

BRANTLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING
June 3, 2025
5:40 PM
COUNTY COMMISSION OFFICE

The Brantley County Board of Commissioners held a work session on June 3, 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; Mittie Vaughn gave the invocation.

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

AGENDA

1. Discussion of Special Exception for a bed & breakfast located at Johns Way. Nahunta, GA.

The County Manager stated that this item is cancelled for this meeting that the applicant was unable to attend the hearing.

2. Discussion of Special Exception for a home bakery located at 255 Spell Landing Road, Hortense, GA

Neighbors: Shennan Foster, Janice Nichols and Brian Zimmerman were in attendance and expressed concerns about higher traffic volume. Applicant Deborah McLaughlin was present to address this issue and assured she would make all deliveries and that there would be no change to the traffic volume.

Commissioner Herndon made a motion to amend the agenda for the approval of Special Exception for a bed & breakfast located at Johns Way. Commissioner Hendrix seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Adjournment

Commissioner Hendrix 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, Deputy County Clerk

BRANTLEY COUNTY COMMISSION
Work Session 6:00 PM
June 3, 2025
County Commission Office

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

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

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 made a recommendation to amend the agenda to add 3 items.
9A: Consideration of adopting the signed agreement from Waynesville VFD.
9B: Consideration of adopting the signed agreement from Hortense VFD.
9C: Consideration of Special Exception for a home bakery located at 255 Spell Landing Road, Hortense, GA. Commissioner Riggins made a motion to accept these amendments. Commissioner Herndon Seconded the Motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

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

Public Participation - Speakers added to public participation agenda
Francesca Metcalf – solar panels

Greg Vandercamp, Vice President of Development for BrightNight was in attendance to speak on her behalf. He gave a quick overview of the Pepper Hammock project. Tim Cupp also spoke up on their behalf of the Pepper Hammock project.

Open Public Participation Agenda Items Only
No one spoke.

AGENDA

1. Consideration of Library Board appointment – Annette Willis
Consent Agenda
2. Angela Keene, Chief Appraiser, update on assessments
Was present and gave an update on the tax assessments that will be mailed out soon.

3. Consideration of ACCG property & liability renewal
Regular Agenda
4. Consideration of service and repair order Otis Elevator Co.
Regular Agenda
5. Consideration of amended purchase amount for (2) washers and (2) dryers for Jail.
Regular Agenda
6. Consideration of quotes for cascade system Waynesville VFD
Regular Agenda
7. Consideration of amended purchase amount for hoses Waynesville VFD
Regular Agenda
8. Consideration of resolution to amend the subdivision regulations
Regular Agenda
9. Consideration of MOU with Family Connection – Dawn Deen
Regular Agenda
- 9A. Consideration of adopting the signed agreement from Waynesville VFD.
Regular Agenda
- 9B. Consideration of adopting the signed agreement from Hortense VFD.
Regular Agenda
- 9C. Consideration of Special Exception for a home bakery located at 255 Spell Landing Road, Hortense, GA
Regular Agenda
10. County Manager report
The County Manager discussed his meeting with INDIGITAL where he received new information on new 911 software
11. Executive Session – Personnel
Commissioner Riggins made a motion to go into executive session.
Commissioner Davison 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.

12. Adjournment

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



Chris Harris, Chairman

ATTEST:



Taylor Sheppard, Deputy Clerk



BRANTLEY COUNTY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting 6:00 PM
June 5, 2025
County Commission Office

The Brantley County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on June 5, 2025, 6:00 PM, in the Commission Office.

Present were Chairman Chris Harris, Hal Herndon, Andy Riggins and Randy Davison, Board Members and Joey Cason, County Manager. Commissioner Brian Hendrix was not in attendance.

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

Commissioner Davison made the motion to approve May 2025 Minutes. Commissioner Herndon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

The County Manager made a recommendation to amend the agenda with the following items:

1A: acceptance of Mrs. Rene` Jacobs retirement after 34 years of dedicated service.
1B: Consideration of employment of Deputy Clerk Taylor Sheppard to the position of County Clerk. Commissioner Davison made a motion to accept these amendments. Commissioner Riggins seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Appointment – Library Board for 2025 – Annette Willis

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

AGENDA

1. Update from District Attorney

District Attorney Marilyn Bennett was present and gave an overview of the District Attorney processes, budgets and funding needs while answering questions from the Commissioners. She also provided an information packet with this same information.

