections, provided the commissioners with an update regarding the election office. He emphasized the necessity of having a poll manager and poll viewers on election days. Additionally, Mr. Dupree discussed the advantages of establishing a polling site for the Election Office, which would enhance security, reduce wear and tear on equipment, and minimize the costs associated with transporting the equipment. This is a consideration the board should consider moving forward.

Mr. Tyler Carter expressed his desire to discuss the upcoming Boys and Girls Club at the former IGA location and extended his gratitude to Mrs. Karen Black and others who played a pivotal role in bringing this vision to fruition for the children in our county.

At 6:55, Chairperson Kenneth Petty called for a motion to adjourn the workshop. Commissioner Bobby Walker proposed the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Justin Staten. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of 5 to 0.

Chairperson Kenneth Petty officially commenced the Board meeting on April 10, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

Chairperson Kenneth Petty called for a motion to approve the agenda for the Board meeting scheduled on April 10, 2025. Commissioner Justin Staten proposed the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Stanley Corbett. The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 5 to 0.

Chairperson Kenneth Petty called for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on March 6, 2025. Commissioner Stanley Corbett proposed the motion, which was seconded by Vice-Chairperson Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers. The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 5 to 0.

Chairperson Kenneth Petty proposed a motion to approve a resolution for amending the Sheriff's office budget by \$48,000.00. Vice-Chairman Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers supported this motion, and Commissioner Justin Staten seconded it. The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 5 to 0.

Chairperson Kenneth Petty initiated a motion to endorse the Georgia Department of Transportation's plan to replace two bridges in Howell under the Local Bridge Replacement Program (LOCBR). Commissioner Justin Staten proposed the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Stanley Corbett. The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 5 to 0.

Chairperson Kenneth Petty called for a motion to approve the updated contract for Animal Control. Commissioner Justin Staten proposed the motion to accept the revised contract, which was seconded by Commissioner Stanley Corbett. The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 5 to 0.

Commissioner Bobby Walker spoke to the commission regarding the conversation from the previous meeting concerning the compensation of commissioners pay being set at \$500.00 for each board meeting.

Chairperson Kenneth Petty proposed a motion to maintain the current compensation for the Board of Commissioners in accordance with the ACCG salary guidelines. Bobby Walker formally moved to uphold the existing pay structure as per the ACCG salary guidelines. Vice-Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers supported the motion. Commissioner Stanley Corbett expressed opposition. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 in favor and 1 against.

At 7:23, Chairperson Kenneth Petty called for a motion to enter an executive session. Commissioner Bobby Walker proposed the motion, which was

seconded by Vice-Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of 5 to 0.

At 7:31, Chairperson Kenneth Petty called for a motion to exit the executive session. Commissioner Bobby Walker proposed the motion, which was seconded by Vice-Chairman Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of 5 to 0.

Chairperson Kenneth Petty announced that the executive session addressed personnel matters, but no decisions were reached at this moment.

At 7:33 PM, Chairperson Kenneth Petty called for a motion to adjourn the Board meeting held on April 10, 2025. Commissioner Bobby Walker proposed the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Stanley Corbett. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote of 5 to 0.

Kenneth Petty, Chairman

Shona Carter, County Clerk