BRANTLEY COUNTY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting 6:00 PM
September 3, 2026
County Commission Office

The Brantley County Board of Commissioners held a Regular meeting on September 3, 2026, 6:00 PM, in the Commission Office.

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

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order; Mittie Vaughn gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to accept the August 2026 Minutes. Commissioner Riggins seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

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

AGENDA

1. Consideration to change the October meeting dates to 10-13 Work Session & 10-15 Regular meeting

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to change the October meeting dates to October 13, 2026, for the Work Session at 6:00 p.m. and October 15, 2026, for the Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m., at 33 Allen Road, Nahunta. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Consideration to surplus vehicles- Sheriff's Dept

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to surplus a correction total of six (6) Ford F-150 vehicles from the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Consideration of lease renewal for Satilla Health Foundation "Satilla Advocacy"

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to approve the lease renewal for Satilla Health Foundation "Satilla Advocacy" for the use of one-half of the Senior Center in Nahunta. Commissioner Herndon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Consideration of bids for Hazard Mitigation Plan update

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to award the Southern Georgia Regional Commission (SGRC) for the Hazard Mitigation Plan update at a cost of $25,000, to be funded by a grant. Commissioner Herndon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Consideration of quotes for new radio tower buildings

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to approve the purchase to build three (3) metal buildings from Lark Buildings to be placed at the new radio towers at a total cost of $10,557 To be paid from the Capital Projects fund. Commissioner Riggins seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Consideration of quotes for turnout gear- Calvary VFD

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to purchase three (3) sets of turnout gear for Calvary VFD from NAFECO at a total cost of $10,635, to be paid from the department's budget. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

7. Consideration to purchase UTV – EMS

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to purchase an EMS support UTV from Williams Fire Apparatus for $47,625, to be paid from the EMS Capital Outlay budget. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. Consideration to purchase electric stair chair- EMS

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to purchase a Stryker electric stair chair for EMS for $12,223.74, to be paid from the EMS Capital Outlay budget. Commissioner Hendrix seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. Consideration of quotes for a new transport vehicle- Coroner

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to purchase a new transport vehicle for the Coroner from Mike Burch Ford for $54,885, to be paid from the EMS fund account. Commissioner Riggins seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried

10. Consideration to purchase Extraction tools- Waynesville, Hoboken, Hortense & Nahunta VFD's

Commissioner Herndon made a motion to purchase extraction tools from Rescue Systems Unlimited for a total of $187,205, with the cost to be paid from the respective

operating budgets of Waynesville, Hoboken, Hortense, and Nahunta VFDs. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

11. Consideration of payments for Annual Chassis Maintenance service- Nahunta VFD

Commissioner Davison made a motion to approve the annual chassis maintenance service by SEMS for Nahunta VFD for $11,164.71, to be paid from their operating budget. Commissioner Riggins seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

12. Consideration to purchase two (2) Tanker trucks- Waynesville VFD

Commissioner Davison made a motion to purchase two (2) tanker trucks for Waynesville VFD from Brendletown Fire and Rescue for a total cost of $63,759, to be paid from the operating budget. Commissioner Riggins seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

13. Consideration to purchase a brush truck & tanker- Waynesville VFD

Commissioner Davison made a motion to purchase a brush truck and tanker for Waynesville VFD from Coal City VFD for a total cost of $130,000, to be paid from the operating budget. Commissioner Hendrix seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

14. Consideration of Change in awarded Vendor for the Purchase of a Brush Truck- Hoboken VFD

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to change the previously awarded vendor for the purchase of a brush truck for Hoboken VFD to Woody Folsom Ford at a cost of $71,841, to be paid from the Hoboken VFD operating budget. Commissioner Hendrix seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

15. Consideration to purchase new fire truck- Nahunta VFD

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to purchase a 2026 International Fire truck for Nahunta VFD from Deep South Fire Trucks for a total cost of $482,450. One-half of the purchase price will be paid upfront from the Nahunta VFD operating budget, with the remaining balance financed through PrimeSouth Bank for 10 years at an interest rate of 4.75%, with Chairman Harris as the designated signee. Annual payments will be made from the Nahunta VFD operating budget. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

16. Consideration to purchase breathing apparatus- Waynesville VFD

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to purchase SCBA breathing apparatus and air cylinders for Waynesville VFD, consisting of ten (10) once-used SCBA sets from Ten-8 for $49,952 and twenty (20) Pro Lite air cylinders from SCBA for $17,200, for a total cost of $67,152. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

17. Consideration to amend zoning request for property off of Dewey Hickox Rd from Special Exception to variance to Board horses.

