

**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 6th , 2026 @ 5:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/INVOCATION/PLEDGE

Appling County Board of Commissioners held the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 6th , 2026 at 5:30 PM in the Commissioners' meeting room of the Courthouse Annex.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Leslie Burch and he welcomed all those in attendance. Commissioner Randy Sellers gave the invocation and Commissioner Jones led the group in the pledge. Present were Chairman Leslie Burch; Vice Chairman Chad Kent; Commissioners Randy Sellers, Jakharis Jones, Daryl Edwards and Ricky Barnes. Also, present were County Manager Reid Lovett, County Attorney Tracy Brown and County Clerk Robyn Evans.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following additions were made to the agenda: Ratification of Drug Court Vote under OLD BUSINESS; ACCG Scholarship Point of Contact Designee under NEW BUSINESS. Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the agenda, with the aforementioned additions; Commissioner Barnes seconded; unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular meeting minutes for December 2, 2025 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Sellers; seconded by Commissioner Kent; and unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL GUEST(S)/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deidra Hewitt, Appling Hope Center (a faith-based community kitchen feeding those struggling with food insecurities), spoke in regards to the past year's accomplishments; sharing that over 13,000 meals were served and over 3200 families. She then introduced Juanita Adams of Safe Harbor. Adams shared her team was assisting the "homeless" find homes and other resources and was soliciting volunteers from the community to help canvas areas to locate the homeless population and volunteers to serve at Appling Hope Center. This project, called Point In Time Contact, will begin canvassing on January 26th and 27th, 2026.

OLD BUSINESS

Heart of GA Regional Commission Board Appointment

The private sector member, appointed by the Board of Commissioners, expires annually. This position is currently held by Danny Johnson, whom is eligible for re-appointment. Commissioner Sellers made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Johnson; Commissioner Jones seconded; unanimously approved.

Ratification of Drug Court Vote

County Manager Lovett shared during the September 9, 2025 meeting, Judge Stephen Kelley presented the necessity for fines/fees being paid to Clerk of Superior Court, going directly to Drug Court accounts. However, a vote was not cast during the meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Edwards; seconded by Commissioner Barnes; this item was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

Resolution to Adopt a Language Access Plan for 2025 CDBG

Lovett shared that a requirement of the Community Development Block Grant included the adoption of a Language Access Plan since the County currently did not have one in place. Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the plan as presented in meeting packets; Commissioner Kent seconded; unanimously approved.

ACCG Scholarship Point of Contact Designation

Lovett shared that ACCG created a portal for training scholarships and a designee must be made to access and apply on behalf of the County. The Chairman of the Board may designate a member to do this and no vote is needed. Chairman Burch designated County Clerk Robyn Evans as the designee.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

None at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to close the Regular meeting session and enter into Executive session; Commissioner Sellers seconded; unanimously approved.

Commissioner Kent made a motion to close Executive session and re-enter the Regular meeting session; Commissioner Edwards seconded; unanimously approved.

No action taken at this time.

PUBLIC INPUT

Joe Dykstra – Animal Shelter/Dog Pound

Mr. Dykstra was not present at the meeting.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

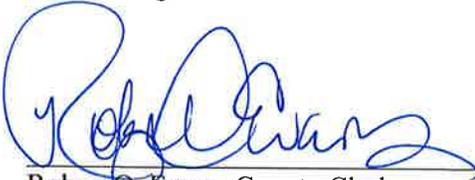
County Manager Lovett shared a financial update; mentioned the Public Works Department will be moving to US#1 location where the old National Guard Armory is currently located. He also shared that a large washout was found under the pickleball courts and is being evaluated for repairs.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

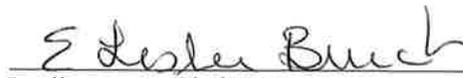
Chairman Burch mentioned that the Board had all been given information to study in regards to Animal Control ordinances.

ADJOURN

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.



