

Houston County Commissioners Meeting
February 3, 2026
Perry, Georgia

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at the Houston County Courthouse in Perry, 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 gave the invocation.

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

Chief Financial Officer Danyelle George presented the second quarter 2025 financial report (July–December 2025), providing an overview of the County's General Fund, Fire Fund, 911 Fund, Water Fund, and Solid Waste Fund. The report included a comparison of revenues and expenditures for the current second quarter to the same period in the prior year. Ms. George reported that all revenues and expenditures were within normal baseline levels for all accounts and funds.

Middle Georgia Regional Commission Director of Planning & Public Administration Greg Boike, along with Cammie Sanchez and Keristen Layrock, attended the meeting. Mr. Boike presented information regarding the County's Comprehensive Planning process, including the purpose, process, and importance of the Comprehensive Plan. He also outlined the schedule and methods for engaging Houston County residents to gather public input for the plan.

Chairman Perdue opened the meeting for public comments on the County's Comprehensive Plan.

Robert Sharples asked who the stakeholders are, and who would be asked to participate in giving input to the Comprehensive Plan?

Mr. Boike advised that stakeholders would be groups appointed by the County to boards or authorities, but that all Houston County residents would have an opportunity to provide input into the County's Comprehensive Plan.

With no further questions, Chairman Perdue thanked Mr. Boike and the Regional Commission staff for their assistance in writing the Comprehensive Plan.

Chairman Perdue stated that there was a slight change to the January 20th, 2026, commission meeting minutes due to a misspelling of the name of a speaker during public comments. That person had their last name misspelled so Chairman Perdue advised that Tim Myrtle was being changed to Tim Bergl.

Motion by Mr. Talton, second by Mr. Byrd, and carried unanimously by all to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2026, meeting to include the change.

Chief Building Inspector Tim Andrews presented Special Exception Applications #2900 through #2905.

Chairman Perdue closed the regular portion of the meeting and opened a Public Hearing.

Applicant #2900 was present; there was no opposition.
Applicant #2901 was present; there was no opposition.
Applicant #2902 was present; there was no opposition.
Applicant #2903 was not present; there was no opposition.
Applicant #2904 was present; there was no opposition.
Applicant #2905 was present; there was no opposition.

There being no comments, Chairman Perdue closed the Public Hearing and reopened the regular portion of the meeting.

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County Attorney Tom Hall made a blanket statement for the benefit of all applicants for Special Exceptions for home occupations: even if the Board of Commissioners approves an application, neighborhood covenants may still impose certain restrictions upon or against home businesses. These restrictive covenants are not superseded by any action taken by the Board of Commissioners. The actions taken by the Board will not change any provision within the covenant that prohibits any commercial or business activity.

Motion by Mr. Talton, second by Mr. Gottwals, and carried unanimously by all to approve the following Special Exception Applications to include any and all stipulations as noted on the Zoning & Appeals recommendation and Section 95 Requirements staff report:

#2900	Courtney Coley	Baking & Pastries Business
#2901	Chris & Crystal Bixler	Construction Business
#2902	Jana Blanton	Wallpaper Installation
#2903	Dashonna Brown	Personal Training & Fitness
#2904	Donna Crick	CPR & First Aid Training
#2905	Tyler & Monica Adsit	RV Rental Business

Mr. Andrews informed the approved business license applicants that the next step in obtaining their business license was to apply at the Commissioner's Office.

Mr. Talton presented a request from the Accounting Department for acceptance of a Capital Improvement Plan to serve as a long-range planning and financial document intended to improve coordination of capital projects, enhance transparency, and support informed decision-making.

Motion by Mr. Talton, second by Mr. Byrd, and carried unanimously by all to accept the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan for FY2026 – FY2030. Board action on this plan is not an appropriation of funds. Individual projects will still require approval through the annual budget process, project approvals, grant awards, or separate board actions as applicable.

Mr. Byrd thanked Chairman Perdue and the senior Accounting Department staff for their efforts in compiling this information into a format that was easy to follow, view, and understand.

Chairman Perdue echoed Commissioner Byrd's comments by thanking Ms. George, Mr. Dunbar, and Mr. Davis for compiling and organizing this information into one document. He also thanked Mr. Jones and Mr. Dietsch for their assistance with the information on the solid waste and water funds.

Ms. Robinson presented a request for approval of a quote to add access controls to the Houston County Magistrate Court building for security reasons.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Talton, and carried unanimously by all to approve the quote from BTV Systems of Macon, Georgia, in the amount of \$28,609.74 to add access controls to the Houston County Magistrate Court building. This project will be funded by the 2018 SPLOST and completed within four weeks of receipt of materials.

Ms. Robinson presented a bid approval request for an upgrade to the current fire alarm system at the Juvenile Complex.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Gottwals, and carried unanimously by all to approve the bid from BTV Systems of Macon, Georgia in the amount of \$10,346.99 to upgrade the current fire alarm system in the Juvenile Complex. This project will be funded by 2018 SPLOST and will be completed within four weeks of receipt of materials.

Ms. Robinson presented a request for approval of a bid for the annual cleaning of 22 ice machines in various County buildings.

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Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Byrd, and carried unanimously by all to approve the bid from Pike's Peak Performance of Perry, Georgia, in the amount of \$10,250 for the annual cleaning of the County's 22 ice machines. This project will be funded by the FY26 Public Buildings operating budget.

Mr. Byrd presented a request to disburse 2018 SPLOST funds in accordance with an Intergovernmental Agreement dated July 27, 2021.