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to approve a variance for Agricultural property located at the corner of Dewey Hickox Road and Cane Road to allow a horse boarding business in the Agricultural district, where an equine-related business use previously existed. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

18. Consideration to purchase a 1997 International 4900, 1000-gallon pumper truck-NVFD

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to purchase a 1997 International 4900, 1,000-gallon pumper truck for NVFD from Cartime Wholesale Group for $15,000, to be paid from the operating budget. Commissioner Davison seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

19. Adjournment

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 at approximately 6:12 pm.

Chris Harris, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Taylor Sheppard, County Clerk

BRANTLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SEAL BRANTLEY CO., GA

BRANTLEY COUNTY COMMISSION
Work Session 6:00 PM
September 1, 2026
County Commission Office

The Brantley County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session meeting on September 1, 2026, 6:00 PM, in the Commission Office.

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

The County Manager made a recommendation for the board to amend the agenda to add the following items:

16A. Consideration to amend zoning request for property off of Dewey Hickox Rd from Special Exception to variance to Board horses.

16B. Consideration to purchase a 1997 International 4900, 1000-gallon pumper truck-NVFD

Commissioner Riggins made a motion to approve the agenda with the additional changes. Commissioner Hendrix seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Participation:

1. Mathew McGrath- Life in Brantley County
   Not in attendance

2. Dennis Dudek- Fire Victims of Brantley County

Mr. Dudek addressed the Board regarding the fire assistance application process, funds associated with recovery efforts, and proceeds related to metal removal from affected properties. He also discussed access to the new warehouse and requested that future meetings be considered for relocation to the courthouse.

3. Brenda Johns- Community Affairs

Ms. Johns addressed the Board regarding community involvement and encouraged continued cooperation and unity throughout the County. She recognized the Recreation Department's programs, facilities, and activities and encouraged additional recognition

of local youth. She also suggested consideration of gate fees at recreation events and announced an upcoming roadside cleanup on behalf of the Exchange Club

4. Lori Lindsey- Landfill Vs. Data Center Vs. Purchasing
   Not in attendance

5. Kat Montgomery- DNR's State Wildlife Action Plan

Ms. Montgomery addressed the Board regarding the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' State Wildlife Action Plan and the protection and monitoring of wildlife and plant species. She discussed environmental concerns related to development and requested that the Board consider a moratorium on data centers to help preserve local habitats and natural resources.

6. James Flanders- native rare wetland plants in Satilla plantation.

Mr. Flanders addressed the Board regarding plant species identified within the Satilla Plantation area and expressed concerns about the potential effects of drainage and development on their habitat. He discussed ongoing communication with developers regarding preservation efforts and encouraged the County to consider conservation measures and potential funding opportunities.

7. Kathy Wainright- Citizens United for Brantley County Future.
   Not in attendance

8. Shannon Gregory- Data Center moratorium

Ms. Gregory expressed appreciation for the Board's support in promoting the recent river wide cleanup event, which resulted in the collection of over 5,000 pounds of trash. She suggested utilizing Flock cameras to assist in identifying illegal dumping and littering. She also requested consideration of a 12-month moratorium on data center development and clarification of the closed-loop cooling system definition within the County's ordinance. She expressed concerns regarding water and energy consumption, potential environmental impacts, and the effects of artificial intelligence on employment.

