



December 4, 2025,

Commissioners Meeting

6:45 PM

Chairman Kenneth Petty called the December 4, 2025 Board of Commissioners meeting to order. The invocation and pledge of allegiance followed.

Chairman Kenneth Petty discussed the County's process of taking over the water system and announced that Bill Rodgers will assume responsibility for the system's maintenance. Chairman Petty further stated that the County will bill a flat rate of \$45.00 for the current month while efforts continue to locate all water meters.

Commissioner Bobby Walker announced the opening of a new business in Town. Three, Five, and Six—Nutrition—and encouraged everyone in the community to stop by and show their support for this new local establishment.

The Board of Commissioners has decided to schedule a special workshop meeting on an as-needed basis each month, to be held on the third Thursday of every month. The first workshop meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

Mr. Tyler Carter inquired about whether the Lawn Care Bids would be submitted as sealed bids. The County will issue an addendum requiring that all Lawn Care Bids be either mailed or dropped off at the Echols County Board of Commissioners Office as sealed bids. The bid deadline will also be extended to a later date.

Chairman Kenneth Petty requested a motion to adjourn the December 4, 2025, Workshop. Vice-Chairman Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers made motion. Commissioner Bobby Walker seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

Chairman Kenneth Petty requested motion to approve the agenda of the December 4, 2025 board meeting, Commissioner Justin Satten made motion. Vice-Chairman Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

Chairman Kenneth Petty requested a motion to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2025 Board Meeting. Commissioner Stanley Corbett made the motion, and Vice-Chairman Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers seconded. The motion carried 5–0.

Mr. Jimmy Tucker Chairman of the Board of Elections requested an update for a building for an election precinct. County Manager Alan Levesque stated that the commission is currently in the process of gathering information and exploring options for potential precinct buildings.

Chairman Kenneth Petty requested a motion to approve the purchase of replacement patrol vehicle computers for the Echols County Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Justin Staten made the motion, and Commissioner Bobby Walker seconded. The motion carried 5/0.

Chairman Kenneth Petty requested a motion to approve the 2026 Holiday Schedule. The commissioners tabled the vote until additional feedback could be collected from the employees who would be affected by the proposed changes.

Chairman Kenneth Petty requested a motion to approve the 2026 Meeting schedule. Vice-Chairman Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers made motion. Commissioner Justin Staten seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

Chairman Kenneth Petty requested a motion to give gift cards to each employee in the amount of \$50.00 as a Christmas bonus. Commissioner Justin Staten made motion. Commissioner Bobby Walker seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

Chairman Kenneth Petty requested a motion to nominate the Board of Commissioners Chairman and Vice-Chairman FY-2026. Commissioner Bobby Walker made motion to nominate Justin Staten as Chairman Vice-Chairman Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

Chairman Kenneth Petty requested motion to nominate Commissioner Stanley Corbett as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Bobby Walker made motion. Commissioner Justin Staten seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

Chairman Kenneth Petty requested motion to set the qualifying fees for the 2026 election. Vice-Chairman Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers made motion. Commissioner Bobby Walker seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

Chairman Kenneth Petty requested a motion to contract Watkin's and Associates for the 2026 LMIG Project for 1.4% of contract amount. Commissioner Justin Staten made motion. Vice-Chairman Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers seconded. Motion carried 4/1 with Commissioner Stanley Corbett opposed.

Chairman Kenneth Petty requested a motion to request sales tax information from the GA Department of Revenue. Vice-Chairman Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers made motion, Commissioner Bobby Walker Seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

Chairman Kenneth Petty announced that the Christmas parade would be held on December the 20, 2026 at 6;00 PM.

Chairman Kenneth petty also announced that GA DOT has a Contract to repave SR 129 S From the Stateline to SR94.

Chairman Kenneth Petty requested a motion to go into executive session. Commissioner Bobby Walker made motion. Vice-Chairman Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

Chairman Kenneth Petty requested a motion to come out of executive session. Vice-Chairman Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers made motion. Commissioner Justin Staten seconded. Motion carried 5/0.

Chairman Kenneth Petty stated that personnel matters were discussed in executive session.

Chairman Kenneth Petty requested a motion to adjourn the December 4, 2025 board meeting. Commissioner Justin Staten made the motion, and Vice-Chairman Bobbi Rodgers seconded. The motion carried 5/0.



Justin Staten , Chairman



Shona Carter, County Clerk

