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ECHOLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 2, 2026
Location: Echols County Courthouse, 110 Hwy 94 E, Statenville, GA 31648
Regular Meeting: 7:00 PM

REGULAR SESSION

7:00 PM – Chairman Justin Staten called the October 2, 2026, Board Meeting to order, followed by the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Kenneth Petty seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of **5–0**.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

September 3, 2026

Commissioner Kenneth Petty made a motion to approve the September 3, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of **5–0**.

September 17, 2026

Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers made a motion to approve September 17, 2026, Workshop Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Kenneth Petty seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of **5–0**.

CONSENT AGENDA

There was no Consent Agenda at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Item: Adoption of the 2026 Millage Rate

Discussion: The Board set the 2026 millage rate at **13.5 mills**.

Commissioner Bobby Walker made a motion to approve the 2026 millage rate at 13.5 mills. Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of **5–0**.

Item: Adoption of the 2027 Budget

Discussion: The Board adopted the budget for Fiscal Year 2027.

Commissioner Bobby Walker made a motion to adopt the 2027 Budget. Commissioner Kenneth Petty seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of **5–0**.

Item: Consideration of Nomination for Board of Tax Assessors

Discussion: Chairman Justin Staten requested a motion to appoint Mrs. Evelyn Howell to the Echols County Board of Tax Assessors for another term.

Commissioner Bobby Walker made a motion to appoint Mrs. Evelyn Howell to the Echols County Board of Tax Assessors for another term. Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of **5–0**.

Item: Land Use Planning and Zoning

Discussion: A member of the Board requested that Echols County begin the process of developing land-use and zoning regulations. If approved, County staff will work with the Southern Georgia Regional Commission to develop proposed zoning regulations for future consideration by the Board.

Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers made a motion to begin the process of developing land-use and zoning regulations and to work with the Southern Georgia Regional Commission in developing proposed regulations for future consideration by the Board. Commissioner Kenneth Petty seconded the motion.

The motion passed by a vote of **4–1**.

Opposed: Vice-Chairman Stanley Corbett.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was needed.

ADJOURNMENT

7:06 PM – Commissioner Bobby Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kenneth Petty seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of **5–0**.

ATTENDEES

Commissioners Present:

Vice-Chairman Stanley Corbett
Commissioner Kenneth Petty
Commissioner Bobbi Pohlman Rodgers
Commissioner Bobby Walker

Staff Present:

County Manager Alan Levesque
County Clerk Shona Carter

Shona Carter, County Clerk

Date: 11/5/2026

SHONA GAIL CARTER
Notary Public - State of Georgia
Echols County
My Commission Expires Feb 9, 2029

Approved by the Echols County Board of Commissioners on:

Chairman / Vice-Chairman

Date: 11/5/2026