



Regular Meeting

705 College Avenue, 2nd Floor, Blackshear, GA 31516

June 3, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

SUMMARY

Commissioners in attendance

Neal Bennett, Chairman

Troy Mattox, District 1

Graham Raley, District 2

Randy Dixon, District 3

David Lowman, District 4

Staff in attendance

Raphel Maddox, County Manager

Donna Golding, County Clerk

Staff not in attendance

Adam Craft, County Attorney

- 1) Call to order-Chairman Neal Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Invocation Leader-Pastor Chris Roberts from Bridge Community Church led the invocation.
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance Leader-Morris Pate led the pledge of allegiance
- 4) Any addition or deletion to June 3, 2025, Agenda-Commissioner David Lowman asked to add discussion to search for grant funding to help aid the PC Food Pantry. Chairman Neal Bennett made this item 12-A on the agenda.
- 5) Approval of June 3, 2025, Agenda-Commissioner David Lowman made a motion to approve the June 3, 2025, agenda. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- 6) Approval of Minutes from 05/06/25 Public Hearing, 05/06/25 Regular Meeting, and 05/20/25 Called Meeting-Commissioner Randy Dixon made a motion to approve the 05/06/25 Public Hearing, 05/06/25 Regular Meeting, and 05/20/25 Called Meeting minutes. Commissioner David Lowman seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- 7) Recognition of 2025 Graduates-Chairman Neal Bennett and Board recognized the county employee children graduates and county employee graduates.
 - Mikell Bond
 - Will Christopher
 - Breeli Crosby
 - Devyn Ball
 - Zane Mercer
 - Bree Howard

- Hanny Plata
- Joe Drew
- Messiah Franklin
- Kaitlyn Sapp
- Levi Yarbrough
- Cody Ammons
- Kolton Howell
- Neal Bennett Jr.
- Jenna Bennett

8) Public Comments

- Christopher Thomas-2610 Gill Road, Patterson-Discussion of road width and erosion-Christopher Thomas was not in attendance
- Nefi Herrera- 2494 Memorial Dr, Worksite Advantage Program-Mr. Nefi Herrera presented to the Board of Commissioners a packet on Liberty National Insurance that he states would help employees of PC and would be at no cost to the county. Chairman Neal Bennett stated this would be given to HR to consider.

9) Discussion and action for the rezoning of Sunflower Childcare Center from parcel #045A-033, .46 acres at 4023 Meadow Circle, Blackshear, from Single-Family to Commercial to be able to keep more children-Chairman Neal Bennett asked if anyone would like to make a motion to rezone this parcel from single family to commercial. Commissioner David Lowman made a motion to deny this rezone. Commissioner Troy Mattox stated that this is a good idea, but it is just not in the right location. Commissioner Troy Mattox seconded the motion to deny. The motion carried.

10) Discussion and action on proposal to purchase 2 Enforcer 10-gallon foam firefighting apparatuses from MECO in the amount of \$5,735.30 each or \$11,470.60 for the 2. This will come from the Fire Equipment Purchase Fund-Fire Chief Chris Todd spoke on this potential purchase. He stated that this apparatus will fit in the back of a truck, golf cart, or side by side and will be able to go into smaller areas that the larger firetrucks cannot. Commissioner David Lowman made a motion to purchase these firefighting apparatuses. Commissioner Graham Raley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

11) Discussion and action to approve Mrs. Kristie Mercer to continue as Unison Board of Directors for the next 3 years. The term will start June 30, 2025, and will end June 30, 2028. Commissioner Troy Mattox made a motion to approve Mrs. Mercer continuing as Unison Board of Directors for the next three years. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

12) Discussion and approval of SGRDA appointments-Chairman Neal Bennett asked to approve these appointments separately.

- Matt Carter needs to be replaced. (Matt holds a board seat at the Appling County Position) Matt recommends Andy Brannen to fill this board seat. He has businesses in the Bacon and Pierce Counties.-Commissioner David Lowman made a motion to accept the recommendation of Andy Brannen to fill Matt

Carter’s seat on the SGRDA Board. Commissioner Troy Mattox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- Steven Paul was appointed for 4 years. It’s time to renew his appointment. - Commissioner David Lowman made a motion to renew Steven Paul’s seat on the SGRDA Board. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Neal Bennett was appointed for 2 years. It’s time to renew his appointment.- Commissioner David Lowman made a motion to approve Neal Bennett’s seat on the SGRDA Board. Commissioner Troy Mattox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

13) County Manager’s Report

14) Executive Session-Real Estate-Commissioner David Lowman made a motion to go into executive session` at 6:35 p.m. Commissioner Randy Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried.
Commissioner David Loman made a motion to come out of executive session at 6:50 p.m. Commissioner Graham Raley seconded the motion. The motion carried.
There was no action taken in the executive session.

15) Adjournment-Chairman Neal Bennett adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

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Commission Chairman

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