



ECHOLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Workshop Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2026 – 6:00 PM

The Echols County Board of Commissioners held a Workshop Meeting on May 21, 2026, at 6:00 PM. Chairman Justin Staten called the workshop meeting to order. An invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Commissioners' Discussion

Residential Landfill Stickers

The first item discussed was residential landfill stickers to help offset the cost of operating the landfill. The stickers would also assist in identifying authorized users and preventing outside contractors from utilizing the landfill. The proposed cost for the stickers is \$100.00, and possession of a sticker would be required to dispose of trash at the Echols County Landfill.

July 4th Celebration

The July 4th Celebration for Echols County was discussed regarding the increased cost of fireworks this year. The cost has increased from \$4,000.00 to \$6,000.00. It was also discussed that if drought conditions exist, fireworks may not be permitted this year. This item will be added to the agenda for a vote at the next Board of Commissioners meeting to be held on June 4, 2026, at the Echols County Courthouse beginning at 7:00 PM.

Wildfire Update

A wildfire update was discussed regarding the numerous donations received for the Pineland Fire incident. The Commission discussed how the donations would be applied, and it was noted that some food donations would be distributed through the food drive and within the community.

Capital Improvements

Capital improvements were discussed, including playground improvements, courthouse repairs, and baseball field improvements. The Commission agreed that these items need further discussion and that an improvement plan should be developed for the future of Echols County.

Capital Outlay

The Commission discussed mechanical issues involving the 4-H Agent's Ford truck. The Board discussed whether it would be in the best interest of the County to repair the vehicle or purchase a replacement. Additional information will be gathered before the matter is placed on a future agenda for a vote.

Nuisance Laws

Nuisance laws for Echols County were discussed. Constituents in attendance addressed their concerns regarding nuisance laws and potential ordinances. The Board is currently in the process of developing ordinances intended to benefit all county constituents. The nuisance law rewrite will be placed on the agenda for the next Board of Commissioners' meeting.


Road Name Request

Resident Edward Carter requested permission to rename a private road. The current address is 803 US Hwy 129 South. Mr. Carter requested that the address be changed to 22 Goshen Farm Road. Mr. Carter will be responsible for any costs associated with the renaming process, including publication costs, signage, application fees, and any additional related expenses.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the workshop meeting was adjourned.

Signatures

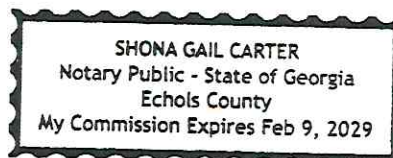


Justin Staten, Chairman

Shona Carter, County Clerk



Attendees



Chairman Justin Staten, Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman-Rodgers, Commissioner Kenneth Petty, Commissioner Bobby Walker, County Manager Alan Levesque, County Clerk Shona Carter, Dan Davis, Charlene Davis, and Devon Bennett.