

BRANTLEY COUNTY COMMISSION
Public Hearing
July 1, 2025 5:40pm
County Commission Office

The Brantley County Board of Commissioners held a work session on July 1, 2025, 5:40 PM, in the Commission Office.

Present were Chairman Chris Harris, Brian Hendrix, Andy Riggins, Hal Herndon and Randy Davison, Board Members, Joey Cason, County Manager.

Chairman Harris Called the meeting to order; Commissioner Herndon gave the invocation.

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Herndon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

AGENDA

1. Discussion of Special Exception for Dog Kennel located at 521 Happy Hollow Road, Hortense, GA
Ms. Vassillion was present to answer any questions. Commissioner Herndon asked how the animal waste was going to be handled. Ms. Vassillion stated the facility has proper drainage to a septic system and waste will be contained. She also stated that the Department of Agriculture has approved her permit, and her facility has met all state requirements. Commissioner Hendrix asked how close this facility was to her neighbors. She stated that the facility sits centrally on 7 acres and noise level should not be an issue. Commissioner Riggins asked if there has been any complaints thus far regarding the current farm animals she has on that property. The County Manager stated he has not received any. Adjacent property Owner Debbie Sirmans expressed concerns about waste drainage into the McIntosh Creek that flows through that property. The County Manager stated he would have pictures to present to Commissioners to clear up any drainage and facility questions before this permit comes to a vote.
2. Discussion of Special Exception for Dollar Store located at intersection of Hwy 301 & Caney Bay road Nahunta, GA
Josh Rassmusen was present on behalf of Terramore development to answer any questions. Commissioner Davison asked what road the entrance will be placed. Mr. Rassmusen stated the entrance will be located off Caney Bay road.

3. Discussion of Variance for Ice Machine located at 4779 Hwy 32 Hortense, GA
No Questions or comments
4. Discussion of Special Exception for Bed & Breakfast Located on Johns Way,
Nahunta, GA
No Questions or comments
5. Adjournment

Commissioner Herndon made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Riggins seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. There being no further business, the public hearing adjourned in regular order.



Chris Harris, Chairman

ATTEST:



Taylor Sheppard, County Clerk



BRANTLEY COUNTY COMMISSION
Work Session 6:00 PM
July 1, 2025
County Commission Office

The Brantley County Board of Commissioners held a work session on July 1st, 2025, at 6:00 PM, in the Commission Office.

Present were Chairman, Chris Harris, Hal Herndon, Brian Hendrix, Andy Riggins and Randy Davison, Board Members, Joey Cason, County Manager and County Attorney, Steven Blackerby.

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order; Ms. Mittie Vaughn gave the invocation and led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The County Manager made a recommendation to amend the agenda to add 10 items.

12A: Consideration of purchase of lights for Jail

12B: Consideration of purchase of Dive Team equipment- Sherriff Office

12C: Consideration of new server for E911 operating system

12D: Consideration of purchase of a rebuilt engine for ambulance- EMS

12E: Consideration of payment to ACCG for Semi-annual PTSD Coverage for first responders

12F: Consideration of Variance for Ice machine located at 4779 Hwy 32, Hortense, GA

12G: Consideration of Special exception for Dog Kennel located at 521 Happy Hollow Road, Hortense, GA

12H: Consideration of rezoning property located at intersection of Hwy 301 and Caney Bay for placement of a Dollar General

12I: Consideration of Special Exception for the placement of a bed and breakfast located on Johns Way, Nahunta, GA.

12J: Consideration of purchase of used pumper truck- Calvary VFD

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to accept these amendments. Commissioner Hendrix Seconded the Motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Public Participation - Speakers added to public participation agenda

Karen Leggett- Road issue; Fred Avenue

Ms. Leggett Was not in attendance

Kathy Hendrix- proposed amendment to land use ordinance- minimum square footage requirements

Ms. Hendrix was not in attendance

Open Public Participation Agenda Items Only
None

AGENDA

1. ActionPact Updates- Diane Rogers

Ms. Rogers gave an update on the local action pact. She stated that due to cut federal funding the Brantley County service center is due to close on September 30th, 2025.

