

JENNA S. MASHBURN — SOLE COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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Minutes of Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Pulaski County Commissioner was held at 10:00 a.m. on July 6, 2026. Commissioner Mashburn called the meeting to order. Jersey Bray gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business – The Central Georgia Joint Development Authority re-appointments were approved - Ken Clark 6/20/26-6/20/2030 and Scott Fisler 6/20/26-6/20/2030.

The City of Hawkinsville is annexing parcel H0060010012 located on Truman Rd. The zoning was changed and approved at the June 25 zoning meeting from County M-U to City R-3 .

The Pulaski County Tax Assessor Board re-appointments were approved - Thomas Fisher 7/24/2026-7/23/2032 and Chris Ruby 7/24/2026-7/23/2032

The Amendment to the Permit Fee Schedule for Billboards was signed and approved at a one-time fee of \$250.

Pulaski County awarded the contract for RFP 2026-01 for the Courthouse window replacement to Allied Compliance Group of Atlanta, Ga.

Lynn Johnson presented the Chamber of Commerce report. Jamie McDonald presented the Economic Development report.

Public Comments – Yvonne Roundtree expressed concerns regarding Taylor Regional Hospital and asked who is responsible for notifying the public about the hospital's loss of infrastructure and ability to function.

Commissioner Mashburn responded that the Hospital Board and the Department of Community Health are the primary points of contact regarding the hospital's operations and communications. She further explained that neither the County nor the City has authority over the hospital; however, they have reached out to their state representatives regarding the situation.

Commissioner Mashburn also noted that the County's ambulance service operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the 911 Department remain in communication with healthcare providers in the region to ensure patients are transported to the closest appropriate medical facility for treatment.

Marilyn Jelks asked who owns the hospital. It was explained that the hospital is owned and governed by its own board as a nonprofit entity. The County does not appoint the hospital board.

Archie Thompson commented on the challenges facing rural hospitals, noting that the healthcare funding environment is complex and difficult. He explained that a significant portion of the hospital's payer mix consists of indigent care, Medicare, and Medicaid. He further stated that reimbursement rates have decreased while operational costs have

continued to increase. He recognized the employees who continue to work at the hospital, stating that their dedication is selfless and that they need the community's prayers and support.

Yvonne Roundtree commented that she was both a patient and a volunteer at the hospital and expressed her full support for the staff. She stated that she has not been able to meet with the hospital board but thanked the Commissioner for her cooperation and efforts.

Ruby Harrell asked about the status of repairs for Fourteen Ln Road. The Commissioner explained that the road is scheduled for repair through the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) state program, along with Davis Road and Harmony Church Road. The contract process is currently underway, and resurfacing is expected to take place in the fall.

Marilyn Jelks thanked the Commissioner for the gravel improvements on the roads and the work completed to deepen the ditches.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34. Present at this meeting were Commissioner Mashburn, Jamie McDonald, Danny Goss, Sheriff Wayne Wiley, Major Marvin Giddens, Marilyn Jelks, Ruby L. Harrell, Cassandra Harrell, Ella McGalliard, Joni McGalliard, Luke Demers, Archie Thompson, Sara Myers, Jessica Davies, Lynn Johnson, Yvonne Roundtree, Jay Smith, Jersey Bray and Laurie Obert-Thorn.

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Pulaski County Sole Commissioner

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