



ECHOLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2026

Echols County Courthouse

110 Hwy 94 E

Statenville, GA

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

Workshop Session

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

Concession Stand – Recreation Area: Chairman Justin Staten addressed a request to help revamp the concession stand at the ball field. The board discussed gathering ideas and pricing for improvements to the recreation area. This matter will be discussed further once pricing and additional details are obtained.

Bethel Church Road: Chairman Justin Staten discussed concerns on Bethel Church Road. Sheriff Randy Courson requested the placement of truck restriction signs due to reckless driving by produce trucks, citing several incidents posing safety concerns to motorists. The commission agreed to lower the speed limit from 55 MPH to 45 MPH.

Echols County Board of Education Building: Chairman Justin Staten addressed the possibility of the county purchasing or leasing the Echols County Board of Education building for Elections office. Further discussion will occur once additional information has been obtained.

7:00 PM – Motion to close workshop. Motion: Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers.
Second: Commissioner Kenneth Petty. Vote: Passed unanimously (5–0).

Regular Session

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

Approval of Agenda – Motion: Commissioner Kenneth Petty. Second: Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers. Vote: Passed unanimously (5–0).

Approval of Minutes (February 5, 2026) – Motion: Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers.
Second: Vice-Chairman Stanley Corbett. Vote: Passed unanimously (5–0).

Consent Agenda

Community Development Block Grant Resolution.

Interfund Cost Allocation & Composite Fringe Rate Policy.

The consent agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Monthly Workshop Meetings

Motion to discontinue workshops immediately prior to regular board meetings since workshops are held on the third Thursday of each month.

Motion: Commissioner Kenneth Petty. Second: Vice-Chairman Stanley Corbett. Vote: Passed unanimously (5–0).

Installation of Two EV Charging Stations at the Courthouse

No motion or second was made; the item died for lack of a motion.

Nuisance Ordinance

Motion to table until further information is gathered.

Motion: Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers. Second: Commissioner Bobby Walker.
Vote: Passed unanimously (5–0).

RV Ordinance

Motion to approve the RV Ordinance establishing a framework for RV parks in accordance with NFPA 1194 standards.

Motion: Commissioner Kenneth Petty. Second: Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers.
Vote: Passed unanimously (5–0).

Road Department Contract Award

Chairman Justin Staten requested a motion to award the contract to Chuck Smith Construction following the opening of sealed bids on **February 25, 2026**.

Motion: None
Second: None
Vote: Motion died

A second motion was made to purchase the materials and have the **Road Department crew construct the breakroom.**

Motion: Commissioner Bobby Walker. Second: Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers.
Vote: Passed unanimously (5-0).

Resolution to Adopt FY2025 Budget

Motion: Vice-Chairman Stanley Corbett. Second: Commissioner Kenneth Petty. Vote: Passed unanimously (5-0).

Resolution Requesting Sales Tax Information from the Georgia Department of Revenue

Motion: Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers. Second: Commissioner Bobby Walker.
Vote: Passed unanimously (5-0).

Purchase of a New Batwing Mower

Item tabled until additional bids are received.

Announcements

A Public Hearing for the CDBG Application will be held March 12, 2026 at 2:00 PM at the Commissioners' Office.

Executive Session

7:25 PM – Motion to enter executive session. Motion: Commissioner Bobby Walker. Second: Commissioner Kenneth Petty. Vote: Passed unanimously (5-0).

7:45 PM – Motion to return to regular session. Motion: Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers. Second: Vice-Chairman Stanley Corbett. Vote: Passed unanimously (5-0).

Personnel matters were discussed and no action was taken.

Adjournment

7:49 PM – Motion to adjourn. Motion: Commissioner Bobby Walker. Second: Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers. Vote: Passed unanimously (5-0).

Attendees

Justin Staten, Stanley Corbett, Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers, Kenneth Petty, Bobby Walker

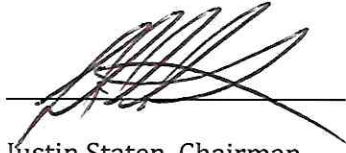
Alan Levesque (County Manager), Shona Carter (County Clerk), Randy Courson (Sheriff)

Charlene Davis, Dan Davis, Daisy Corbett, Floyd Corbett, Tracey Green, Jesse Bennett, Karen Black, Troy Black, Anthony Everette, Teresa Rewis, Diane Carter, Kevin Simpson, Crystal Simpson

Others were present but did not sign in.

Approval

These minutes were approved by the Echols County Board of Commissioners on the 2nd day of April, 2026.



Justin Staten, Chairman

Echols County Board of Commissioners



Shona Carter, County Clerk