2. Consideration of purchase agreement CAMACloud software- Tax Assessors

The County Manager recommended approving the agreement for \$15,540. He stated that \$14,000 is currently budgeted for this item. A budget amendment will have to be made for the additional cost. Regular Agenda

3. Consideration of Resolution to remove former County Clerk Rene Jacobs from PrimeSouth bank accounts and add County Clerk Taylor Sheppard.

Regular Agenda

4. Consideration of technical services agreement with Southern GA Regional Commission

County Manager recommended the Approval of purchase of the technical services agreement with Southern GA Regional Commission at a cost of \$11,000. Regular Agenda

5. Consideration of amended purchase amount for (2) washers and (2) dryers for Jail.

The County Manger recommended Amending the February 2025 minutes to reflect total price of \$38,349.50 purchase amount for (2) washers and (2) dryers for Jail. Regular Agenda

6. Consideration of adopting the signed agreement with Hoboken VFD.

Members were present to sign the agreement and give to Commissioners for approval. Regular Agenda

7. Consideration of adopting the signed agreement with Nahunta VFD.

Members were present to sign the agreement and give to Commissioners for approval. Regular Agenda

8. Consideration of quotes for turf Equipment- Recreation Department.

The County Manager made a recommendation to go with the quote from MillCreek Manufacturing for the Turf Tiger 1 cubic yard top dressing equipment in the amount of \$8,500 for the Recreation Department. To be paid out of operational budget. Regular Agenda

9. Consideration of quotes for rescue tools- Hoboken VFD

The County Manager made a recommendation to approve the quote for rescue tools from Rescue Systems for Hoboken VFD. He stated the reason for going with the higher quote would allow the new equipment to be consistent with existing equipment as well as with other stations. That amount of \$34,840.00 to be paid out of Hoboken VFD account. Regular Agenda

10. Consideration of purchase of fire fighter clothing- Calvary VFD

The County Manager made a recommendation to approve the purchase of fire fighter clothing from Ten8 for Calvary VFD in the amount of \$34,090.58. He stated this would be out of their annual budget. Regular Agenda

11. Consideration to adopt agreement amendment for the ACCG 401(A) defined contribution plan for County Employees

Regular Agenda

12. Consideration of probable cost for BrittStill Road project

Mr. Ben Peirce with GWES was present to go over both options presented and answer any question the board may have. The County Manager recommended approval of curb & gutter option for BrittStill Road project in the amount of \$525,000.00 To be paid out of SPLOST. Regular Agenda

- 12A: Consideration of purchase of lights for Jail

The County Manager recommended to approve purchase of lights from Hardtime Products in the amount of \$62,930 to be paid out of SPLOST. Regular Agenda

- 12B: Consideration of purchase of Dive Team equipment- Sherriff Office

The County Manager recommended Approval to purchase Dive Team equipment from Wreckreation Scuba in the amount of \$17,664.92 to be paid out of the Sheriff's department Capital outlays account. Regular Agenda

12C: Consideration of new server for E911 operating system

The County Manager recommended approving purchase of a new server for E911 operating system from MLBA in the amount of \$55,520.00. which would be paid out of the Capital line item in the E911 budget. Regular Agenda

12D: Consideration of purchase of a rebuilt engine for ambulance- EMS

The County Manager recommended to approve purchase of a rebuilt Dodge engine for an ambulance from Woody Folsom with a two-year warranty for a projected cost of \$26,260.00. Regular Agenda

12E: Consideration of payment to ACCG for Semi-annual PTSD Coverage for first responders

The County Manager recommended approving payment to ACCG for Semi-annual PTSD Coverage for first responders for in the amount of \$12,136.00. Regular Agenda

12F: Consideration of Variance for Ice machine located at 4779 Hwy 32, Hortense, GA

The County Manager recommended approving Variance. Regular Agenda

12G: Consideration of Special exception for Dog Kennel located at 521 Happy Hollow Road, Hortense, GA

The County Manager recommended to approve the special Exception. Regular Agenda

12H: Consideration of rezoning property located at intersection of Hwy 301 and Caney Bay for placement of a Dollar General

The County Manager recommended to approve. Regular Agenda

12I: Consideration of Special Exception for the placement of a bed and breakfast located on Johns Way, Nahunta, GA.

