

Houston County Commissioners Meeting
July 7, 2026
Perry, Georgia

The Houston County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at the Houston County Courthouse in Perry, Georgia. Chairman Perdue presided, and Commissioners Byrd, Robinson, and Talton were present. Director of Operations Brian Jones and County Attorney Tom Hall were also present. Commissioner Gottwals and Director of Operations Robbie Dunbar were not in attendance.

Chairman Perdue delivered the invocation.

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

Mr. Michael Doubleday, Director of the 402nd Software Engineering Group (SWEG) at Robins Air Force Base, presented information, statistics, and details about the work they perform. Mr. Doubleday stated that there are more than 5,500 engineers and scientists working at the three Air Logistics Centers under the umbrella of the Air Force Sustainment Center, of which 1,700 employees work at Robins AFB. He also discussed recruitment efforts at universities throughout the Southeast to attract engineers to work at Robins AFB. Mr. Doubleday concluded his remarks by expressing his appreciation for the way the Houston County community supports those who work at Robins AFB.

Chairman Perdue and each commissioner expressed appreciation to Mr. Doubleday for the work he and those who serve with him accomplish daily and thanked him for the partnerships he has developed within the community and the opportunities the Base provides to area youth seeking rewarding careers.

Chairman Perdue presented Ms. Beth McGlaughlin, of the General Daniel Stewart Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Ms. Cynthia Davis, of the Sukey Hart Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a proclamation recognizing the 250th Semiquincentennial of the United States. Upon receiving the proclamation, they expressed their thanks to the Chairman and the Board of Commissioners for recognizing this milestone in American history and for their patriotism and support of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Motion by Mr. Talton, second by Ms. Robinson, to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2026, meeting. Upon voting, Mr. Talton, Ms. Robinson, and Mr. Byrd voted yes. Motion carried.

Building Inspection/Planning and Zoning Assistant Rebecca Kidd presented Special Exception Applications #2936, #2941, and #2945.

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

Applicant #2936 was present: there was no opposition.

Applicant #2941 was not present; there was no opposition.

Applicant #2945 was present; there was no opposition.

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

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. Byrd 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:

#2936	Anitra Pratt-Smith	Non-Medical Home Care
#2941	Donald Faith	Construction
#2945	Alan Thomas	Party Equipment Rental

Upon voting, Mr. Talton, Mr. Byrd, and Ms. Robinson voted yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Kidd informed the approved business license applicants that the next step in obtaining their business license was to apply at the Commissioner’s Office.

County Attorney Tom Hall presented the first reading of a new alcohol license for Keyur Patel for the sale of beer and wine for use off premises at 295 Old Highway 96 Ste-B, Bonaire, Georgia 31005. The second reading and a Public Hearing will be held at the July 21, 2026, Commissioner’s Meeting. Mr. Hall advised that this business did not fall under the five-mile distance requirement because it is not a liquor store and will only sell beer and wine.

Mr. Talton presented a request for approval of change order #1 on the Houston Lake Water Treatment Plant Remote Well Addition.

Motion by Mr. Talton, second by Ms. Robinson, to approve change order #1 with Hammack Well & Pump, LLC, of Ellaville, Georgia, for the Houston Lake Water Treatment Plant Remote Well Addition, in the amount of \$37,180. This change order will bring the total contract price to \$1,520,525 and will not result in an increase to the contract time for completion. This is an ARPA funded project. Upon voting, Mr. Talton, Ms. Robinson, and Mr. Byrd voted yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Perdue explained that this facility is located on the property of the Centerville Fire Department training facility on Dunbar Road and that this change order will fund the paving of a parking lot for the facility.

Mr. Talton presented a request for approval of a bid, received in April, on one new Ford Interceptor with a 3.0L EcoBoost V6.

Motion by Mr. Talton, second by Mr. Byrd, to approve the bid of \$50,175, from Wade Ford, of Smyrna, Georgia, for one 2026 Ford Interceptor equipped with a 3.0L EcoBoost V6 engine, for use in the Patrol Division of the Sheriff’s Office. This vehicle will replace a 2020 Ford Interceptor currently in need of major repair. This purchase will be funded by 2018 SPLOST. Upon voting, Mr. Talton, Mr. Byrd, and Ms. Robinson voted yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Perdue stated that County Attorney Tom Hall and Purchasing Director Vanessa Zimmerman reviewed the language of the previous bids, along with County guidelines, and determined that this purchase was allowable under those bids.

Mr. Byrd presented a request for approval of a contract renewal for personal property verifications in the Tax Assessor’s Office.

Motion by Mr. Byrd, second by Ms. Robinson, to approve the renewal of the FY27 contract with Traylor Business Services, of Kennesaw, Georgia, for personal property verifications. Upon voting, Mr. Byrd, Ms. Robinson, and Mr. Talton voted yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Byrd presented a request for approval to renew three contractor agreements, for Juvenile Court, to provide legal defense services for certain indigent persons in accordance with constitutional and statutory requirements, as well as the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 15-11-103.

Motion by Mr. Byrd, second by Mr. Talton, to approve three independent contractor agreements for Juvenile Court. The agreements include one Primary Independent Contractor Agreement with Ms. Kameyan Sims in the amount of \$90,000, to be paid at a monthly rate of \$7,500, with any hours worked more than 125 hours per month compensated at a rate of \$65 per hour. The agreements also include two Secondary Independent Contractor Agreements with Ms. Caralyn J. Huddleston and Ms. Nyonnohweah Snami Seekie, each in the amount of \$43,200, to be paid

at a monthly rate of \$3,600, with any hours worked more than 60 hours per month compensated at a rate of \$65 per hour. The contract term for all three agreements shall begin on July 1, 2026, and end on June 30, 2027. These contracts have been reviewed and approved by the Contractor, and the County Attorney's Office. Upon voting, Mr. Byrd, Mr. Talton, and Ms. Robinson voted yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Byrd presented a request for approval to contract with Axis Leadership, LLC to provide leadership instruction for the Houston County U Class of 2027.

