

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HENRY**

The Henry County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Public Meeting *in-person* on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at 9 a.m. at the Henry County Administration Building (Community Room), 140 Henry Parkway, McDonough GA. HenryTV also streamed this live online at its website, as well as Charter/Spectrum Channel 180 and Facebook Live.

Carlotta Harrell, Chair
Johnny Wilson, District 1 Commissioner
Neat Robinson, Vice Chair/District 2 Commissioner
Dee Anglyn, III, District 3 Commissioner
Michael T. Price, District 4 Commissioner
Kevin J. Lewis, District 5 Commissioner

Staff Present: Cheri Hobson-Matthews, County Manager; Kevin Johnson, Deputy County Manager; Rachel Mack (Hecht Jordan Walker, P.C.), County Attorney; and Stephanie Braun, County Clerk.

INSTRUCTIONS TO PARTICIPATE

HENRY COUNTY CODE OF CONDUCT

(Sec. 2-2-128: Conduct during public meetings)

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

CALL TO ORDER

Announcement

Chair Harrell amended the Agenda:

1) Move the following items to Regular Agenda:

- Parks & Recreation: Tony Hawk Foundation, re: skateboard parks
- City of McDonough Annexation
- County Attorney contracts

2) Added “Personnel” to Executive Session

Proclamations

- A. Proclamation recognizing February as American Heart Month (Presenter: Amber Smith, Public Relations Specialist)
- B. Proclamation recognizing February as Black History Month (Presenter: Amber Smith, Public Relations Specialist)

(ITEM MOVED from Consent Agenda to Regular Agenda):

- A. Resolution in Support to partner with the Tony Hawk Foundation to bring skate parks to Henry County (Presenter: Jonathon Penn, Executive Director)(Exhibit 3) Resolution #25-62

Executive Director Jonathon Penn presented a resolution to partner with the Tony Hawk Foundation. Henry County residents Mr. Darby Allin, professional wrestler at All Elite Wrestling (AEW), and Mr. Kenny Bunch, both affiliated with the foundation, spoke in favor of the partnership and the construction of skate parks.

Vice Chair Neat Robinson, Commissioner Kevin J. Lewis, Commissioner Michael Price and Commissioner Johnny Wilson thanked Mr. Darby Allin and Mr. Bunch for bringing the skate parks to their community.

Commissioner Dee Anglyn made the motion to approve; **Vice Chair Neat Robinson** seconded. The motion carried 6-0-0.

Chair Harrell requested the Consent Agenda be read into the record and voted upon before moving into Executive Session. The County Manager read the items and the Board voted as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA

Cheri Hobson-Matthews, County Manager, read the consent agenda as follows:

Juvenile Court

- A. Resolution to accept a grant award in the amount of \$215,210 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) to fund the Byrne SCIP: Behavioral Health Deflection Program during calendar year 2025. (Presenter: Angela Craig, Director of Court Services; and Monyato Tolbert, Deputy Director)(Exhibit 1) Resolution #25-60

Parks & Recreation

- A. Resolution approving Memorandum of Understanding between Creekside Christian Academy (a local private school in Henry County that is dedicated to nurturing the spiritual, academic, and personal growth of every student) and Henry County Government (Parks & Recreation Department) to establish a partnership in order to enhance their respective athletic and STEAM programming. (Presenter: Jonathon Penn, Cluster Lead)(Exhibit 2) Resolution #25-61

Planning & Zoning

- A. Resolution approving a request for a new streetlight district for The Point at Heron Bay (Phase 2) Subdivision on Louis Drive. District 1 (Presenter: Heidy Liahut, Planner I)(Exhibit 4) Resolution #25-63
- B. Resolution approving a request for a new streetlight district for Heritage Point (Phases 2 & 3) Subdivision on Dutchtown Road. District 5 (Presenter: Heidy Liahut, Planner I)(Exhibit 5) Resolution #25-64
- C. Resolution approving a request for a new streetlight district for Cambria (Phases 1 & 2) Subdivision on Jonesboro Road. District 5 (Presenter: Heidy Liahut, Planner I)(Exhibit 6) Resolution #25-65
- D. Resolution approving a request for a new streetlight district for Cooper Park (Phases 1 & 2) Subdivision on Chambers Road. District 5 (Presenter: Heidy Liahut, Planner I)(Exhibit 7) Resolution #25-66 – *Note: Incorrect exhibit attached. The item will be placed on the next agenda for approval*

