

**REGULAR SESSION MEETING  
BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2026  
6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairman, Kylon Fort, called the regular session meeting of the Berrien County Board of Commissioners to order on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 6:05 p.m. Chairman, John Nugent, arrived at 6:08 to continue the regular session meeting. Members of the Board of Commissioners were Commissioners Pixie Harrod, Ronnie Gaskins, Kylon Fort and Jimmy Parker.

**Invocation:** Commissioner Jimmy Parker

**Pledge:** Commissioner Pixie Harrod

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve the June 2, 2026, Regular Session Minutes and the June 18, 2026 Special Called Meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to move into public hearing at 6:06 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously. The public hearing was for rezoning the property located at 1508 Firetower Rd, Enigma, GA from an AU to WLI. Property owner Anthony Barnes stated he would be renting the barn located on the property to a company that manufactures utility trailers. Commissioner Pixie Harrod asked if there were any comments. There were no comments. Commissioner Pixie Harrod then asked Teresa Willis, Code Enforcement, if anyone was against the change. Ms. Willis stated no.

Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins made a motion to go out of public hearing and into regular session at 6:08 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. REZONING – AU TO WLI – BLUE TRAP BANDITS, LLC –** Administration is requesting approval to rezone the property located at 1508 Firetower Rd, Enigma, GA from an AU to WLI. This company manufactures utility trailers. Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins made a motion to approve the rezoning, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. SOUTH GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION (SGRC) AGREEMENT – ELECTIONS -** Administration received a request to approve the Agreement for Technical Assistance between Berrien County and SGRC. The purpose of the agreement is to maintain ongoing support and maintenance of the Elections and Registration interactive web mapping application. Commissioner Jimmy Parker made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. SIGNAL APPLICATION REQUEST** – Administration is requesting approval of a request from GDOT place a traffic signal at the intersection of Old Valdosta Hwy and SR 37. This will be at no cost to the County. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously.

**D. REPEATER ACQUISITION – EMS** - Administration is requesting the purchase of a Repeater. The Repeater will enhance communication with Emergency Services. The County will purchase the Repeater and invoice Ray City, Alapaha and Enigma. Each municipality has agreed to pay \$2,395.00. The County's cost will also be \$2,395.00. Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. The motion carried unanimously.

**E. FUEL READER – ROAD** – Administration is requesting the approval of repairing of a fuel reader or to purchase a new system fuel system from Petroleum Services Group. Assistant Public Works Director Rob Hawkins stated that the current fuel system must be reset several times a day and has already been repaired several times. He also stated that he did not know how long the current fuel system has been in use, but it was installed before 2006. Commissioner Pixie Harrod asked if the Board of Education would contribute to the cost since they use it too. County Administrator Brenda Ferrell stated that the BOE pays an administration fee. The following quotes were provided.

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| Petroleum Services Group - repair          | \$1,737.25  |
| Petroleum Services Group - new fuel system | \$16,702.75 |

Commissioner Jimmy Parker made a motion to approve the purchase of a new fuel system, seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. The motion carried unanimously.

**F. NUTRITION CONTRACT** – Administration is requesting approval for the Nutrition Contract through Southern Georgia Area Agency on Aging as presented. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins. The motion carried unanimously.

**G. CHILLER PROPOSALS** – Administration requesting approval to repair the compressor or to purchase a HVAC unit for the County Administration Building. The following quotes were provided.

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| Compressor Repair            | \$42,210.33  |
| Compressor Warranty – 1 year |              |
| Labor Warranty – 90 days     |              |
| Chiller Replacement          | \$163,091.34 |
| Whole Unit Parts – 5 years   |              |
| Labor Warranty – 1 year      |              |

Maintenance Supervisor Buddy Stone explained the need for a new unit. Only 1 of the 2 compressors are currently working. If this compressor goes out, the Administration Building will be without air conditioning. The County Administrator Brenda Ferrell received an email from Trane stating that a 120-ton unit would cost \$178,892.32 and would be here by the end of the month. Commissioner Jimmy Parker asked how long it would take the 110-ton unit to arrive. She said 12 to 14 weeks. Commissioner Pixie Harrod asked what the rental cost of a portable cooler on a trailer would be so that County employees could continue to work while the new unit was being installed. He also suggested the unit be installed over the weekend. Brenda Ferrell called the Trane Representative, Justin Hatten, during the meeting to ask these questions. He will return the call as soon as gets quotes. Justin also stated that Georgia Power may offer a rebate and he would check on it also.

Commissioner Jimmy Parker made a motion to approve the 120-ton HVAC unit for \$178,892.32, seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod. The motion carried unanimously.

**H. VEHICLE ACQUISITION – Sheriff** – Administration is requesting the approval to purchase 4 2026 vehicles, 3 Dodge Durango's and 1 Dodge Charger. The purchase of these vehicles and outfitting can be paid out of the SPLOST Fund. The following quotes were provided.

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| Woody Folsom Dodge Charger                                                                                                            | \$57,287.00     |
| Woody Folsom Dodge Durango                                                                                                            | \$49,380.00     |
| Woody Folsom Dodge Durango                                                                                                            | \$46,324.00     |
| O'Steen Dodge Durango                                                                                                                 | \$54,035.00     |
| Woody Folsom is looking for the 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>Durango with a price range<br>Of \$40,000.00 - \$50,000.00.                        |                 |
| McLaggan Communications & Radar<br>Outfitting Durango's                                                                               | \$18,592.00 (3) |
| McLaggan Communications & Radar<br>Outfitting Dodge Charger                                                                           | \$18,115.00 (1) |
| Eagle Advantage Solutions<br>Fingerprint machine for<br>The Jail (Not a Vehicle Item)<br>Major Valdez discusses this item<br>Under K. | \$21,293.32 (1) |

Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve the purchase of the vehicles and outfitting, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously.

