

BRANTLEY COUNTY COMMISSION

May 6, 2025

Public Hearing

5:45 PM

The Brantley County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on May 6, 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 and Steven Blackerby, County Attorney.

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

AGENDA

1. Discussion of Special Exception for a cell tower

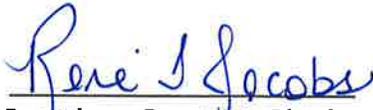
The County Manager stated that Mr. Tim Davis, with City Switch was in attendance to answer questions. The Planning Commission approved the special exception. Mr. Davis gave a brief explanation on the cell tower. No public comment.

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
May 6, 2025
Work Session
6:00 PM

The Brantley County Board of Commissioners held a work session on May 6, 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 Steven Blackerby, County Attorney.

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 #16A; and add Real Estate to Executive Session. Commissioner Riggins made a motion to approve the amendments. Commissioner Herndon 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

None

Open Public Participation Agenda Items Only - None

AGENDA

1. HB 581 and HB 92 update - Angela Keene, Chief Appraiser

Ms. Keene was not in attendance. The County Manager stated that he does not have enough information to explain this to the Board. The County Manager stated that the information for item #2 is included in the

packets. The estimated rate will be as far as the assessment notices; if the Board does not approve these two rates then on the assessment notices will be posted what was paid last year taxes and the amounts due this year. The County Manager stated that on these they fall under the guidelines where you do not have to have three public hearings. If the rates are higher than what has been estimated then three public hearings will be required.

2. Certify rollback rate for notice of assessments

The County Manager stated that the projected rate for unincorporated area is 11.922 which is a drop of .569 from last year rate of 12.491 this is an estimate. The incorporated area is 16.951 which is an increase of 0.194 from last year rate of 16.397; it went up because the assessed values in the incorporated area has gone down. The County Manager stated the two rates that the Board needs to certify are 11.922 for unincorporated and 16.951 for incorporated. Regular Agenda

3. Consideration of Planning Commission Board – Justin Smith

Consent Agenda

4. Consideration of Department of Family & Children Services Board – Teresa Hurst

Consent Agenda

5. Consideration of Development Authority Board – William Harris

Consent Agenda

6. Consideration of E&R taxes on listed parcels sold by County

The County Clerk advised the Board that this is a list of properties that the County sold and the Tax Commissioner would like for the Board to remove the amounts due to clear the digest. Regular Agenda

7. Consideration of quotes for skid unit – Waynesville VFD

The County Manager stated this is for skid unit for the new brush truck; there were two quotes NAFECO for \$33,099.98 and DARLEY for \$36,960.00. Mr. David Smith, Chief WVFD, stated that they would like to go with NAFECO for the two trucks. Regular Agenda

8. Consideration of quotes for jaws of life – Waynesville VFD

The County Manager stated this is for jaws of life two quotes were received. Rescue Systems in the amount of \$44,455.00 and AEST Fire and Safety in the amount of \$47,251.00. The Chief would like to go with Rescue Systems. The Chief stated that they only have one set that works. Regular Agenda

9. Consideration of quotes for hoses – Waynesville VFD

The County Manager stated that three quotes were received. AEST Fire and Safety in the amount of \$22,064.00; Ten-8 Fire and Safety in the amount of \$21,479.52 and MECO Florida in the amount of \$25,328.00. The Chief stated they would like to go with AEST Fire and Safety. Regular Agenda

10. Consideration of WebEOC subscription with IPAWS – EMA

The County Manager informed the Board that this is for the purchase of a notification system the County is doing away with the Code Red system; which costs the County around \$17,000.00 per year. This system will give the County the capability of not having to register for a notification of a storm or any issue pertaining to a storm. This system will allow the notification to be broadcast out GEO fence area. It will automatically send out the notification to all cell phones, etc., the cost of this system is \$11,152.81. Regular Agenda

11. Authorize payment for uniforms Recreation Department

The County Manager stated this is for authorization to pay for the uniforms in the amount of \$13,440.00. The reason this is more this year is pants were added. This will be paid out the Recreation Department operating budget. Regular Agenda

12. Consideration of Senior Center with congregate and home delivered meals contract

The County Manager informed the Board the total on the contract is \$44,449.00 and the County's match is \$4,445.00.
Regular Agenda

13. Consideration of bids for updating power outlets at Courthouse

The County Manager stated that four quotes were received for the outside electrical system at the Courthouse. Strayer Electric \$15,464.32; Big Frog Election \$13,400.00; Arrowhead Electric \$10,750.00 and Varnadore Electric \$9,723.20. The County's Maintenance worker, Jerry Lamb, thinks Arrowhead Electric has a better plan. Regular Agenda

14. Consideration of new lease on motor graders

The County Manager informed the Board that the County has four motor graders that coming out of lease this year. The cost of the motor graders will be with a sloper is \$380,003.00 and without a sloper will be \$335,950.00. This is a continuation of a lease for new equipment. Regular Agenda

15. Consideration of maintenance agreement with Yancey Bros.

The County Manager stated that this is a maintenance agreement for two pieces of equipment that we currently have one is for a 440 backhoe for a five year maintenance plan for 60 months/5000 hours in the amount

of \$23,981.55. The other is for the 323 excavator in the amount of \$17,842.95. Regular Agenda

16. Consideration to update computer dispatch components E911

The County Manager informed the Board that Chris with MLBA gave an update on the break down of the current 911 system and an updated system two quotes one from Motorola \$461,291.92 and one from INdigital in the amount of \$443,552.00. The County Manager suggested that this item be tabled at this time; trying to figure out how the County can pay for this item; this should be on the June agenda. The County Manager stated that the State will mandate this in the future.