Motion by Mr. Byrd, second by Ms. Robinson, to approve the contract with Axis Leadership, LLC, in the amount of \$29,677.94, to provide leadership instruction and facilitation for the Houston County U Class of 2027. Also, to approve \$5,000 for program-related expenses. Funding for the program will come from the Comprehensive Leadership and Development Reserve. Upon voting, Mr. Byrd, Ms. Robinson, and Mr. Talton voted yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Byrd expressed his appreciation to Chairman Perdue for his vision and support of this program for County employees and commented on the program's success in creating cross-department coordination and improving employee retention.

Chairman Perdue expressed his appreciation to Dr. Joe Richardson and Personnel Director Ken Carter for their significant involvement in the program and for helping ensure its success.

Mr. Byrd presented a request to donate a surplus vehicle to the Perry-Houston County Airport Authority.

Motion by Mr. Byrd, second by Mr. Talton, to approve the donation of a surplus 2006 Ford Ranger to the Perry-Houston County Airport Authority, eliminating any future maintenance, inventory, and insurance responsibilities for Houston County. Upon voting, Mr. Byrd, Mr. Talton, and Ms. Robinson voted yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Robinson presented a request to transition the County's credit card program to align with the County's banking relationship.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Talton, to approve the transition of the County's credit card program to the Synovus/Pinnacle Merchant Purchasing Credit Card program. Upon voting, Ms. Robinson, Mr. Talton, and Mr. Byrd voted yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Robinson presented a request for approval of amendment #3 to the Software License Agreement with Catalis Courts & Land Records, LLC.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Byrd, to approve Amendment #3 to the Software License Agreement with Catalis Courts & Land Records, LLC, of Alpharetta, Georgia, to add e-communication/text messaging functionality to the existing Benchmark Case Management System. The five-year cost of this amendment is \$21,981 and will be paid from the State Court Software Subscription Fund. Upon voting, Ms. Robinson, Mr. Byrd, and Mr. Talton voted yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Perdue stated that this program will help remind residents about court dates and jury summonses in addition to the notices sent by mail. He also stated that this system will help decrease the need for in-person contact with individuals who miss a court date or jury service.

Ms. Robinson presented a request to enter into an agreement with ConfirmOK to replace the existing RUOK system.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Talton, to approve signing a one-year service agreement with ConfirmOK, of Carlsbad, California, in the amount of \$3,000 for welfare check services. County Attorney Tom Hall has reviewed the agreement. This is a FY27 budget approved item. Upon voting, Ms. Robinson, Mr. Talton, and Mr. Byrd voted yes. Motion carried.

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Chairman Perdue thanked Captain Edens for her work on this project to transition to a new contact system and advised that the system calls residents once daily. If they do not answer, a deputy will be sent to ensure the resident is okay.

Motion by Ms. Robinson, second by Mr. Byrd, to approve the payment of the bills totaling \$5,800,827.40. Upon voting, Ms. Robinson, Mr. Byrd, and Mr. Talton voted yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Perdue opened the floor for Public Comments.

With no comments, Chairman Perdue opened the floor for Commissioners' comments.

Ms. Robinson thanked everyone for attending and commented on the strong start to the meeting, the information about Robins Air Force Base, and the celebration of our nation's 250th anniversary. She concluded by recognizing those in attendance from the Daughters of the American Revolution and speaking about the Liberty Tree located between the courthouse and detention center.

Mr. Byrd expressed his gratitude to be living in such a patriotic community, where patriotism is displayed in so many ways. He commented on the World Cup and noted that although Team USA was defeated, they played well and the event has showcased America. He recognized the cities for their Fourth of July fireworks celebrations and commented on how seriously the County takes its role as the host community for Robins Air Force Base. He concluded by recognizing Chairman Perdue for completing two specialty training tracks with the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia in the areas of operations and finance.

Mr. Talton expressed his appreciation to the members of the Daughters of the American Revolution for preserving our nation's history and for helping make this such a patriotic community. He concluded by thanking the employees of Houston County for their dedication each day.

Chairman Perdue commented on the absence of Commissioner Gottwals, and Director of Administration Robbie Dunbar, who were both traveling. He spoke of the upcoming meeting on July 9, at Centerville City Hall, at 6:00 p.m., where transportation and land use would be discussed as part of the five-year Comprehensive Plan update. He also encouraged residents to participate in the Comprehensive Plan survey and thanked the staff of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission for their partnership with the County, Warner Robins, and Centerville. In closing, Chairman Perdue commented on the nation's 250th anniversary and the Fourth of July celebrations held by each city, noting that the celebration of America's 250 years will continue throughout the year. He concluded by saying it is an honor to serve the citizens of Houston County.

Motion by Mr. Talton, second by Mr. Byrd, to approve adjourning the meeting. Upon voting, Mr. Talton, Mr. Byrd, and Ms. Robinson voted yes. Meeting adjourned.

Not present for the meeting does not sign
Robbie Dunbar
Director of Administration

Chairman

Not present for the meeting does
not sign

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