

**Houston County Commissioners Meeting**  
**April 21, 2026**  
**Warner Robins, Georgia**

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at the Houston County Annex in Warner Robins, Georgia. Chairman Perdue presided, and Commissioners Byrd, Gottwals, Robinson, and Talton were present. Director of Administration Robbie Dunbar, County Attorney Tom Hall, and Director of Operations Brian Jones were also present.

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

Pastor Darrell Yarbrough, Senior Pastor of the Assembly of Warner Robins, delivered the invocation. He then shared brief remarks about his family, noting that they moved to Houston County seven years ago. He spoke of his three daughters, including his middle daughter, who is to be married in the coming days, and shared that he will soon welcome his first grandchild. He concluded with reflections on the importance of recognizing blessings and expressed the need to be thankful not only for significant milestones but also for the small, daily blessings.

Each Commissioner expressed their appreciation to Pastor Yarbrough for his kind words, his message about focusing on our blessings, his church's community involvement, and the wisdom he shared.

Chairman Perdue advised that an add-on to the agenda was needed: an Executive Session for Attorney/Client consultation, as Agenda Item #9.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Byrd, and carried unanimously by all to add item #9, an Executive Session for Attorney Client consultation as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1).

Motion by Mr. Gottwals, second by Mr. Talton, and carried unanimously by all to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2026, meeting.

Mr. Talton presented a request from the City of Perry for annexation of property containing 19.70 acres located on Airport Road. This request was presented to the County in March of 2025 and was concurred to by the Board of Commissioners at their 4/8/25 meeting but was denied by the City of Perry at their 6/17/25 meeting. Therefore, it must go through the process again.

Chairman Perdue opened the floor for Public Comments.

Mr. Clay Nodes spoke against the annexation due to the rezoning portion of the request.

Mr. Talton commented that the application for annexation does comply with the County's regulations.

County Attorney Tom Hall explained that the City of Perry will control what happens next in terms of the property should the County vote to concur and that the County does not have legal grounds to object to the annexation as presented.

Chairman Perdue closed public comments and stated that the grounds for non-concurrence with an annexation request are very limited and that this request does not fall into that category.

Motion by Mr. Talton, second by Mr. Byrd, to concur with the City of Perry's request to annex 19.70 acres on Airport Road known as Tax Parcel 000310 033000 with a zoning change from County RAG to Perry RTH. Upon voting, Mr. Talton, Mr. Byrd, and Ms. Robinson voted yes, Mr. Gottwals voted against. Motion carried.

Mr. Talton presented Rezoning Application #2920 from County R-AG to City of Perry R-1 for property located on Highway 41 South.

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

Mr. Thomas Mason spoke in favor of the rezoning.

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

Motion by Mr. Talton, second by Ms. Robinson, and carried unanimously by all to approve the Rezoning Application #2920 as recommended by the Houston County Planning Commission.

Mr. Byrd presented a request for approval of a resolution levying an annual ad valorem tax to provide for the payment of the Houston County School District (Georgia) General Obligation (Sales Tax) Bonds, Series 2026.

Motion by Mr. Byrd, second by Mr. Talton, and carried unanimously by all to approve signing the Resolution of the Houston County Board of Commissioners Levying an Annual Ad Valorem Tax for the Payment of Houston County School District (Georgia) General Obligation (Sales Tax) Bonds, Series 2026.

Chairman Perdue explained that this was a procedural step and that the County was expected to approve it as part of the process under Georgia Law.

Billy Jerles, representing the Board of Education, stated that this tax would only apply if sales taxes were not enough to cover the needed projects, but that, historically, over several years, this has not been the case.

Chairman Perdue thanked Mr. Jerles for the clarity.

Commissioner Byrd wished Mr. Jerles a happy birthday.

Mr. Byrd presented a request for approval of a bid for the LMIG Road Project.

Motion by Mr. Byrd, second by Mr. Gottwals, and carried unanimously by all to approve the acceptance of the bid from Reames and Son Construction, of Valdosta, Georgia, in the amount of \$5,178,575.31. The County's portion of this project is \$2,948,046.76 and will be funded through LMIG, LRA, and 2018 SPLOST funds. This contract will be completed by the end of November 2026.

Mr. Byrd commented about the bid process and how it helps the County realize cost savings, with the lowest bid being 8% below the next highest bid.

Chairman Perdue expressed his appreciation to Warner Robins City Administrator James Drinkard, who was present, for his cooperation with the LMIG and support from Warner Robins, Perry, Centerville, and Byron. He stated that by combining these construction projects, larger construction and paving companies can be mobilized to do the work, and he was pleased that Reames and Sons Construction had won the bid based on their track record of performance.

Ms. Robinson presented a request to approve a bid for a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment on the property used for Echeconnee Creek Park. This is part of the second-level requirements for the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program (GOSP) Grant.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Byrd, to approve the bid from Terracon, of Macon, Georgia, in the amount of \$3,200 for a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment. This assessment will be funded by Professional Services and has a timeline of 15 business days from notice to proceed.

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Mr. Gottwals questioned the additional information presented in a memo from Community Planner Jake Cox.