Robyn O. Evans, County Clerk



Leslie Burch, Chairman

COUNTY SEAL



**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CALLED MEETING MINUTES
January 20th , 2026 @ 5:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/INVOCATION/PLEDGE

Appling County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Tuesday, January 20th , 2026 at 5:30 PM in the Commissioners' meeting room of the Courthouse Annex.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Leslie Burch and he welcomed all those in attendance. Mr. Joe Taylor gave the invocation and County Manager Lovett led the group in the pledge. Present were Chairman Leslie Burch; Vice Chairman Chad Kent; Commissioners Randy Sellers, Jakharis Jones, Daryl Edwards and Ricky Barnes. Also, present were County Manager Reid Lovett, County Attorney Tracy Brown and County Clerk Robyn Evans.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the agenda;; Commissioner Kent seconded; unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

EMA Director

Lovett shared that current EMA Director, Darrell Holcomb will be retiring January 31, 2026 and interviews for this position were complete. The interview panel recommended Al Meadows to be hired. Commissioner Sellers made a motion to approve this hire; Commissioner Jones seconded; unanimously approved.

Real Estate Acquisition

Discussions were held in regards to property previously discussed – the old Buddy's furniture store at 1205 W Parker Street, Baxley, GA. Commissioner Sellers did not think it was in the County's best interest, at this time, to purchase said property; Commissioner Barnes agreed; Commissioner Jones like the idea of the location and possibility of the new court complex. Commissioner Edwards asked if the location could meet our needs and mentioned it would cost approximately \$2.3 million to build in this location, plus the additional in acquisition costs. Commissioner Sellers made a motion to decline purchase of this property; Commissioner Barnes seconded; Commissioners Kent and Edwards agreed to decline; Commissioner Jones opposed the motion.

Tire Product Grant Award/Agreement

Lovett explained the grant was awarded in the amount of \$221,520.00 and will be utilized in the Parks and Recreation Department for rubberized mulch to be placed in playground areas. Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the agreement and allow Lovett to sign on the County's behalf; Commissioner Kent seconded; unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No items to discuss at this time.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

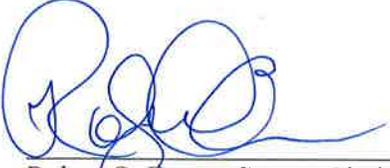
None at this time.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Burch mentioned that the Board was reviewing documents related to animal control and would like this on the agenda to discuss in February.

ADJOURN

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.



Robyn O. Evans, County Clerk



Leslie Burch, Chairman

COUNTY SEAL



**APPLING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CALLED MEETING MINUTES
January 27th , 2026 @ 5:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/INVOCATION/PLEDGE

Appling County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Tuesday, January 27th , 2026 at 5:30 PM in the Commissioners' meeting room of the Courthouse Annex.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Leslie Burch and he welcomed all those in attendance. Commissioner Sellers gave the invocation and Commissioner Barnes led the group in the pledge. Present were Chairman Leslie Burch; Vice Chairman Chad Kent; Commissioners Randy Sellers, Daryl Edwards and Ricky Barnes. Also, present were County Manager Reid Lovett, County Attorney Tracy Brown and County Clerk Robyn Evans. Commissioner Jakharis Jones was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Kent made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Commissioner Edwards seconded; unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel, Litigation, and/or Real Estate

Commissioner Sellers made a motion to close regular session and enter into executive session; Commissioner Edwards seconded; unanimously approved. Chairman Burch shared that Commissioner Jones would be joining executive by phone.

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to close executive session; Commissioner Barnes seconded; unanimously approved.

County Manager Lovett shared that Real Estate was discussed, in regards to the former Environmental Park behind the Middle School, possibly being transferred to the County and property owned in Graham possibly being transferred to the Development Authority. These items will be added to the February meeting for discussion and action.

County Attorney Brown shared that matters to Litigation were discussed, sharing that the District Attorney's mediation will continue but Appling County has chosen not to participate. Brown also stated he'd been given direction from the Board to begin exploratory meetings with Jeff Davis to devise a dual county agreement regarding any County funds being given to the District Attorney and negotiations for services performed for Appling and Jeff Davis counties only. Updates will be given to the County Manager and Chairman to report back to the Board.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

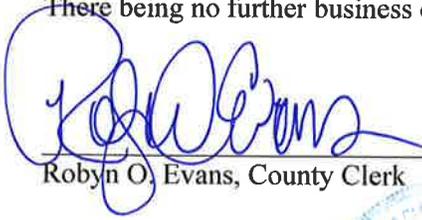
None at this time.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Burch stated he was scolded for not announcing the specific topics being discussed prior to Executive Session. Agenda stated personnel, litigation, and/or real estate; however, no personnel items were discussed.

ADJOURN

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.



Robyn O. Evans, County Clerk



Leslie Burch, Chairman

COUNTY SEAL