The County Manager recommended to approve. Regular Agenda

12J: Consideration of purchase of used pumper truck- Calvary VFD

The County Manager recommended to approve purchase of Brinlee Mountain fire apparatus in the amount of \$149,000. Regular Agenda

13. County Manager report

The County finance director provided an updated report on current finances.

14. Executive Session- Personnel, Real Estate, Legal

Commissioner Davison made the motion to go into executive session. Commissioner Hendrix seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried

Reconvening after the Closed Session, Commissioner Riggins made a motion to affirm matters discussed in Closed Session which was personnel; and directed the Chairman to sign the affidavit required by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4(b). Commissioner Hendrix seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Harris stated that information was received no action taken.

15. Adjournment

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.



Chris Harris, Chairman

ATTEST:



Taylor Sheppard, County Clerk



BRANTLEY COUNTY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting 6:00 PM
July 3, 2025
County Commission Office

The Brantley County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on July 3rd, at 6:00 PM, in the Commission Office.

Present were Chairman Chris Harris, Hal Herndon, Brian Hendrix, Andy Riggins and Randy Davison, Board Members. Also present was Joey Cason, County Manager and County Attorney, Steven Blackerby.

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order, Ms. Mittie Vaughn gave the invocation and led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Commissioner Davison made a motion to approve the June 2025 minutes. Commissioner Hendrix seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

The County Manager made a recommendation to amend the agenda to add the following item:

21A: Consideration of appointing Aleta (Lynn) Daniels to the position of Deputy County Clerk. Commissioner Riggins made a motion to approve the agenda and Commissioner Davison seconded the motion all in favor. Motion Carried.

AGENDA

1. Approval of the purchase agreement for CAMACloud software for the Tax Assessors Office.

The total amount is \$15,540. \$14,000 is currently budgeted for this item. A budget amendment will have to be made for the additional cost. Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to approve. Commissioner Riggins seconded the motion all in favor. Motion carried.

2. Approval of the Resolution to remove former County Clerk Rene Jacobs from PrimeSouth bank accounts and add Taylor Sheppard.

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to approve. Commissioner Herndon seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

3. Approval of purchase of the technical services agreement with Southern GA Regional Commission at a cost of \$11,000.

Commissioner Davison made the motion to approve Commissioner Hendrix seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

4. Amend the February 2025 minutes to reflect total price of \$38,349.50 purchase amount for (2) washers and (2) dryers for Jail.

Commissioner Hendrix made the motion to approve Commissioner Herndon seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

5. Adoption of the signed agreement with Hoboken VFD.

Commissioner Riggins made the motion to approve Commissioner Herndon seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

6. Adoption of the signed agreement with Nahunta VFD.

Commissioner Davison made the motion to approve Commissioner Herndon seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

7. Approval of purchase Turf Tiger 1 cubic yard top dressing equipment in the amount of \$8,500 for the Recreation Department from Millcreek Manufacturing. To be paid out of operational budget.

Commissioner Hendrix made the motion to approve Commissioner Herndon seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

8. Approval of purchase of rescue tools from Rescue Systems for Hoboken VFD in the amount of \$34,840.00 to be paid out of Hoboken VFD account.

Commissioner Hendrix made the motion to approve Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

9. Approval of purchase of fire fighter clothing from Ten8 for Calvary VFD in the amount of \$34,090.58 to be out of Annual budget.

Commissioner Riggins made the motion to approve Commissioner Hendrix seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

10. Adopt agreement amendment for the ACCG 401(A) defined contribution plan for County Manager to allow immediate vesting.

Commissioner Hendrix made the motion to approve Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

11. Consideration of purchase curb & gutter option for BrittStill Road project in the amount of \$525,000.00 To be paid out of SPLOST.

Commissioner Hendrix made the motion to approve Commissioner Herndon seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

12. Approval of purchase of lights for Jail from Hardtime Products in the amount of \$62,930 to be paid out of SPLOST.

Commissioner Riggins made the motion to approve Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

13. Approval to purchase Dive Team equipment from Wreckreation Scuba in the amount of \$17,664.92 to be paid out of the Sheriff's department Capital outlays account.

