

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Called Meeting/Work Session and the FY2026-2027 Budget Retreat, April 27, 2026, at 10:08 a.m., at the Brooks County Ag Building, in the Ag Venue, located at 400 East Courtland Avenue, Quitman, GA. Commissioners present were: Mrs. Myra Exum, Chairman; Mr. James Maxwell, Vice Chairman; Mr. Patrick Folsom; Mr. Willie Cody; and Mr. Lee Larko. Others present were Mr. Buddy Johnson, County Administrator; Ms. Patricia Williams, County Clerk; Ms. Kim Daniels, Human Resources; Ms. Janice Jarvis, Finance Director; Ms. Leslie Hall; Mr. Jason Kemp, County Attorney; Mr. James Warren; Mr. Kyle Christian, Road Department; and various residents.

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County Administrator gave an overview of the day's purpose: to review departmental budget requests, discuss potential changes, and allow department heads to present needs and answer questions. Emphasis was placed on the informal nature of the session; no final decisions would be made; but input will be gathered for further budget planning.

I. Road Department – A detailed budget review for the Road Department included maintenance, equipment, supplies, and personnel. There was discussion on potential purchase of a front-end loader (new or used, via capital funds). The Board agreed that contracting out the Road Department has yielded cost savings and improved efficiency. An RFP for road maintenance contract renewal will be prepared by June 30, 2026. The Board will consider purchasing a front-end loader from the capital funding budget, TSPLOST and SPLOST funding. The contract labor will be budgeted same amount as last year's budget at \$1,700,000.00.

Mrs. Myra Exum, Chair

Mr. Buddy Johnson, County Administrator

Ms. Patricia Williams, County Clerk