

BRANTLEY COUNTY COMMISSION

**April 1, 2025
Public Hearing
5:45 PM**

The Brantley County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on April 1, 2025, 5:45 PM, in the Commission Office.

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

AGENDA

1. Discussion of Special Exception for a cell tower

The County Manager stated that Mr. Chris Evans, with Gen7 Engineering was in attendance to answer questions. The Planning Commission approved the special exception. Mr. Evans gave a brief explanation on the cell tower. No public comment.

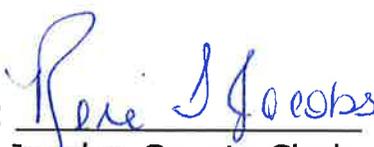
Commissioner Riggins made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hendrix seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

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



Chris Harris, Chairman

ATTEST:



Rene' T. Jacobs, County Clerk

BRANTLEY COUNTY COMMISSION
April 1, 2025
Work Session
6:00 PM

The Brantley County Board of Commissioners held a work session on April 1, 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. County Attorney. Steven Blackerby was absent.

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

The County Manager asked the Board to amend the agenda to add Special Exception for cell tower as #11A. Commissioner Davison made a motion to approve the amendment. Commissioner Riggins seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Participation - Speakers added to public participation agenda

Recognize Recreation Basketball District Champions

The Recreation Department recognized the 8U girls and 10U boys with certificates and signing of a basketball by each player; one the girls and one for the boys; both teams were District Champions.

Scott Spires – Satilla Plantation – not in attendance

Robert Wilson – Solar Farm Ordinance

Mr. Wilson had several concerns pertaining to the ordinance.

Open Public Participation Agenda Items Only - None

AGENDA

1. Consideration of Library Board - re-appointment
Rhonda Dowling

Consent Agenda

2. Consideration of Tax Assessor Board – Sherman Tomlinson

Consent Agenda

3. Consideration of Resolution amending the stormwater management ordinance

Regular Agenda

4. Consideration of quote from Stryker EMS

EMS Director, Chuck Wilson, informed the Board this is for a power load system for the last ambulance; after this all ambulances will have a power lift. This has reduced the workers' comp in the last year. The County Manager stated this will be paid out of EMS capital outlay. Regular Agenda

5. Consideration of maintenance plan for Stryker EMS equipment

The County Manager stated this is for the update on all Stryker equipment for maintenance for all bio medical equipment. Chuck Wilson, EMS Director, stated this will bring all the equipment on the same maintenance plan; this covers the stretchers, power loads, cardiac monitors, Lucas CPR machines, stair chairs and AED's. The County Manager stated this will be paid out of Opioid Funds. Regular Agenda

6. Consideration of budget amendment for 2% COLA and 2% Defined Contribution to County 401A

The County Manager stated this is an amendment for a 2% cost of living adjustment for all full-time permanent employees; this will be calculated at 2% of the employees' base pay. The County Manager stated this is to amend the budget to include a 2% defined contribution to all full-time

permanent employees' 401A plan calculated at bases pay. The County Manager stated these funds will come out of the EMS Collections Account and will be moved to the General Fund; the projected total for the increase is \$260,897.00. Regular Agenda

7. Consideration of Britt Still Road mitigation credits for placement of drainage culverts

The County Manager stated that the Corp of Engineers requires it since there will be disturbance when the culverts are being put installed. The County has to purchase 1.36 mitigation credits in the amount of \$68,000.00. Regular Agenda

8. Consideration of amending Human Resource policy on accrual of Paid Time Off

The County Manager stated this is basically for converting sick leave and vacation leave to paid time off (PTO). This will be for all full-time employees. Regular Agenda

9. Consideration of amending the Human Resource policy for travel expense for meals

The County Manager stated this is to amend the HR policy for use of travel expenses. Regular Agenda

10. Consideration of amending Human Resource policy use of personal vehicles and use of county vehicles

The County Manager to update the use of personal vehicles and use of county vehicles; also bringing the mileage up to the current federal standards. Regular Agenda

11. Consideration of variance for mobile home located at 2165 Highway 32 West, Hortense, GA

The County Manager stated that the Planning Commission has approved this. Mr. George Barnhill stated that this is for family use; he owns 200 acres and would like to put a third mobile home on the property. The County's ordinance states that a third mobile home would be considered a mobile home park; Mr. Barnhill would like for the Board to approve the variance. Regular Agenda

11A. Consideration of cell tower

The County Manager stated that this went before the Planning Commission and was approved; and the public hearing we had before this work session. Regular Agenda

12. County Manager report

The County Manager stated that all but two departments have met for budget reviews and were given information up to date. The County Manager did inform the Board that the Governor has put aside money for LMIG supplement funds the total the County will receive is \$995,042.18; which will basically cover the cost for the culverts for Britt Still Road; therefore the County will not have to use TSPLOST or SPLOST funds. (Report attached).

