



ECHOLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2026

Echols County Courthouse

Workshop: 6:45 PM | Regular Meeting: 7:00 PM

Workshop Session

6:45 PM – Chairman Justin Staten called the February 5, 2026 Board of Commissioners meeting to order. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Boys & Girls Club Update

Ryan Tuten, representing the Boys & Girls Club, provided an update regarding the upcoming soft opening scheduled for April 6, 2026, the Monday following Spring Break, at the Echols County location. Mr. Tuten reported that staffing for the facility is currently in progress. Second Harvest will provide meals, along with additional community resources. The facility plans to host several summer camps and anticipates serving 40–50 children during the soft opening in April, with the goal of serving 80–100 children once the school year resumes.

South Georgia Community Service Board Update

Mrs. Charlene Davis, who was nominated to serve on the South Georgia Community Service Board for the Legacy Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council, attended her first meeting and provided an update. Mrs. Davis noted that Echols County was the first county to receive a mobile healthcare unit. She also stated that the board expressed interest in the availability of the Boys & Girls Club to assist children should the need arise.

6:56 PM – Chairman Justin Staten requested a motion to close the workshop portion of the meeting.

- **Motion:** Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers
 - **Second:** Commissioner Kenneth Petty
 - **Vote:** Motion carried **5–0**
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Regular Session

7:00 PM – Chairman Justin Staten called the regular meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Justin Staten requested a motion to approve the agenda for the February 6, 2026 Board meeting.

- **Motion:** Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers
- **Second:** Commissioner Kenneth Petty
- **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously **4–0**

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Justin Staten requested a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2026 Board meeting.

- **Motion:** Commissioner Kenneth Petty
- **Second:** Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers
- **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously **5–0**

Sheriff's Report – Bethel Church Road

Sheriff Randy Courson requested the placement of truck restriction signs on Bethel Church Road due to reckless driving by produce trucks, citing several incidents posing safety concerns to motorists. The Commission agreed to further discuss alternative options before installing signage.

Animal Control Authority

Chairman Justin Staten requested a motion to allow Alapaha Animal Control to issue summons pursuant to the Animal Control Ordinance adopted January 4, 2025.

- **Motion:** Commissioner Bobby Walker
- **Second:** Commissioner Stanley Corbett
- **Vote:** Motion carried **4–1**, Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers abstaining

Monthly Workshop Meetings

Chairman Justin Staten requested a motion to adopt monthly workshop meetings to be held on the **third Thursday of each month**.

- **Motion:** Commissioner Kenneth Petty
- **Second:** Commissioner Bobby Walker
- **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously **5–0**

Addition of Streetlights (Hwy 94 & Hwy 129E)

Chairman Justin Staten requested a motion to add streetlights along Highway 94 and Highway 129E. The Sheriff requested the County explore adding lighting beginning at the school and

continuing around the intersection onto Highway 129E. Georgia Power conducted a lighting survey and proposed seven (7) lights, with an estimated county cost of \$196 per month.

- **Motion:** Commissioner Kenneth Petty
- **Second:** Commissioner Bobby Walker
- **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously **5–0**

Awning Construction – Courthouse

Chairman Justin Staten requested a motion to table the change order for the construction of an awning at the Courthouse until the project could be rebid.

- **Motion:** Commissioner Bobby Walker
- **Second:** Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers
- **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously **5–0**

Brick Repairs – Courthouse Buildings

Chairman Justin Staten requested a motion to approve the change order for repairs to **six brick locations** on the Courthouse buildings.

- **Motion:** Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers
- **Second:** Commissioner Kenneth Petty
- **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously **5–0**

Payroll Bridge Week

Chairman Justin Staten requested a motion to table the approval of payroll bridge week pending further information.

- **Motion:** Commissioner Bobby Walker
- **Second:** Commissioner Kenneth Petty
- **Vote:** Motion Carried Unanimously **5-0**

Executive Session

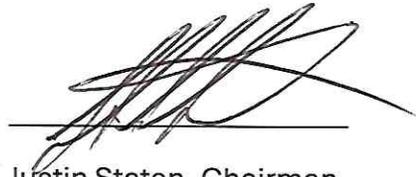
Chairman Staten asked the Board if an executive session was needed. No executive session was required.

Adjournment

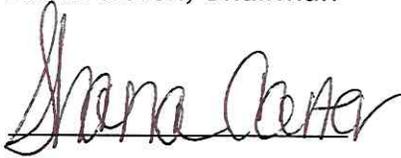
7:23 PM – Chairman Justin Staten requested a motion to adjourn the February 2026 Board meeting.

- **Motion:** Commissioner Bobby Walker
- **Second:** Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers
- **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously **5–0**

Attendees: Chairman Justin Staten, Vice-Chairman Stanley Corbett, Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers, Commissioner Kenneth Petty, Commissioner Bobby Walker, County Clerk Shona Carter, Sheriff Randy Courson, Jamie Jones, Chuck Jones, Charlene Davis Dan Davis, Angie Corbett, Tracey Green, Editha Williamson. Karen Black, Troy Black, Anthony Everette, Ryan Tuten, Michelle Tuten, John Darling. others that were ineligible.



Justin Staten, Chairman



Shona Carter , County Clerk

