



January 8, 2026

Commissioners Meeting Minutes

6:45 PM

Chairman Justin Staten called the January 8, 2026 Board of Commissioners meeting to order. The invocation and pledge of allegiance followed.

Commissioner Bobby Walker discussed the possibility of adding a breakroom for the road department. The commissioners agreed to move forward by soliciting bids for the construction of a breakroom within the road department building.

Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers addressed the Commission regarding the possibility of allocating funds for new Christmas decorations for the county courthouse for the upcoming holiday season. She noted that the current decorations are very worn and damaged, and new decorations would greatly improve the courthouse's appearance during the holidays. County Manager stated a \$5000.00 was offered to Echols County Commission for decorations.

At 6:59 PM, Chairman Justin Staten requested a motion to close the workshop portion of the board meeting. Commissioner Kenneth Petty made the motion, and Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers seconded. The motion carried unanimously, **4-0**.

At 7:00 PM, Chairman Justin Staten called the regular portion of the board meeting to order.

Chairman Justin Staten requested a motion to approve the agenda for the **January 8, 2026** board meeting. Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers made motion. Commissioner Kenneth Petty seconded. The motion carried unanimously, **4-0**.

Chairman Justin Staten requested a motion to approve the minutes of the **December 4, 2025** board meeting. Commissioner Kenneth Petty made the motion, and Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers seconded. The motion carried unanimously, **4-0**.

Sheriff Randy Courson requested consideration for adding an **awning** to the side of the **Sheriff's Office** to provide cover for judges attending court, so they will not get wet in the event of rain. He noted that this project could be considered in conjunction with the **new roof installation at the county courthouse**, which is currently in progress. Commission stated thus would be checked into.

Jimmy Tucker, Chairperson of the Board of Elections also requested an update on the previous request of a building for the Board of Elections so we would not have to move the machines during the elections. The Commission is still in process of discussing this and trying to make the best for equipment care and cost effectiveness.

Chairman Justin Staten requested a motion to approve the **2026 Holiday Schedule** for county employees. Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers made motion. Commissioner Kenenth Petty seconded. The motion carried unanimously, **4-0**.

Chairman Justin Staten requested a motion to nominate **Mrs. Charlene Davis** to serve on the **South Georgia Community Service Board for Legacy Behavioral Health**. Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers made the motion, and Commissioner Kenneth Petty seconded. The motion carried unanimously, **4-0**.

Chairman Justin Staten requested a motion to nominate **Mrs. Karen Black** to serve on the **GA Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council**. Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers made the motion, and Commissioner Kenneth Petty seconded. The motion carried unanimously, **4-0**.

Chairman Justin Staten requested a motion to award the **Lawn Care Contract to Southern Acres Lawn Care**. Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers made the motion, and Commissioner Kenneth Petty seconded. The motion carried unanimously, **4-0**.

Chairman Justin Staten requested a motion to accept the **Community Development Block Grant Engineering Services Award**. Commissioner Kenneth Petty made the motion, and Commissioner Bobby Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously, **4-0**.

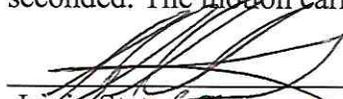
Chairman Justin Staten requested a motion to accept the **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Administrative Services Award**. Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers made the motion, and Commissioner Bobby Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously, **4-0**.

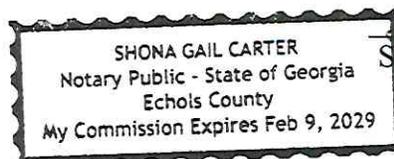
At 7:35 PM, Chairman Justin Staten requested a motion to go into **Executive Session**. Commissioner Bobby Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously, **4-0**.

At 7:50 PM, Chairman Justin Staten requested a motion to come out of **Executive Session**. Commissioner Kenneth Petty made the motion, and Commissioner Bobby Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously, **4-0**.

Chairman Justin Staten stated that **personnel matters** were discussed during **Executive Session**.

At 7:58 PM, Chairman Justin Staten requested a motion to adjourn the **January 8, 2026** Board meeting. Commissioner Kenneth Petty made the motion, and Commissioner Bobby Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously, **4-0**.


Justin Staten, Chairman




Shona Carter, County Clerk