16A. Consideration of Special Exception cel tower

Regular Agenda

17. County Manager report

The County Manager had a print out of the time line on the new building. (Copy attached).

18. Executive Session – Legal matter – Personnel

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

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

Chairman Harris stated that information was received no action taken.

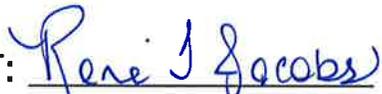
19. Adjournment

Commissioner Hendrix 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
May 8, 2025
6:00 PM
County Commission Office

The Brantley County Board of Commissioners held a work session on May 8, 2025, at 6:00 PM, in the Commission Office.

Present were Chairman, Chris Harris, Hal Herndon, Andy Riggins, Brian Hendrix 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.

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

The County Manager asked the Board to amend the agenda to add "Purchase of 3 new Ford F150 interceptor truck for Sheriff's Department" as item 14A. Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Planning Commission Board appointment – Justin Smith

Department of Family & Children Services Board appointment – Teresa Hurst

Development Authority Board appointment – William Harris

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

AGENDA

1. HB 581 and HB 92 update - Angela Keene, Chief Appraiser

Ms. Angela Keene, Chief Tax Appraiser, and Ms. Pat Tompkins, Tax Commissioner, were in attendance. Ms. Keene gave an update on HB 581 and HB 92. Ms. Keene stated that the Cities and Board of Education have decided not to do the roll back rate.

2. Certify rollback rate for notice of assessments

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to place an estimated tax on the assessment notices in conjunction with the Cities and the Board of Education. Commissioner Riggins seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Consideration of E&R taxes on listed parcels sold by County

Commissioner Herndon made a motion to approve the E&R on the taxes of parcels sold by the County. Commissioner Hendrix seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Consideration of quotes for skid unit – Waynesville VFD

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to purchase 2 skid/ brush firefighting units for WVFD from NAFECO in the amount of \$33,099.98; to be paid out of WVFD account. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Consideration of quotes for jaws of life – Waynesville VFD

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to purchase an electric powered extraction equipment with extra batteries for Waynesville VFD

from Rescue Systems in the amount of \$44,455.00; to be paid out of Waynesville VFD account. Commissioner Hendrix seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Consideration of quotes for hoses – Waynesville VFD

Commissioner Davison made a motion to purchase multiple sections and dimensions of fire hose for Waynesville VFD from AEST fire and Safety in the amount of \$22,064.00; to be paid out of Waynesville VFD account. Commissioner Hendrix seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

7. Consideration of WebEOC subscription with IPAWS – EMA

Commissioner Davison made a motion to purchase a subscription to utilize the IPaws alert system from Juvare in the amount of \$11,162.81; to be paid out of EMA operating budget. Commissioner Hendrix seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. Authorize payment for uniforms Recreation Department

Commissioner Herndon made a motion to approve the purchase of baseball uniforms from Krown Sports in the amount of \$13,440.00; to be paid out of the recreation operating budget. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. Consideration of Senior Center with congregate and home delivered meals contract

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to approve contract with South Georgia Regional Commission for congregate meals for Senior Citizens in the amount of \$44,449.00; the cost to the County is a \$4,445.00 match; to be paid out of the Senior Citizen operating budget. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Consideration of bids for updating power outlets at Courthouse

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to contract with Arrowhead Electric to replace and update the electrical service on the outside of the Courthouse in the amount of \$10,750.00; to be paid out of Courthouse maintenance budget. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

11. Consideration of new lease on motor graders

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to continue the current lease program with 4 new motor graders; 2 flat road and 2 with slopers; to be paid out of the Road Department budget. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

12. Consideration of maintenance agreement with Yancey Bros.

Commissioner Davison made a motion to purchase a PM agreement with Yancey for the following: Back hoe in the amount of \$23,991.55 and a 323 excavator in the amount of \$17,842.95; this agreement is for five years and will be paid for out of Road 2019 SPLOST. Commissioner Riggins seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

13. Consideration to update computer dispatch components E911

Commissioner Herndon made a motion to take from the table the purchase of the Next Gen the new 911 system that was discussed at the work session. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to approve the purchase the Next Gen 911 system and service from INdigital that will include the Motorola vesta system, this will be a five year annual systems agreement and the Mevo Starlink component in the amount of \$293,612.26, this will be paid out of Capital Projects account. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

14. Consideration of Special Exception for cell tower City Switch

Commissioner Davison made a motion to approve City Switch to be able to build a 295 self support cell tower at approximately .41 miles east-southeast of Brunswick Highway and Miles Still Road for an ATT tower.

Commissioner Herndon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

14A. Purchase of 3 new Ford F150 interceptor trucks for Sheriff's Department" as item 14A.

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to approve the purchase of three (3) Ford F150 truck from Brannen Ford in the amount of \$151,500.00 to be paid out of 2019 Jail SPLOST and 2025 SPLOST. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

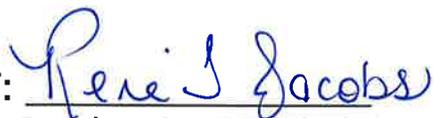
15. Adjournment

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



Chris Harris, Chairman

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Rene' T. Jacobs, County Clerk