



Echols County Board of Commissioners

Workshop Meeting Minutes

Date: August 20, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Echols County Board of Commissioners
110 General Deloach Road
Statenville, Georgia 31648

Call to Order

The Echols County Board of Commissioners held a workshop meeting on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 6:00 PM. Chairman Justin Staten called the meeting to order.

Invocation: Commissioner Kenneth Petty

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

Officials Present

- Chairman Justin Staten
- Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers
- Commissioner Bobby Walker
- Commissioner Kenneth Petty
- County Manager Alan Levesque
- County Clerk Shona Carter

Citizens' Present

- Dan Davis
- Charlene Davis
- Ryan Williams
- Teisha Rewis

Commissioners' Discussion

Agenda Item 1 – Internet at the Concession Stand

The Board discussed the possibility of adding internet service to the concession stand. After discussion, the Board agreed that internet service is not necessary at this time.

The Board also discussed constructing a ticket booth at the ballfield. County Manager Alan Levesque will meet with the Echols County Board of Education to determine whether it would be willing to share the construction costs for the project.

Agenda Item 2 – FY 2026 Dump Truck

The Board discussed the condition of the Road Department's dump truck, which is currently in the repair shop requiring a new transmission.

Several options were considered, including:

- Repairing the existing truck at an estimated cost of approximately \$10,000;
- Purchasing a new dump truck; or
- Contracting with an outside vendor to haul dirt for the County.

County Manager Alan Levesque will obtain cost estimates for each option and present them to the Board at the next regular meeting scheduled for September 3, 2026.

Agenda Item 3 – Consolidation of Senior Center, Recreation, and Solid Waste Funds

The Board discussed consolidating the Senior Center, Recreation, and Solid Waste checking accounts into the County's General Fund.

The purpose of the consolidation is to improve accounting efficiency by maintaining a cleaner bookkeeping process, simplifying payment processing, improving transaction coding, streamlining deposits, and facilitating the annual audit.

Agenda Item 4 – Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Overview

County Manager Alan Levesque presented an overview of the proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

The purpose of the program is to begin development of Echols County's first formal Capital Improvement Program and establish a consistent process for identifying prioritizing, planning, and funding future capital needs.

The County Manager explained that the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) recommends that local governments maintain a multi-year Capital Improvement Program that:

- Identifies future capital needs;
- Estimates project costs;
- Identifies potential funding sources; and
- Is updated annually as part of the budget development process.

Agenda Item 5 – Capital Improvement Policy

County Manager Alan Levesque presented a proposed Capital Improvement Policy for the Commission's review.

The policy establishes the framework for capital planning by defining what qualifies as a capital project, outlining the project submission process, and providing guidance for the development and annual maintenance of a five-year Capital Improvement Plan covering Fiscal Years 2027 through 2031.

Official Action

As this was a workshop meeting, the Board engaged in discussion and reviewed various topics for future consideration. **No votes were taken, and no official action was taken by the Board during this meeting.** Any items requiring Board action will be presented for consideration at a future regular meeting.

Adjournment

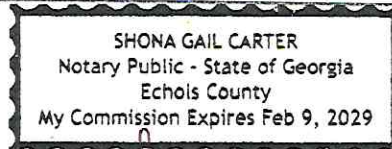
There being no further business to discuss, the workshop meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Certification

Respectfully submitted,

Shona Carter
Shona Carter, County Clerk

Date: 9/3/2026



Approved by the Echols County Board of Commissioners on September 3, 2026

Justin Staten, Chairman

Date: 9-3-26