

**REGULAR SESSION MEETING
BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026
6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, John Nugent, called the regular session meeting of the Berrien County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Members of the Board of Commissioners present were Commissioners Pixie Harrod, Ronnie Gaskins, Jimmy Parker and Kylon Fort.

Invocation: Commissioner Jimmy Parker

Pledge: Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Jimmy Parker made a motion to approve the January 3, 2026 Regular Session Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. QUIT CLAIM DEED – HISTORICAL JAIL – CITY OF NASHVILLE –

Last month Administration received a Quit Claim Deed from the City of Nashville requesting the board sale for \$1.00 the Historical Jail to the city. Due to the way the parcel was recorded, the item was tabled. County Administrator, Brenda Ferrell, received the survey and the parcel will be split into three parcels with parcels 2 and 3 being deeded over to the City of Nashville. County Attorney, Jennifer Herzog, wanted to make it clear that this is giving the City of Nashville the Historical Jail for them to do as they want with it. Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins made a motion to approve the Quit Claim Deed as presented, seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. The motion carried unanimously.

B. CAMERA SYSTEM – ANIMAL CONTROL - Administration received a request from the Sheriff to install a camera system at animal control. This system will be the same type that the mail and administration building has. They have one quote from Valdosta Video Security, who also has the current systems mentioned. The quote is \$8,717.37. This item can be purchased through SPLOST. Commissioner Harrod made a motion to approve the purchase as presented, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously.

C. CHILLER REPAIR – ADMINISTRATION BLDG. – Administration received a quote from Trane to repair the chiller issues at the Administration Building. Three types of quotes were provided by Trane:

Repair Compressor	\$ 9,240.00
News Compressor	\$ 46,113.55
New Chiller	\$163,091.34

Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve the New Compressor through Trane for \$46,113.55, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **ECKLER CPA, LLC – INVOICE** – Administration received an invoice from Eckler CPA, LLC in the amount of \$7,350.00 for miscellaneous reporting items. Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Kylon Fort. The motion carried unanimously.

B. **PIPE ACQUISITION – ROAD** – Administration received a request from Ben Warren, Public Works Director, to purchase pipe. One quote was provided from Cherokee Culvert with manufacturer prices for a total of \$29,943.90. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously.

C. **UNIFORM ACQUISITION – RECREATION** – Administration received a request from Joe Barkman, Recreation Director, to purchase uniforms. He received quotes and the Recreation Authority Board approved the following:

Baseball	Downtown Dogwood	\$15.00 per jersey
Softball	Dixie Sales & Graphics	\$16.50 per jersey 2x1 \$18.00

Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Kylon Fort. The motion carried unanimously.

D. **EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION – RECREATION** – Administration received a request from Joe Barkman, Recreation Director, to purchase equipment for baseball and softball season. He received quotes and the Recreation Authority Board approved the following:

R & S Sports	\$5,061.85
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Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve the purchase as presented, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously.

E. **CONTRACT AGREEMENT & NOTICE TO PROCEED - EMS/E-911 BUILDING** - Administration is requesting the board review the one bid that was received for the construction of a new EMS/E-911 Building, the Contract Agreement and Notice to Proceed. The RFP was put out by Watkins & Associates and registered with the Georgia Procurement Website. There was one bid received from Kellerman Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,300,000.00. The project can be funded from the General Fund Capital Account and the SPLOST VI account. Commissioner Jimmy Parker made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. The motion carried unanimously.

F. EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION – NASHVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT -

Administration received a request from Marc Mathis, Fire Chief, to purchase miscellaneous equipment to outfit the new tanker for Nashville Fire Department. He received several quotes and is recommending the quote from Municipal Equipment Company, LLC in the amount of \$6,178.00.

<u>QUOTES:</u>	Municipal Equipment Company, LLC (includes freight)	\$6,178.00
	FireLine, Inc. (does not include freight)	\$6,757.00
	Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC	\$7,439.07
	Aest Fire & Safety (does not include freight)	\$5,471.37

Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins. The motion carried unanimously.

G. RATIFICATION ITEMS - Administration is requesting ratification on the following items:

Winsupply – Road	\$4,831.00
LED Lighting Solutions – Road	\$1,299.99
Winsupply – Road	\$5,798.00
Core Distributors – Road	\$1,000.00
GA Correctional – Road	\$1,650.74
Ray & Son Heating & Air – Jail	\$2,918.00
SGRC - Parcel Maintenance Contract – Tax Assessor	\$5,000.00

Commissioner Kylon Fort made a motion to ratify the items presented, seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS:

Sandy Mizell – E-911 Director/EMA Director – Thanked the board for the approval of the new building. She also introduced Brittany West, the new E-911 Assistant Director.

COMMISSIONERS ITEMS:

Kylon Fort –

- Stated we rode the roads on the south end of the county and for the most part they look good. He is pleased.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

Brenda Ferrell –

- Chamber Annual Banquet is February 17th at 6:00 p.m. at Flat Creek Church. We need to RSVP.
- Received a request to purchase 50 traffic cones from Red Bud Supply in the amount of \$2,016.50. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously.

- City of Nashville Animal Control is holding a class on called Partners in Protection and would like to invite all county officials and staff who would like to attend. Its February 27th from 8:00 to 12:00. It will be at the Ag Center.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tonya Morey – Stated that the soybean was suppose to be heard in Magistrate Court last week and was postponed at the last minute. Asked if there is anyway to get more notice. County Attorney advised that we notified those attending as soon as we found out. She voiced concerns about the condition, smell, etc. of this operation.

Ricky Tucker – Spoke about concerns on the soybean issue and the health concerns is mother is dealing with due to the smell.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (Litigation)

Commissioner Jimmy Parker made a motion to enter into executive session for litigation at 6:35 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jimmy Parker made a motion to move out of executive session and back into regular session at 7:50 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.


County Administrator, Brenda Ferrell, stated that Walt Steward is interested in acquiring 21 feet from the existing 911 parcel. He is the adjacent landowner. There is some trees, stumps and debris from Hurricane Helene on the ground. He said the City of Nashville keeps telling him he needs to clean it up. If the county is interested in deed him the 21 feet, then he will take care of the cost of clean up. The board is not in favor and will have the Road Department look at what it will take to clean it up.

ADJOURN


With no other business to come before the Board, Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.




 Chairman, John Nugent



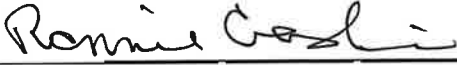
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ATTEST: 

 County Clerk