9. Shannon Denbow- Public Business

Ms. Denbow addressed the Board with questions and concerns regarding wildfire response and recovery efforts, the development of the data center ordinance, public communications, and the availability of resources for fire victims. She also inquired about the recreation department storage building, roadside debris removal, the Long-Term Recovery Group, animal control services, and vacancies on County boards.

10. Nicholas Dunegan- Data Center & Environmental Impact

Mr. Dunegan addressed the Board requesting consideration of a moratorium on data center development. He expressed concerns regarding potential impacts on agriculture, livestock, water quality, noise levels, endangered species, the environment, and the local economy. He also requested further clarification and additional provisions within the County's data center draft ordinance.

11. Robert Wilson- Data Centers

Mr. Wilson addressed the Board regarding data center development and small modular reactors, expressing concerns about safety, security, and public opposition. He also requested an update on the status of the proposed data center ordinance.

12. Ruby Thomas- Data Centers

Ms. Thomas addressed the Board expressing opposition to data center development and artificial intelligence, citing concerns regarding employment impacts, financial considerations, and government decision-making. She also expressed concerns regarding the Board's priorities and accountability to the community.

13. Scott Schmitt- Facts, opinions & life in Brantley
Recused his speaking time.

Open Public Participation: *Agenda Items Only*

Ms. Fulk addressed the Board regarding meeting accessibility, public transparency, the Hazard Mitigation Plan bidding process, and data center development.

AGENDA

1. Consideration to change the October meeting dates to 10-13 Work Session & 10-15 Regular meeting.

The County Manager stated the reason for this change is the annual ACCG Legislative event in Athens. Regular Agenda

2. Consideration to surplus vehicles- Sheriff Dept

The County Manager stated that the request is to surplus three Ford F-150 vehicles from the Sheriff's Department. The vehicles would be transferred to Enterprise for sale

at auction, which is anticipated to provide a greater return to the County on the surplus vehicles. Regular agenda

3. Consideration of lease renewal for Satilla Health Foundation "Satilla Advocacy"

The County Manager stated that this is the annual lease renewal for Satilla Health Foundation "Satilla Advocacy" for shared use of the Senior Center building. Regular agenda

4. Consideration of bids for Hazard Mitigation Plan update

The County Manager stated that the Hazard Mitigation Plan is required to be updated every five years, with grant funding available to assist with the cost. Three bids were received: SGRC, $25,000; Emergency Disaster Solutions LLC, $27,750; and LL Hylton Land Planning, $31,500. The County Manager recommended the lowest bid from SGRC for $25,000. Regular Meeting.

5. Consideration of quotes for new radio tower buildings

The County Manager stated that three buildings are needed for the new radio towers. A quote was received from Lark Buildings for three buildings constructed to the required specifications, at a cost of $3,519 per building, for a total of $10,557. Each building will have metal siding and 9-foot side walls. Regular agenda

6. Consideration of quotes for turnout gear- Calvary VFD

The County Manager stated that three quotes were received for three (3) sets of turnout gear for Calvary VFD: NAFECO, $10,635.00; Ten-8, $11,516.16; and Bennett Fire, $12,897.00. The County Manager recommended the lowest quote from NAFECO for $10,635.00. Regular Meeting. Regular meeting.

7. Consideration to purchase UTV – EMS

The County Manager stated that a quote was received from Williams Fire Apparatus in the amount of $47,625 for a fully equipped UTV, including all specified equipment and delivery within approximately 45 days. Three comparative quotes were also reviewed and were approximately $1,000 higher, with no estimated delivery timeframe provided.

8. Consideration to purchase electric stair chair- EMS

The County Manager stated that a quote was received from Stryker in the amount of $12,223.74 for the purchase of an electric stair chair for EMS. Regular agenda.

9. Consideration of quotes for a new transport vehicle- Coroner

The County Manager stated that a new transport vehicle is needed for the Coroner's Office to provide exterior air conditioning and meet other operational needs associated with the transport process. The County Manager stated that Mike Burch submitted the lowest quote in the amount of $54,885. Regular meeting.