SPLOST/Stormwater/Parks & Recreation (ACCG Internship Grants)

- A. Resolution approving agreements with the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) Civic Affairs Foundation to accept summer internship grants for the following departments: SPLOST; Stormwater and Parks & Recreation. (Presenter: Roque Romero, Public Works/Cluster Lead)(Exhibit 11) Resolution #25-70

(This Ends the Consent Agenda)

Commissioner Kevin J. Lewis made the motion to approve items on the consent agenda; **Commissioner Dee Anglyn** seconded. The motion carried 6-0-0.

Executive Session (RE: Litigation and Personnel)

Vice Chair Neat Robinson made the motion to enter into executive session (9:26 a.m.); **Commissioner Kevin J. Lewis** seconded. The motion carried 6-0-0.

Reconvene from executive session

Commissioner Dee Anglyn made the motion to reconvene from executive session (11:10 a.m.); **Vice Chair Neat Robinson** seconded. The motion carried 6-0-0.

Approval of an affidavit and resolution pertaining to executive session

Commissioner Michael Price made the motion to approve the affidavit and resolution pertaining to executive session; **Commissioner Kevin J. Lewis** seconded. The motion carried 6-0-0.

Added after executive session:

Chair Harrell made the motion authorizing the county manager to do a transitional fee up to \$34,500 for legal services; **Vice Chair Neat Robinson** seconded. The motion carried 6-0-0. Resolution #25-71

REGULAR AGENDA

AX-25-01 (Not a public hearing)

The City of McDonough has received a request for annexation of properties south of McGarity Road and east of Tomlinson Street consisting of 11.84 +/- acres in Land Lot 120 of the 7th District. District 3 (Presenter: Toussaint Kirk, Cluster Lead)(Exhibit 10) Resolution #25-69

Planner III Kenta Lanham presented the annexation request from the City of McDonough to the Board of Commissioners. The land would be used for single-family residences.

Commissioner Dee Anglyn stated that the concern is Emergency Management Services (EMS). He asked if anything was provided by the city outlining the EMS impact.

Mr. Lanham stated nothing was received from the city.

Commissioner Dee Anglyn made the motion to deny the annexation based upon the services of EMS and public safety; **Chair Harrell** seconded. The motion carried 6-0-0.

Presentations

A. Financial Update (Presenter: David Smith, Financial Services Director/Cluster Lead)

Financial Services Director David Smith presented a financial update pertaining to the county.

Commissioner Kevin J. Lewis asked about the expenditures, projected at \$250 million. He asked about the public safety budget amendment pertaining to additional personnel and overtime, etc. The information was presented at the midyear budget update that included the projected excess funding. He asked for a specific breakdown of how funding will be allocated.

County Manager stated the additional \$11.2 million will come before the board for approval.

County Manager

County Manager presented a highlight video of elected officials accomplishments completed over the last year.

Note: During County Manager comments, Ms. Hobson-Matthews reminded Chair Harrell to remove the two items below regarding the County Attorney contracts and Chair Harrell agreed.

A. **Removed from Agenda** Resolution accepting the engagement letter/contract for the newly appointed firm of Buckley Christopher & Hensel, P.C. to serve as Litigation Counsel for Henry County (Presenter: County Manager's Office)(Exhibit 12)

B. **Removed from Agenda** Resolution accepting the engagement letter/contract for the newly appointed firm of Hecht Walker Jordan, P.C. to serve as the County Attorney for Henry County (Presenter: County Manager's Office)(Exhibit 13)

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one signed up

Approval of minutes

A. January 6, 2025 Called BOC meeting

B. January 7, 2025 Regular BOC meeting

Commissioner Dee Anglyn made the motion to approve minutes; **Commissioner Kevin J. Lewis** seconded. The motion carried 6-0-0.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

A. February 25, 2025 (Note: fourth Tuesday of the month) at 6:30 p.m. is a regularly scheduled BOC Meeting.

B. March 11, 2025 (Note: second Tuesday of the month) at 9:00 a.m. is a regularly scheduled BOC Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Carlotta Harrell, Chair

Stephanie Braun, County Clerk