

**Houston County Commissioners Meeting
November 18, 2025
Warner Robins, Georgia**

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at the Houston County Annex in Warner Robins, Georgia. Chairman Perdue presided, and Commissioners Byrd, Gottwals, Robinson, and Talton were present. County Attorney Tom Hall, Director of Administration Robbie Dunbar, and Director of Operations Brian Jones were also present.

Commissioner Robinson led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Perdue gave the Invocation.

Chief Financial Officer Danyelle George gave a budget update for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2026.

Chairman Perdue commented that this was the first time the County had a public quarterly financial report, and that he had felt it was very beneficial.

Motion by Mr. Talton, second by Ms. Robinson, and carried unanimously by all to approve the meeting minutes of the November 4, 2025 meeting.

Mr. Gottwals presented a request from the City of Warner Robins for annexation of 7.45 acres located at Duskmoores Drive/Lake Joy Road that was tabled at the November 4th Houston County Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Chairman Perdue opened the floor for Public Comments.

Mr. Brian Braun, with Axis Consulting Engineers and a representative of the developer, spoke in favor of the annexation.

Ms. Maurene Iccaro spoke against the annexation and thanked the Board for all they were doing to help the citizens.

With no further comments the meeting continued.

Motion by Mr. Gottwals, second by Ms. Robinson, and carried unanimously by all to non-concur with the annexation of property, containing 7.45 acres, located at Duskmoores Drive/Lake Joy Road known as Tax Parcel 000510 36B000.

Mr. Talton presented a request from the City of Warner Robins for annexation of 25.924 acres located on Lake Joy Road that was tabled at the November 4th Houston County Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Chairman Perdue opened the floor for Public Comments.

Mr. Brian Braun, with Axis Consulting Engineers and a representative of the developer, spoke in favor of the annexation.

With no further comments the meeting continued.

Motion by Mr. Talton, second by Mr. Byrd, and carried unanimously by all to concur with the annexation of property, containing 25.924 acres, on Lake Joy Road known as Tax Parcels 000520 249000 and 000520 250000 with the following stipulations:

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- The City of Warner Robins entering into an updated infrastructure agreement with Houston County.
 - The developer securing access to Hwy 96 south of their development.
 - The developer granting access to any commercial development north of their development.
 - A water study being done by the design engineer to ensure water mains are adequately sized for delivery of fire flow.
 - Traffic study be done to determine impacts to Lake Joy Rd/ Beulah Church Intersection.
 - All County Utilities stay with the County.
- Current Zoning for both parcels is R-AG, proposed zoning will be Warner Robins PDE.

Mr. Gottwals commented that a lot of work had been done since the last meeting on this request to find the best outcome for everyone involved.

Chairman Perdue stated that he had received notification that the annexation request from The City of Perry that was to be heard next had been withdrawn so the item would be withdrawn from the Board's agenda as well.

Ms. Robinson presented a request from the City of Warner Robins for annexation of property at the end of Lyon Dr. and West of HWY 247.

Chairman Perdue opened the floor for Public Comments.

With no comments the meeting continued.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Gottwals, and carried unanimously by all to concur with the annexation of property, containing 0.59 +/- acres, located at the end of Lyon Dr. and West of HWY 247 known as Tax Parcels 00118B 090000 and 00118B 089000. The current zoning is County C-1 and requested zoning is City C-1.

Mr. Byrd presented a request from Juvenile Court for approval of an addendum to the Independent Contractor Agreement with Kameyan Sims to increase the pay due to additional work responsibilities.

Motin by Mr. Byrd, second by Mr. Talton, and carried unanimously by all to approve the addendum to the FY26 Independent Contractor Agreement Between the Board of Commissioners of Houston County and Kameyan Sims. This addendum will increase the pay from \$52,500 to \$58,000, starting the month of December 2025 and continue through the end of the agreement.

Mr. Byrd presented a request for approval of Phase II of the Leadership Training Initiative with Axis Leadership, LLC, for department heads.