10. Consideration to purchase Extraction tools- Waynesville, Hoboken, Hortense & Nahunta VFD's

The County Manager stated that the extraction tools would be standardized and compatible among all four VFDs. Costs are Nahunta $97,093.25, Waynesville $32,830.25, Hoboken $30,289.25, and Hortense $27,073.25, for a total of $187,286.00, with each department funding its portion from its respective operating budget. Regular Meeting.

11. Consideration of payments for Annual Chassis Maintenance service- Nahunta VFD

The County manager stated that this is an annual maintenance plan from SEMS for the total cost of $11,164.71 to be paid from their budget. Regular Agenda

12. Consideration to purchase two (2) Tanker trucks- Waynesville VFD

The County Manager stated that a quote was received from Brendletown Fire & Rescue in the amount of $63,759 for two (2) 1992 Freightliner vehicles. Regular Meeting.

13. Consideration to purchase a brush truck & tanker- Waynesville VFD

The County Manager stated that the request is to purchase two vehicles from Coal City VFD for Waynesville VFD: a 2003 International 4x4 brush truck for $50,000 and a 1996 International E-One tanker for $80,000, for a total purchase price of $130,000. The purchase would be funded through the Waynesville VFD operating budget. Regular Meeting.

14. Consideration of Change in awarded Vendor for the Purchase of a Brush Truck- Hoboken VFD

The County Manager stated that a change in the previously awarded vendor is requested due to an increase in the previously approved purchase price from Robbie

Roberson. The recommendation is to purchase the brush truck from Woody Folsom Ford for $71,841.00. Regular Meeting.

15. Consideration to purchase new fire truck- Nahunta VFD

The County Manager stated that the request is to purchase a 2026 International Regular Cab Pumper from Deep South Fire Trucks for Nahunta VFD at a total cost of $482,450. One-half of the purchase price will be paid from the Nahunta VFD operating budget, with the remaining balance financed through PrimeSouth Bank for 10 years at an interest rate of 4.75%. Annual financing payments will also be paid from the Nahunta VFD operating budget. Regular Meeting.

16. Consideration to purchase breathing apparatus- Waynesville VFD

The County Manager stated that the request is to purchase ten (10) SCBA sets from Ten-8 for $49,952 and twenty (20) Pro Lite air cylinders with quick-connect fittings from SCBA Equipment LLC for $17,200, for a total of $67,152. The purchase represents a savings of $8,587 and will be funded through the Waynesville VFD operating budget. Regular Meeting.

16A. Consideration to amend zoning request for property off of Dewey Hickox Rd from Special Exception to variance to Board horses.

The County Manager stated that the zoning request is being amended from a Special Exception to a variance to allow a horse boarding business on property zoned Agricultural. The property, located at the corner of Dewey Hickox Road and Cane Road, has previously been used for an equine-related business. Regular Meeting.

16B. Consideration to purchase a 1997 International 4900, 1000-gallon pumper truck- NVFD

The County Manager stated that the request is to purchase a 1997 International 4900, 1,000-gallon pumper truck for NVFD from Cartime Wholesale Group for $15,000. The purchase will be funded through the NVFD operating budget. Regular Meeting.

17. County Manager Report

The County Manager provided several updates, including the installation work at the Recreation Department storage building, which is expected to be completed by Friday. Upon completion, the Long-Term Recovery Group will be able to regularly distribute stored items to individuals affected by the fires. Mr. Riggins has continued coordinating with Long-Term Recovery Group representatives as items are needed.

The County Manager also reported that notice was received from the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts regarding its review of the County's submitted information for the fiscal year ended December 2025. The review identified no items requiring immediate corrective action, and the County met the applicable reporting requirements.

More items were listed in the attached written report provided by the County Manager (See Minutes)

18. Executive Session- personnel, Legal and Real Estate

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to go into executive session. Commissioner Herndon 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 and directed the Chairman to sign the affidavit required by O.C.G.A. 50-14-4(b). Commissioner Riggins seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Harris stated that information was received and no action taken.

19. Adjournment

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned in regular order at approximately 8:09pm.

Chris Harris, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Taylor Sheppard, County Clerk

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