Commissioner Davison made the motion to approve Commissioner Hendrix seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

14. Approval of the purchase of a new server for E911 operating system from MLBA in the amount of \$55,520.00 to be paid out of the Capital line item in the E911 budget.

Commissioner Riggins made the motion to approve Commissioner Hendrix seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

15. Approval of the purchase of a rebuilt Dodge engine for an ambulance from Woody Folsom with a two-year warranty for a projected cost of \$26,260.00.

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to approve Commissioner Riggins seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

16. Approval of payment to ACCG for Semi-annual PTSD Coverage for first responders for \$12,136.00.

Commissioner Riggins made the motion to approve. Commissioner Hendrix seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

17. Approval of Variance for Ice machine located at 4779 Hwy 32, Hortense, GA.

Commissioner Hendrix made the motion to approve. Commissioner Riggins seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

18. Approval of Special Exception for Dog Kennel located at 521 Happy Hollow Road, Hortense, GA.

Commissioner Herndon made the motion to approve. Commissioner Hendrix seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

19. Approval of rezoning property located at the intersection of Hwy 301 and Caney Bay for placement of a Dollar General.

Commissioner Riggins made the motion to approve. Commissioner Hendrix seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

20. Consideration of Special Exception for the placement of a Bed and Breakfast located on Johns Way, Nahunta, GA.

Commissioner Hendrix made the motion to approve. Commissioner Davidson seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

21. Consideration of purchase of used pumper truck from Brindlee Mountain fire in the amount of \$149,000. For Calvary VFD.

The County Manager stated that if the Commissioners agree to amend the Calvary budget, Calvary has \$83,921 in funds available. The options for the additional funding needed in the amount of \$65,079 would be paid out of the 2025 SPLOST or other designated methods. The County Manager stated that Calvary VFD cannot receive SPLOST funds until they have signed the agreement with the County. The County Manager also stated that if not approved for using SPLOST funds that he will look into finding funds from other sources. Commissioner Riggins made a motion to approve. A second motion was not given. Commissioner Herndon stated the SPLOST funds cannot be given until the new agreement was signed. Commissioner Riggins' motion to approve was revoked. Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to table purchase of pumper truck until the fire agreement for Calvary VFD had been signed. Commissioner Herndon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 21A. Appointment of Aleta (Lynn) Daniels to the position of Deputy County Clerk. Commissioner Davison made the motion to approve.

Commissioner Riggins seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

22. Adjournment

Commissioner Davison made the motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Hendrix seconded the motion All in favor. Motion carried. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned in regular order



Chris Harris, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Taylor Sheppard, County Clerk



BRANTLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING
July 17, 2025
5:30 PM
COUNTY COMMISSION OFFICE

The Brantley County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on July 17, 2025, 5:30 PM, in the Commission Office.

Present were Chairman Chris Harris, Andy Riggins, and Hal Herndon. Board Members, County Manager Joey Cason. Commissioner Hendrix and Commissioner Davison were absent.

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order; Commissioner Riggins gave the invocation and led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Herndon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

The County Manager stated this is a budget hearing on the 2026 budget. The budget presented is a balanced budget with the projected revenue of \$18,528,532.84. The projected total expenditure in the amount of \$17,538,019.02 with excess revenues over expenditures in the amount of \$990,513.82.

Kendal Lewis, finance director, was in attendance to answer any questions the commissioners may have had. The County Manager stated that this budget will be amended before the end of the year due to a few adjustments forthcoming to include the health insurance for employees.

Commissioner Herndon asked how this year's revenues compare to last year's revenues. Ms. Lewis stated they are up from last year. The County Manger stated that the SPLOST collection in up and the LOST collection is down.

Commissioner Herndon asked if we were collecting any Airbnb taxes around the county. Ms. Lewis stated we currently don't but that the state has recently passed something that allows the County to collect those taxes. Ms. Lewis stated she would speak with the Tax Commissioner for further information.

Chairman Harris asked about the E911 fees that are being sent other counties due to addressing confusion. The County Manager stated he would check on those issues for a resolution to that issue.

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Herndon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned in regular order.



Chris Harris, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Taylor Sheppard, County Clerk

