

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HENRY**

The Henry County Board of Commissioners held a Called Public Meeting *in-person* on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 1:00 p.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, County Attorney; Candace Brown, Staff Attorney; and Stephanie Braun, County Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harrell called the meeting to order.

PRESENTATION – Strategic Plan Update

Hannah Lee, Senior Manager with K.L. Scott & Associates, LLC (consultants which were contracted to assist in creating a Strategic Plan for Henry County Government) came forward to present an update.

The purpose of the workshop is to review progress made on the 2045 Strategic Plan, summarize the results of community engagement and validate the overall strategic direction moving forward. Workshop objectives included reviewing the strategic plan timeline, assessing the seven strategic goals, understanding current community concerns and future priorities, evaluating public outreach efforts and collecting feedback from the Board on strategic objectives and outcomes.

The strategic planning process began in 2022 with the development of a countywide vision and a framework of seven strategic goals created by senior leadership. As the process progressed, the Technical Advisory Committee played a central role in drafting strategic objectives and key performance indicators. In early 2025, the committee began refining these objectives with input from department heads and community stakeholders. Community engagement activities commenced in March 2025 and concluded in June 2025, marking a critical phase of the planning process. Public involvement included six in-person meetings held in a variety of locations throughout the county to encourage accessibility, along with an online survey designed to be concise and easy to complete. The survey received over 1,000 responses, and the meetings drew more than 90 participants, reflecting a strong level of community interest and input.

Survey results revealed that traffic congestion was the most pressing concern for Henry County residents, cited by 80% of respondents. Other top issues included infrastructure (44%), lack of

government transparency (29%) and concerns about overdevelopment. In contrast, areas where residents felt the county had made significant progress included parks and recreation (49%), economic development and business attraction (35%) and the quality of public safety services (29%). When asked to identify future priorities, residents emphasized the need for improved roads and public transit infrastructure, enhanced public safety, environmental sustainability and investments in education. These responses reflect a shared desire for balanced growth, improved quality of life and responsive government services.

Commissioners expressed support for the planning process and echoed many of the community's concerns. Key themes from the Board included the importance of ensuring infrastructure and essential services keep pace with current and future growth, particularly in areas such as transportation, housing and public safety. They emphasized the need for strategic, long-term development, improved community outreach and stronger collaboration between county departments and municipal governments. Additional priorities discussed included increasing transparency, leveraging technology to improve service delivery and educating the public about how different aspects of government affect their daily lives. A youth council was also stated as a priority and Ms. Lee stated that she could assist with some guidance for all the priorities discussed.

During the workshop, commissioners were asked to reflect on whether the community feedback aligned with their expectations and to provide specific priorities or concerns they would like to see addressed in the final version of the plan. They were also asked to consider which strategic objectives could realistically be achieved within current staffing and budget constraints and which would provide the greatest benefit to the most residents.

Looking ahead, the next phase of the planning process includes preparing an initial draft of the Strategic Plan in August 2025 for internal review. Feedback and final comments will be incorporated in September, with the goal of formally adopting the finalized plan by October 2025. Once approved, the plan will guide county decision-making and resource allocation beginning in 2026. The Board reaffirmed its commitment to a transparent, inclusive and actionable strategic plan that reflects the voices of Henry County residents and sets a course for a vibrant, resilient future.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- A. July 15, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. is a regularly-scheduled BOC Meeting
- B. August 5, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. is a regularly-scheduled BOC Meeting
- C. August 15, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. is a regularly-scheduled BOC Meeting

Adjournment (1:58 am)

*Carlotta Harrell, Chair
Henry County Board of Commissioners*

*Stephanie Braun
County Clerk*