1A: Consideration of acceptance of Mrs. Rene` Jacobs retirement after 34 years of dedicated service.

Commissioner Davison made the motion to accept Jacobs retirement.
Commissioner Riggins seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

1B: Consideration of employment of Deputy Clerk Taylor Sheppard to the position of County Clerk.

Commissioner Riggins made the motion to approve the employment of Deputy Clerk Taylor Sheppard to the position of County Clerk. Riggins stated that this employment will begin her probation period and the Commissioners, in conjunction with Mrs. Sheppard will determine her starting pay. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Consideration of ACCG property & liability renewal

Commissioner Davison made a motion to approve the annual renewal with ACCG. in the amount of \$289,012. Commissioner Herndon Seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

3. Consideration of service and repair order Otis Elevator Co.

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to approve payment to Otis Elevator in the amount of \$15,506.91 for the modifications to comply with the ASME 17.3 Door Lock Monitoring Code. To be paid out of the Courthouse Building Maintenance fund. Commissioner Herndon seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

4. Consideration of amended purchase amount of for (2) washers and (2) dryers for jail

Discussion ensued regarding the additional fee in the amount of \$2,812 due to tariffs. No motion was taken and roll call vote was given. Commissioner Herndon voted Yes, Commissioner Davison voted No, Commissioner Riggins voted No, Chairman Harris voted Yes. Since vote came to a tie recommendation was given to investigate additional fees and revisit in the July meeting.

5. Consideration of quotes for cascade system Waynesville VFD

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to purchase a Bauer Open Vertical Compressor with pressure gauges; regulators and all equipment associated with a cascade system from Breathing Air Systems in the amount of \$47,123.52. To be paid out of the Waynesville VFD funds account. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Consideration of amended purchase amount for hoses Waynesville VFD

Commissioner Davison made a motion to approve an increase in payment to AEST Fire and Safety in the amount of \$1,103.20 due to tariff price increase. Commissioner Riggins seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

7. Consideration of resolution to amend the subdivision regulations

Commissioner Davison made a motion to pass a resolution to amend Section 602.3 of the Subdivision Regulations and delete section 902 Subdivision Regulations. Commissioner Herndon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. Consideration of MOU with Family Connection – Dawn Deen

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to approve the Annual Memorandum of Understanding between Brantley County Board of Commissioners and Brantley County Family Connection. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. Consideration of Agreement with Waynesville VFD

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to accept and approve the agreement between Brantley County Board of Commissioners and Waynesville Volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

10. Consideration of Agreement with Hortense VFD

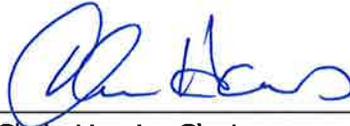
Commissioner Davison made a motion to accept and approve the agreement between Brantley County Board of Commissioners and Hortense Volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner Herndon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

11. Consideration of special exception for home bakery located at 255 Spell Landing Road, Hortense GA

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to approve a Special Exception for Home Bakery Service located at 255 Spell Landing Road Hortense Georgia.
Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

12. Adjournment

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Davison 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, Deputy County Clerk



BRANTLEY COUNTY COMMISSION
June 26, 2025
Budget Hearing
2:00 PM

The Brantley County Board of Commissioners held a budget hearing on June 26, 2025, at 2:00 PM, in the Commission Office.

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

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

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

1. Budget Hearing

The County Manager stated the 2026 budget presented today is a balanced budget but is only a draft. The County is unable to give a final evaluation or millage rate currently due to awaiting clarification. The County Manager also stated assessed evaluations are going to show a sizeable increase due to having a larger base.

Commissioner Davison asked for the amount in Contingency. County Manger stated the amount totaled \$990,513.80 but will be subject to change due to insurance re-evaluation and assessed value of land with the new millage rate once its established.

The County Manager also stated that multiple insurance brokers have been contacted on behalf of Employee Health benefits in hopes of seeing a decrease in the projected insurance cost of \$784,000 over the current year.

2. Adjournment

Commissioner Davison 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

