

HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
6:00 P.M., MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025
HABERSHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE
JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM
295 LLEWELLYN ST, CLARKESVILLE, GA 30523

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER
INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

COMMISSION OFFICER ELECTION FOR 2025

- a. Chairman
- b. Vice Chairman

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Storm Response Recognitions
- b. Employee Spotlight: Matt Ainsworth (Road Department)
- c. Windstream Presentation: Michael Foor, President of Georgia Field Operations

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

By permitting opponents or speakers to present public comment to the county, the county does not acquiesce or waive its ability to challenge to the legal standing of the speaker(s) in the event of litigation.

- a. 2nd Reading and Vote on Amendment to Article II (“Open Burning”) of Chapter 30 (“Fire Prevention and Protection”) of the Habersham County Code of Ordinances with Revisions to Sections 30-19 (“General Requirements”); 30-20 (“Open Burning on Privately Owned, Residential Property”); 30-21 (“Construction Site Burning”); 30-22 (“Agricultural Land Clearing or Right-of-Way Burning”) and 30-23 (“Emergency Burning”).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

During this time, members of the public are invited to address the Commission on any Agenda item other than those listed as Public Hearing. If you signed up to speak at the meeting tonight, you will have three minutes. If your name is listed on the Agenda, you will have five minutes.

- a. Bruce Palmer: General County Affairs

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Consider/Approve November 18, 2024 Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- b. Consider/Approve December 16, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

- c. Consider/Approve Award of Pre-Event Disaster Relief Contracts
- d. Consider/Approve Transfer of 50% of Lease Agreement for Hangar A-6 From Chris Tatum to Andrew Wall
- e. Consider/Approve New Lease Agreement with AVITA Community Partners for their Use of Space in the County Facility at 196 Scoggins Drive in Demorest.
- f. Consider/Approve Facilities Use Agreement with Hurricanes Youth Swim Team for 2025-2026 Season
- g. Consider/Approve Alcohol Sales Renewal/Application for:
 - 1. Brooks Store, located at 15838 Hwy 197 North, Clarkesville – Malt Beverage and Wine Package Sales
 - 2. Demorest Business, LLC, located at 2368 Hwy 115, Demorest- Malt Beverage and Wine Package Sales

REPORTS:

- a. County Manager’s Report: Tim Sims, Interim County Manager
- b. Departmental Report: Jerry Baggett, Road Department Director

APPOINTMENTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION

Remainder of 3-Year Term Ending 12/31/2025

- 1. Derick Canupp (Resignation-Term Expires 12/31/2025) Commissioner Woodall’s Appointment

CHESTATTEE CHATAHOOCHEE RC&D

1-Year Term Ending 12/31/2025

- 1. Jimmy Kowalsky (Term Expires 12/31/2024) At-Large Appointment

BOARD OF HEALTH

Term is Appointed Commissioners Elected Term

- 1. Bruce Palmer (Commissioner Representative) At-Large Appointment

AVITA BOARD

Remainder of 3-Year Term Ending 12/31/2026

- 1. Bruce Palmer (Commissioner Representative) At-Large Appointment

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL COMMISSION (GMRC)

1-Year Term Ending 12/31/2025

- 1. Bruce Palmer (Commissioner Representative) At-Large Appointment

DANGEROUS DOG COMMITTEE

Remainder of 2-Year Term Ending 06/30/2026

1. Bruce Palmer (Commissioner Representative) At-Large Appointment
2. Dr. Emily Allison (Veterinary Representative) At-Large Appointment
3. Jackie Hamby (Humane Society Representative) At-Large Appointment

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. 1st Reading of an Amendment to Chapter 30 (“Fire Prevention and Protection”) of the Habersham County Code of Ordinances to Provide for a New Article III (“Fire Alarms”)
- b. Consider/Approve Proposal for Fire Consolidation Study
- c. Consider/Approve Amendment to Private-Public Partnership Build Agreement with Windstream for Utilization of GA State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) Grant for Broadband Expansion in Habersham County
- d. Consider/Approve Award of Contract for Guaranteed Energy Savings Review
- e. Consider/Approve Resolution of Intent Regarding HB-581 (Resolution 2025-01-001)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel, pursuant to O.C.G.A § 50-14-3(b)(2); and Property Disposal, pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-3§ (b)(1)

ADJOURN

Posted: January 22, 2025

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