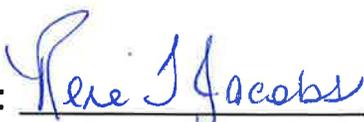
13. Adjournment

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: 
Rene' T. Jacobs, County Clerk

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

The Brantley County Board of Commissioners held a work session on April 3, 2025, at 6:00 PM, in the Commission Office.

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

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order; County Manager, Joey Cason, gave the invocation and led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to approve March 2025 minutes. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Library Board - re-appointment Rhonda Dowling

Tax Assessor Board – new appointment Sherman Tomlinson

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

AGENDA

1. Consideration of Resolution amending the stormwater management ordinance

Commissioner Davison made a motion to approve the resolution amending the stormwater management ordinance with the stipulation that the wording, " an acre or more, " be included for clarification. Commissioner Herndon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Consideration of quote from Stryker EMS

Commissioner Herndon made a motion to approve the purchase of a Stryker Power Lift for a total of \$30,552.39. This will be paid for out of the operating budget. Commissioner Riggins seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Consideration of maintenance plan for Stryker EMS equipment

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to bring all Stryker equipment Maintenance plans in line and have consistent repairs. The total cost for this action is \$16,458.90 to be paid for out of opioid funds. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Consideration of budget amendment for 2% COLA and 2% Defined Contribution to County 401A

Commissioner Davison made a motion to amend the 2025 Brantley County Budget to include a Cost-of-Living Adjustment for all full time permanent employees including the County Clerk and County Manager. The Cost-of-Living Adjustment will be 2% of the employees base pay. This will be implemented on the April 7th pay period. Commissioner Herndon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Davison made a motion to amend the 2025 Brantley County Budget to amend the County Retirement Plan through ACCG to include a 2% defined Contribution to all Full Time Permanent Employees 401A plan. Commissioner Herndon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

The County Manager stated the funding for these adjustments will be moved from the EMS Collection account to the General fund. The Fund balance on this account is \$1,093,553. The projected total for the increase is \$260,897.

5. Consideration of Britt Still Road mitigation credits for placement of drainage culverts

Commissioner Davison made a motion to approve the purchase of Mitigation Credits from Coastal River Basin Group for a total of \$68,000. Commissioner Riggins seconded the motion. All in favor. motion carried. The County Manager stated this is to be paid for by Road SPLOST.

6. Consideration of amending Human Resource policy on accrual of Paid Time Off

Commissioner Herndon made a motion to amend the County Personnel policy Section 1200.300 Paid Time Off to allow that Vacation and Sick leave will be converted to Paid Time Off (PTO). The motion also includes from the anniversary date this year going forward PTO will be accrued per pay period according to the charts provided. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

The County Manager informed the Board that the changes to the Policy will not go into effect until all calculations have been done and reviewed to ensure that no employee loses or gains additional time.

7. Consideration of amending the Human Resource policy for travel expense for meals

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to amend section 200.900 Travel expense guidelines, to allow \$25 per day for breakfast and lunch, and \$50 per day for supper. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. Consideration of amending Human Resource policy use of personal vehicles and use of county vehicles

Commissioner Davison made a motion to amend Section 200.900 Travel Expense Guidelines to state that mileage reimbursement will be based on the current IRS standard mileage rate. Commissioner Herndon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. Consideration of variance for mobile home located at 2165 Highway 32 West, Hortense, GA

Commissioner Riggins motion to approve the recommended variance for George Barnhill to move a 3rd additional Mobile Home on his property and not create a Mobile Home Park. Chairman Harris seconded the motion. Commissioner Herndon and Commissioner Davison voted no. The request did not move forward due to no quorum of a vote.

10. Consideration of Special Exception for cell tower

Commissioner Herndon made a motion to approve the installation of a cell tower at 397 McDonald Loop that was recommended by the Planning Commission. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

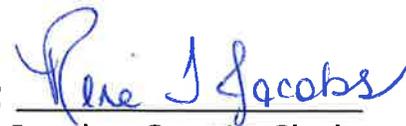
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