Chairman Perdue advised that the scope of work to be performed by Terracon has increased due to an additional parcel that the County plans to purchase next to the County property where the Echeconnee Creek Park will be located. He stated that this new parcel needs to be included in the required environmental assessment.

Amended motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Byrd, and carried unanimously by all to approve the bid from Terracon, of Macon, Georgia, in the amount of \$3,600 for a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment. This assessment will be funded by Professional Services and has a timeline of 15 business days from notice to proceed.

Ms. Robinson presented a request for approval of a bid for a vehicle for use in the Sheriff's Office.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Talton, and carried unanimously by all to approve the bid from Wade Ford of Smyrna, Georgia, in the amount of \$50,175 for the purchase of one new Ford Interceptor 3.0L EcoBoost V6. This vehicle will replace a 2022 Ford Interceptor that was totaled, and the purchase will be reimbursed through the Sheriff's Drug Fund.

Chairman Perdue thanked Sheriff Moulton for reimbursing the County for the cost of this vehicle through the Sheriff's Drug Fund.

Motion by Mr. Gottwals, second by Ms. Robinson, and carried unanimously by all to approve the appointment of the following to the Region 5 EMS Board:

Patrick Bullis	Term 06/30/2026 – 06/30/2029
Nathan Stanaway	Term 06/30/2026 – 06/30/2029

Motion by Mr. Gottwals, second by Mr. Byrd, and carried unanimously by all to approve the payment of the bills totaling \$2,084,622.53.

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

Motion by Mr. Talton, second by Ms. Robinson, and carried unanimously by all to exit the Executive Session and resume the meeting.

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

Mr. Billy Woodard spoke about his concerns about littering and suggested posting no littering signs.

Mr. Martin Durkin spoke about a problem he was having with paperwork for property taxes and a homestead exemption.

Chairman Perdue asked Mr. Durkin to stay after the meeting, saying he would get him the help he needed.

James Drinkard, City Administrator for the City of Warner Robins, thanked the Chairman and Board for their partnership on various projects and for their cooperation on community initiatives, and expressed his appreciation for their support of the City of Warner Robins.

Chairman Perdue stated that the feeling was mutual and that he appreciates the partnerships the County has with Warner Robins, Perry, and Centerville.

There being no further comments, Chairman Perdue closed Public Comments and opened the floor for Commissioner Comments.

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Mr. Gottwals commented on the very productive meeting and spoke about wisdom and James 1.

Ms. Robinson thanked everyone for attending and expressed her appreciation for the County's partnerships with the cities.

Mr. Talton recognized the County's relationships with the three cities and expressed his appreciation to those who brought their concerns to the Commissioners this evening.

Commissioner Byrd commented on the earlier message about wisdom from Pastor Yarbrough and thanked Mr. James Drinkard for his kind words about the County. He spoke about the cooperation between the County and those cities partnering with the LMIG projects and celebrated his mother, Betty Byrd, on her birthday.

Chairman Perdue also wished Commissioner Byrd's mother a happy birthday. He spoke about April being recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month and noted the recent event that brought together law enforcement, judges, court system employees, and elected officials to sign a proclamation recognizing the occasion. He further commented on the cooperation between the County and the Cities. He stated that the Board's members wanted the best for the people they represent and thanked them for their service. He also, before closing, recognized Kimber Eden, a new staff member in the Accounting Department.

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

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Robbie Dunbar  
Director of Administration

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Chairman

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF HOUSTON

**AFFIDAVIT OF PRESIDING OFFICER**

Dan Perdue, Chairman of the Houston County Board of Commissioners, being duly sworn, states under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of his knowledge and belief:

1.

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in a duly advertised meeting on April 21, 2026.

2.

During such meeting, the Board voted to go into executive session.

3.

The executive session was called to order at 5:36 p.m.

4.

The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meeting law:

Consultation with the county attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the county or any officers or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1);

Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(2) and (insert the citation to the legal authority making the tax matter confidential) \_\_\_\_\_;

Discussion or voting on:

Authorizing a settlement as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(A);

Authorizing negotiations to purchase, dispose of, or lease property as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(B);

Authorizing an appraisal as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(C);

Entering a contract for the purchase, disposal of, or lease of property as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(D);

Entering into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease property as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1)(E);

Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2);

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\_\_\_\_\_ Interviewing candidates for executive positions as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2);

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (describe the exemption to the open meetings law): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ as provided in (insert the citation to the legal authority exempting the topic) \_\_\_\_\_.

5.

\_\_\_\_\_ During the course of the closed session devoted to exempt topics, an incidental remark regarding a non-exempt topic or an attempt to discuss a non-exempt topic was made.

\_\_\_\_\_ The attempt was immediately ruled out of order and attempts to discuss same ceased immediately.

\_\_\_\_\_ The attempt was immediately ruled out of order. However, the comments did not cease, so the closed/executive session was immediately adjourned without discussion or action being taken regarding any non-exempt topic.

6.

Minutes were taken of this meeting and will be filed and held for in camera inspection only.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

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Dan Perdue, Chairman  
Houston County Board of Commissioners

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

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Notary Public

My commission expires:  
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