Motion by Mr. Byrd, second by Ms. Robinson, and carried unanimously by all to approve the disbursement of the specific revenue, for recreation facilities and equipment, collected from the 2018 SPLOST in accordance with the Intergovernmental Agreement signed July 27, 2021.

Chairman Perdue explained that this action approved funds to be distributed from the 2018 SPLOST to the Cities for their recreation departments.

Mr. Byrd expressed his appreciation to the Cities for deferring recreation department funding to help complete the Natatorium.

Mr. Byrd presented a request for approval of a Memorandum of Agreement to collaborate with other local governments on LMIG projects to improve the bidding and contracting process and increase the likelihood of lower costs.

Motion by Mr. Byrd, second by Mr. Gottwals, and carried unanimously by all to approve signing a Memorandum of Agreement with The City of Warner Robins, The City of Centerville, The City of Perry, and The City of Byron to bid on all Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant projects jointly to achieve a lower bid price.

Chairman Perdue thanked the County's Public Works Engineering Department for looking for ways to increase value for Houston County residents by combining contracts to save money and attract contractors for these transportation projects.

Mr. Gottwals presented a request to hire poll workers for the upcoming February 17, 2026 Special Runoff Election-State Senate District 18.

Motion by Mr. Gottwals, second by Mr. Talton, and carried unanimously by all to approve hiring the following poll workers for the February 17, 2026 Special Runoff Election-State Senate District 18:

		AMOUNT	TOTAL
6	Managers (Precinct)	175.00	1,050.00
12	Assistant Managers (Precinct)	125.00	1,500.00
12	Clerks	115.00	1,380.00
3	Janitors -Schools	15.50	46.50
1	Janitors	25.00	25.00
30	BMD (Ballot Marking Device)	2.00	60.00
2	Election Night Equipment Return Help	75.00	150.00
2	Election Night Check-In Clerks	75.00	150.00
6	Supply pick-up / return supplies (Managers)	10.00	60.00
6	Cell Phones	10.00	60.00
	TOTAL		4,481.50

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Chairman Perdue stated that this would be a special election for State Senate District 18 and that low turnout is expected. He then encouraged everyone in that district to go vote during this election.

Mr. Gottwals presented a request to reclassify the Solid Waste Billing Clerk due to a change in responsibilities.

Motion by Mr. Gottwals, second by Ms. Robinson, and carried unanimously by all to approve the reclassification of the Solid Waste Billing Clerk position from a Grade 16 to a Grade 15 based on the approved duties of the position. This reclassification will require formal position review, and approval of Human Resources to be considered for reclassification again in the future.

Motion by Mr. Gottwals, second by Mr. Byrd, and carried unanimously by all to approve the payment of the bills totaling \$9,370,484.94.

Motion by Mr. Gottwals, second by Mr. Talton, and carried unanimously by all to enter into Executive Session Attorney-Client matters per O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1).

Chairman Perdue reconvened the regular portion of the meeting, after the Executive Session, and opened the floor for Public Comments.

Sheriff Moulton thanked the Chairman and Commissioners for their continued support of his department and the personnel who serve with him, particularly in making important and often difficult budget decisions. He noted that those decisions helped save an officer's life last week in Warner Robins. Sheriff Moulton further expressed appreciation to the Board for providing the tools and resources necessary to help ensure the safety and security of his personnel, as well as the citizens of Houston County.

With no more comments Chairman Perdue opened the floor for Commissioner Comments.

Mr. Gottwals spoke about all that was accomplished during the meeting and expressed his appreciation to the public for their support of all the actions that the Board takes.

Mr. Talton thanked everyone for attending the meeting and expressed his appreciation to Sheriff Moulton and Chief Financial Officer Danyelle George for their continued efforts and daily work on behalf of the County. He also thanked Greg Boike and the staff of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission for their assistance in helping Houston County prepare for the future through the Comprehensive Plan process.

Mr. Byrd expressed his gratitude for living in a community that is supportive of public safety. He thanked Sheriff Moulton for his service and stated his appreciation that the Board helped provide resources that contributed to saving an officer's life. Mr. Byrd asked for continued prayers for the officer who was shot in the line of duty last week, as well as for the victim the officer was assisting. He also spoke about the strong intergovernmental cooperation in Houston County, citing the Comprehensive Plan, Capital Improvement Plan, SPLOST disbursement, and LMIG as examples. He concluded by expressing his appreciation to Chief Financial Officer Danyelle George for the quarterly financial report.

Ms. Robinson thanked everyone for attending the meeting and expressed her sincere appreciation for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Houston County. She stated that it is an honor to be in a position of public service and reaffirmed her commitment to working on behalf of the community and the best interests of the County.

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Chairman Perdue thanked Sheriff Moulton for his remarks and asked for continued prayers for the Warner Robins police officer who was attacked, as well as for the victim of the domestic violence incident who was also injured. He expressed his gratitude for living in a community that strongly supports law enforcement.

Chairman Perdue also commented on the current government shutdown, expressing his hope for a swift resolution and noting that the County, along with its community partners, stands ready to support those at Robins Air Force Base who may be affected by the shutdown.

He concluded by reflecting on the past three weekends during which the County faced concerns regarding severe weather. Chairman Perdue commended Houston County EMA Director Chief Chris Stoner for his outstanding work in providing timely information and ensuring preparedness in the event the forecasted severe conditions had materialized. He also thanked Public Works personnel for remaining on standby and ready to assist should conditions have become dangerous.

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

Robbie Dunbar
Director of Administration

Chairman

Commissioner

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