**I. EXCAVATOR – ROAD** – Administration requesting the approval of purchasing an Excavator. The following quotes were provided.

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| Yancey          | \$239,538.00 |
| Dobbs Equipment | \$224,950.00 |

Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve the purchase of the excavator from Yancey for \$239,538.00, seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins. The motion carried unanimously.

**J. TAX DIGEST** - Administration is requesting to either approve the Consent Order from the Georgia Department of Revenue pertaining to the Tax Digest or pay a penalty. Tax Assessor Greg Nimmo explained that the GDOR has written an outline of what is expected and timeline for the process. Commissioner Jimmy Parker made a motion to approve the Consent Order, seconded by Commissioner Kylon Fort. The motion carried unanimously.

**K. VEHICLE CAMERA SYSTEM – SHERIFF** – Administration is requesting approval to purchase a replacement camera system for all the Sheriff’s vehicles. The cost will be \$50,000.00 annually for 5 years. This can be paid out of SPLOST. Major Arel Valdez explained that the current camera system with Motorola is outdated so it’s hard to get parts or service. Major Valdez also asked for approval for the Fingerprint Machine for the Jail under Item H. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to approve the purchase of a new camera system for all Sheriff vehicles and Fingerprint Machine, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker. The motion carried unanimously.

**L. RELINQUISH LIA CERTIFICATION – CODE ENFORCEMENT** – Administration is requesting approval to voluntarily relinquish LIA certification. Greg Shoupe explained that he does not have the time, personnel or manpower for the new process. Relinquishing certification will put the process back on EPD. Commissioner Jimmy Parker made a motion to relinquish LIA certification seconded by Ronnie Gaskins. The motion carried unanimously.

**M. RATIFICATION ITEMS** – Administration is requesting ratification on the following items:

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| Ray & Son – Jail                  | \$2,508.00  |
| Hand Land Surveying               | \$1,250.00  |
| Petroleum Services Group – Road   | \$1,785.25  |
| Consolidated Pipe & Supply – Road | \$11,404.00 |
| Win Supply – Road                 | \$5,616.00  |
| M & P Tuning                      | \$3,900.00  |
| Ray & Son – Sr. Center            | \$3,056.00  |
| Yancey – Road                     | \$3,488.64  |
| J & M Diesel – Road               | \$2,649.00  |
| Bush-Whacker – Road               | \$1,065.20  |
| Yancey – Road                     | \$1,402.00  |
| Southeastern Com Tire – Road      | \$1,002.00  |

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

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS:** None

**COMMISSIONERS ITEMS:**

Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins brought up an issue that had previously been discussed in a budget meeting. The residents on Robert Davis Rd off 82 want rock put down due to trucks coming in and out creating a mess. This can be paid for out of TSPLOST. Commissioner Ronnie Gringer made a motion to proceed with the project, seconded by Commissioner Pixie Harrod.

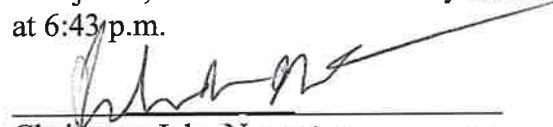
Commissioner Kylon Fort stated that all agenda items be submitted 1 week prior to the monthly board meeting. This is a county policy, and it should be followed. Turning agenda items in at the last minute creates problems for the Administration office. If an agenda item is submitted late, it will be put on the following month's agenda.

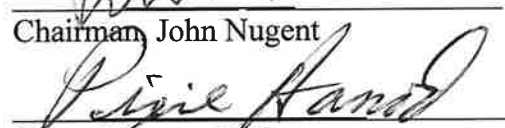
**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:** Brenda Ferrell received an email from Legacy Behavioral Health requesting a letter of support to help them get a Federal Grant that will provide a mobile clinic to reach people rural areas with no transportation. Commissioner Pixie Harrod made a motion to provide a letter of support, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Parker.

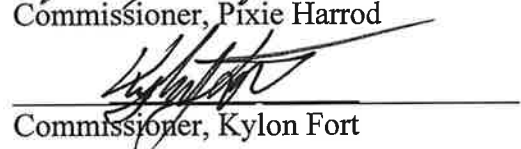
**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

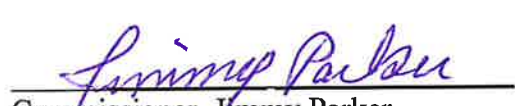
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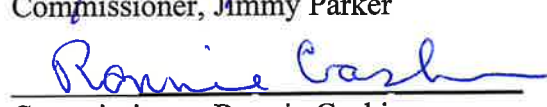
With no other business to come before the Board, Commissioner Jimmy Parker made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Gaskins. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

  
Chairman, John Nugent

  
Commissioner, Pixie Harrod

  
Commissioner, Kylon Fort

  
Commissioner, Jimmy Parker

  
Commissioner, Ronnie Gaskins

ATTEST:   
County Clerk