Motion by Mr. Byrd, second by Mr. Talton, and carried unanimously by all to approve the February 5th one-day leadership event, for department heads, with Axis Leadership LLC, to include all materials, gifts and meals in the amount of \$8,500. Funding for this phase will come from the Leadership and Development reserve.

Mr. Gottwals presented a request to fill the vacant Senior Assistant Public Defender position in the Public Defender's Office.

Motion by Mr. Gottwals, second by Mr. Byrd, and carried unanimously by all to approve hiring David Jennings to fill the vacant Senior Assistant Public Defender position in the Public Defender's Office at a Grade 34 Step B effective November 19, 2025. Personnel staff have reviewed his qualifications, and he meets the criteria for the B step placement.

Chairman Perdue recognized Public Defender Sara Meyers who spoke in support of Mr. Jennings.

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Mr. Talton presented a request for the approval of a bid on five new in-stock 2025 Ford Police Interceptors. Two vehicles will be used to replace Patrol units, two will be used for new positions in Traffic, and one will replace an SRO unit.

Motion by Mr. Talton, second by Ms. Robinson, and carried unanimously by all to approve the bid from Brannen Ford of Unadilla, Georgia, in the amount of \$46,500 each or a total of \$232,500, for 5 new in-stock 2025 Ford Police Interceptors 3.0L EcoBoost vehicles. This purchase will be funded as \$186,000 charged to 2018 SPLOST and \$46,500 charged to the General Fund to be reimbursed by the Board of Education for the SRO unit.

Mr. Byrd expressed his appreciation to the Board of Education for their willingness to reimburse the county for the SRO vehicle.

Motion by Mr. Talton, second by Mr. Gottwals, and carried unanimously by all to approve the payment of the bills totaling \$3,136,568.37.

Chairman Perdue opened the floor for Public Comments.

Mr. Johnathan Johnson, President of the Houston County NAACP stepped to the podium and stated a lawsuit had been filed.

There being no further comments Chairman Perdue asked for Commissioner Comments.

Mr. Gottwals thanked everyone for attending and stated he had an abundance of things to be thankful for. He shared a quote "Piglet noticed that even though he had a very small heart, it could hold a rather large amount of gratitude" by A.A. Milne, said by Piglet. He concluded saying everyone needed to have a thankful heart.

Mr. Talton thanked everyone for attending and recognized Chancellor Sonny Perdue for his being inducted into the Agricultural Hall of Fame. He concluded by expressing how thankful he was for his family and for those he serves.

Mr. Byrd commented that it truly is an honor and privilege to serve the citizens of Houston County and expressed his appreciation to the department heads and employees within the County. He concluded his comments by expressing his thanks to the citizens of Houston County for passing the ESPLOST and recognized members of the City Council of Warner Robins present: Councilman Bibb, Councilman Mack, and Councilman Curtis and City Administrator James Drinkard.

Ms. Robinson commented that she was very thankful for all the blessings that she has and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Chairman Perdue expressed his appreciation to the City of Warner Robins Councilmen and the City Administrator for attending the Commissioners Meeting, thanking them for their service and for their continued collaboration with the County on various initiatives. He acknowledged and congratulated Dr. Vinings on his recent retirement from Hebron Fellowship and noted the enjoyable time shared at his retirement celebration.

Chairman Perdue also provided remarks on his recent visit to Tinker Air Force Base for the retirement ceremony of Gen. Stacey Hawkins, honoring his 34 years of service in the United States Air Force, and recognized the promotion of Gen. Hammerstedt to the rank of Lieutenant General and her new leadership role over the Air Force Sustainment Center. He concluded by expressing his gratitude for his life, family, career, and the community in which he is privileged to live and serve.

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Motion by Mr. Gottwals, second by Mr. Byrd, and carried unanimously by all to approve adjourning the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Robbie Dunbar
Director of Administration

Chairman

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