

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Called Meeting/Work Session & Executive Session Monday, January 26, 2026, at 4:15 p.m., at the Brooks County Administrative Building, in the Commissioners Meeting Room, located at 610 South Highland Road, 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; and Mr. Jason Kemp, County Attorney; and various residents.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**A. Prayer/Pledge** – Mr. Maxwell led all in attendance in prayer and pledge of allegiance.

**II. PUBLIC HEARING – NONE**

**III. TOPICS FOR MOTION/DISCUSSION**

**A. Resolution for Administration of Refunds – Tax Assessors** – Chief Tax Appraiser, Wayne Waldron, presented a Resolution for Administration of Funds for Board review. This will be placed on the regular meeting agenda for January 5, 2026, under Formal Action Requests. This is a routine annual action enabling tax refunds for the Tax Assessors Office.

**B. Draft Proposal – Request for Proposal (RFP) – Residential Solid Waste Collection & Disposal** – Administrator Johnson presented a draft proposal for residential solid waste collection. There was discussion on requirements for the new contract to replace expiring agreement with Thomasville Utilities in September 2026. Citizen question was raised about expanded pickup (e.g., roadside debris), Administrator responded noting that there would be an added cost and equipment needs. Mr. Larko made the motion to move forward with the RFP, pending upon the County Attorney's approval, Mrs. Exum seconded.

**IV. PRESENTATIONS - NONE**

**V. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS**

**A. Brooks County Finance Department – Janice Jarvis, Finance Director** – Provided Finance Director report for December 29, 2025, included copies of revenues and expenditures (all funds) for the current fiscal year through December 29, 2025. Normal percentage of funds expended, and revenues collected for this portion of the fiscal year is approximately 50%. Ms. Jarvis intends to have needed six-month budget transfers and/or amendments ready to present at the January 2026 Work Session.

Finance staff have been busy this month providing CKH, LLC (Auditors) with final reports and information to facilitate completion of the audit and financial statements by year end.

There was discussion on opioid grant funds clarifying that funds are allocated to ongoing projects, with precise “unobligated” balance to be provided by Finance Director.

**B. Brooks County 911/EMA – LaToya Hampton, Director** – Director Hampton provided a report on projects and activities for 911/EMA for December 2025.

- November calls for service - 2005
- December calls for service – 1828

All Dispatchers, including Ms. Hampton, have completed recertifications, security and integrity training and completed the 10 hours of required training for dispatchers. Christmas party was held for 911 on December 18<sup>th</sup>, and the Dispatcher of the Year Award was presented to Amy Hall. There was also a Dispatcher Award given in honor of Rose Mobley to the Dispatcher with productivity, dependability, and reliability given to Jazmine Thomas.

#### **Brooks County EMA**

- Quiet Hurricane season.
- Warming shelter was one in the county at the Brooks County Agricultural Building on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Cots and blankets, pillows, water and food arranged for citizens. No one showed either night.
- I have completed gathering the audit information.

**C. Brooks County Fire Department Report – Chief Weeks** – Chief Weeks provided a report of activities for the Fire Department from December 2025.

- Received 70 calls for service from November 25, 2025, through December 29, 2025.
- Two structure fires, 16 medical calls, no vehicle fires, 9 vehicle accidents, 14 brush fires/outside fires, no extrications, three fire alarms, 18 canceled/nothing found, one controlled burn, one tree down, three smoke/odor, and for other calls there were none.

#### **Structure Fires**

1. 339 Worn Lane – A small fire in a bedroom caused by electronics, little damage to the structure with moderate smoke damage.
2. 16162 Valdosta Hwy – Storage building fire with moderate damage to the structure (repairable) but the contents were saved.

