

The Brooks County Board of Commissioners met for its Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 5:00 p.m., in the Commissioners Chambers at the Brooks County Courthouse, located at 610 South Highland Road, Quitman, GA. Commissioners present were: Mrs. Myra Exum, Chair, was not present; Mr. James Maxwell, Vice Chair; Mr. Patrick Folsom was not present; 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, Finance Director, Ms. Janice Jarvis; Mr. Jason Kemp, County Attorney; and various residents.

**I. PUBLIC HEARING –**

**A. Special Exception – BR-0126-01 – Brooks County Board of Commissioners – Mining Use in Agricultural (AG) Zoning District – Amend the Table of Brooks County Zoning Ordinance**

Zoning Administrator, Justin Gibbs, presented the special exception request submitted by Brooks County Board of Commissioners for approval of a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to:

1. Allow Surface Mining as a Special Exception use in the AG, WLI, and HI zoning districts; and
2. Add a new Section 9-8: Special Provisions for Certain Uses – Surface Mining establishing minimum operational and environmental standards.

The Planning Commission met on February 19, 2026, and approved the request for a special exception for a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. Staff recommended approval of the proposed text amendment. No public comments were received. Vice Chair Mr. Maxwell closed the public hearing to open the regular business meeting.

**II. CALL TO ORDER**

**Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance** – Pastor Leroy Hunter, Brooks County Ministerial Association, led all in attendance in prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. COMMISSIONER BUSINESS PRESENTATIONS – (5 MINUTES) - NONE**

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA – One Motion for Approval on All Items**

**A. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

- 1) CA006-2026 – Regular Business Meeting– February 2, 2026
- 2) CA007-2026 – Special Called Meeting – February 16, 2026
- 3) CA008-2026 - Special Called/Work Session/Executive Session – February 23, 2026

The motion passed unanimously to approve the prior meeting minutes for CA006-2026 February 2, 2026, CA007-2026 February 16, 2026, and CA008 February 23, 2026, on the motion by Mr. Cody, and seconded by Mr. Larko.

**V. FORMAL ACTION REQUESTS – Commissioners Discussion with Action**

**A. Approve/Disapprove/Other Official Actions**

1) FA021-2026 – Special Exception – BR-0126-01 – Mining Use in AG District – Amend Use Table of Brooks County Zoning Ordinance – Mr. Larko made the motion to approve the special exception request as presented for a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for mining use in AG

District, WLI, and HI zoning districts; and add a new section 9-8: Special Provisions for Certain Uses-Surface Mining, Mr. Cody seconded.

**2) FA022-2026 – MOU – Development Services – Industrial Park – Brooks County & City of Quitman** – City of Quitman provided an MOU between Brooks County and City of Quitman for the purpose of defining respective roles and responsibilities of Brooks County and the City of Quitman related to development projects undertaken by the Brooks County Development Authority on property located in the Industrial Park. The MOU applies solely to property owned or controlled by the Brooks County Development Authority located at the Industrial Park. The MOU approves the county to assume zoning and permitting in the Industrial Park. This is a collaborative effort with Brooks County, the City of Quitman, and Development Authority.

**3) FA023-2026 – FLOCK Camera Systems** – This item was tabled due to funding source issues; and will be revisited when funding options are identified. Mr. Larko made a motion to table this item and seconded by Mr. Cody.

**VI. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES & DEPARTMENTS – NONE**

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS – (Johnson) - NONE**

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (2 MINUTES) – (Requests must be prior to the work session) - NONE**

**XI. ADMINISTRATION/ELECTED OFFICIALS UPDATES**

**A. County Administration Updates**

A. Georgia Public Safety Memorial – 2026 Georgia Fallen Heroes’ Classic Golf Fundraiser April 24, 2026 – Informational purpose if someone is interested in participating.

B. Special Called Meeting scheduled for Friday at 8:30 am to finalize SPLOST 8 referendum and memorandum of agreement between municipalities; and is open to the public.

**B. Commissioners Notes/Comments**

- **Lee Larko (District 1)** – Commented to pray for troops.
- **Patrick Folsom (District 2)** – Not present.
- **Willie Cody (District 3)** – Agreed with Mr. Larko, pray for troops and the nation.
- **Myra Exum, Chair (District 4)** – Not present.
- **James Maxwell, Vice (District 5)** – Pray for troops, country and his granddaughter in Iran.

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. Legal** – After returning to regular meeting, no decision was made.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Larko moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:39 pm; Mr. Cody seconded.

Mr. James (Buddy) Johnson, County Administrator  
Patricia A. Williams, County Clerk

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