**Training:** We did training on the new NERIS reporting system that is replacing NFIRS.

**Public Activities:** Engine 10 went to the Barwick Christmas event and Engine 20 was at and was part of the parade.

**Updates: None**

**Employee Update: None**

**D. Brooks County Public Works Department Report - Kyle Christian - Project Manager** – Provided the Road Department report for December 2025:

- During the month of December, the Road Department received 33 work orders and completed 28 work orders. We spent most of the month cleaning ditches and building up roads. In summary, it has been a good year for the Road Department. We feel like we have accomplished a great deal and will continue to do so.

- **District 1:** Graded roads, added material where it was needed to fix washouts, build up roads, cleaned ditches and culverts, repaired potholes, and installed new road signs. Harvested 57 loads of sand from Alderman Road.
- **District 2:** Built up roads, graded roads, removed fallen trees, cleaned ditches and culverts. We harvested seven loads of sand from Rocky Ford Road, eight loads of sand from McCarty Road, and 22 loads of sand from Cooey Road. We installed a driveway pipe on Patrick Road.
- **District 3:** Built up roads, graded roads, cleaned ditches and culverts, removed fallen trees and limbs, and repaired potholes. We worked on building up Son Wright Road with ten loads of clay and two loads of sand.
- **District 4:** Built up roads, graded roads, clean ditches and culverts, repaired potholes, and added materials where needed to fix washouts. We installed four driveway pipes on Jamar Trail and one driveway pipe installed on Trouperville Road. We harvested three loads of sand from Mt. Carmel Church Road and three loads of sand from BCT Gin Road.
- **District 5:** Graded roads, busted beaver dams, cleaned ditches and culverts, repaired potholes, removed fallen trees and limbs, and added materials to roads. We worked on Bethlehem Church Road clearing breaks in waterways and removing dirt and debris from spillways.
- We are continuing to clean out ditches and existing pipes as well as installing new pipes where needed and helping water to flow when it rains. We are also harvesting sand and reusing it in areas that need it. We will continue to keep Brooks County beautiful one road at a time.

## **VI. FORMAL ACTION REQUESTS – Commissioners Discussion with Action**

**A. FA095-2025 – Amend and Replace Solar Ordinance and Zoning/Land Development Ordinance**  
 – Mr. Larko made the motion to approve the amendment to amend and replace the Solar Ordinance and Zoning/Land Development Ordinance, Mr. Maxwell seconded the motion. Chairman called for the vote. Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Cody, and Mr. Larko voted yes. Mrs. Exum abstained due to previously stated reasons.

**B. FA096-2025 – MOU – Legacy Behavioral Health – WAVE Mobile Clinic** – County Attorney prepared the MOU between Legacy Behavioral Health and Brooks County Board of Commissioners to provide space but no financial commitment at the Brooks County Farmers Market, which is terminable with a 60-day notice. On the motion by Mrs. Exum, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, the Board unanimously approved the MOU between Legacy Behavioral Health and Brooks County Board of Commissioners.

## **VII. WORK SESSION & NEW BUSINESS**

- Regular Meeting Agenda Review – January 5, 2026 – The Board reviewed/discussed the agenda for the upcoming meeting. Items added:
- Tax Assessor Refund Resolution
- Potential Timber Harvest on County Property
- Citizen Leroy Hunter to be added to the agenda

➤ **Administrator Johnson** - Updates (Community and Commissioners)

- Human Resources Director, Kim Daniels, was recognized by Administration Johnson for achieving Level 1 Certified Human Resource Manager. Ms. Daniels was presented with her Level 1 Certification as a Certified Human Resources Manager (CHRM).

➤ **Commissioners Matters**

- District 1
- District 2
- District 3
- District 4
- District 5

The Board closed the work session to go into executive session on the motion by Mrs. Exum, seconded by Mr. Cody.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. Litigation** – No action was taken.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned the meeting at 5:25pm, on the motion by Mr. Maxwell, seconded by Mr. Larko.

Mr. Patrick Folsom, Chairman

Mr. James (Buddy) Johnson, County Administrator

Ms. Patricia A. Williams, County Clerk