

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HENRY**

The Henry County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Public Meeting *in-person* on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Henry County Administration Building (Community Room), 140 Henry Parkway, McDonough GA. HenryTV also streamed this live online on its website, as well as Charter/Spectrum Channel 180 and Facebook Live.

Carlotta Harrell, Chair (**arrived at 9:03 a.m.**)
Johnny Wilson, District 1 Commissioner
Neat Robinson, District 2 Commissioner
Dee Anglyn, III, Vice Chair/District 3 Commissioner
Michael T. Price, District 4 Commissioner
Kevin J. Lewis, District 5 Commissioner

Staff Present: Kevin Johnson, Interim County Manager; Rachel Mack, County Attorney; Stephanie Braun, County Clerk and Jasmin Head, Deputy 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

Vice Chair Anglyn called the meeting to order and amended the agenda to add Executive Session for a Personnel Matter.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve; **Commissioner Lewis** seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1 (Chair Harrell was not present during the vote).

Proclamations/Recognitions

A. Recognition of Employee Years of Service (*Presenter: Victoria Rogers, HR Director*)

5 Years of Service

- Alexandra Fountain – Police Department
- Cody Fountain – Police Department
- Asia Gill – Police Department
- Austin Reynolds – Police Department
- Hershel Robinson – Police Department
- Maecon Bryant – Police Department
- Stephanie Marshall – Police Department
- Teajah Gilman – Police Department
- Sharon Jackson – Sheriff's Office
- Shylynda Lee – Sheriff's Office
- Tracy Rippy – Sheriff's Office
- Callie Callocchio – Human Resources
- Erik Armstrong – Fire Department
- Kyle Carrier – Fire Department
- Malik Wallace – Fire Department
- Paul Humphrey – Fire Department
- Robert Bayne – Fire Department
- Chundralyn West – Probate Court
- Hedy Alvarado – Probate Court
- Melissa Blount – Tax Commissioner's Office
- Marcus Adams – Budget Department
- Jose Funes-Caceres – Stormwater
- Philip Lowe – Tax Assessor

10 Years of Service

- Cameron Falberg – Fire Department
- Jesse Rosenberg – Fire Department
- Grant Palmer – Police Department

15 Years of Service

- Melissa Klakis – Probate Court

20 Years of Service

- Brian Cannon – Henry County Fire Rescue
- James Mathis – Henry County Fire Rescue
- James Polk – Henry County Fire Rescue

B. Proclamation recognizing June 2026 as Men's Health Month (Presenter: Melissa Robinson, Communications Director)

C. Proclamation Recognizing June 2026 as National Homeownership Month (*Presenter: Raven Bodine, Community Development Specialist II*)

Appointments

A. Chair Appointment to Henry County Building & Facilities Authority: Lavezza Zanders (Term: 2 years)

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve; **Commissioner Anglyn** seconded. The motion carried 6-0-0. Resolution 26-234

CONSENT AGENDA

Kevin Johnson, Interim County Manager, read the consent agenda as follows:

Community Development

A. Resolution to accept the Atlanta Regional Commission Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) Funds for a comprehensive countywide housing plan in the amount of \$200,000; authorizing a local match in the amount of \$40,000. (*Presenters: Kevin Johnson, Interim County Manager*)(*Exhibit 1*) Resolution 26-250

County Attorney

A. Resolution authorizing the acquisition of real property located at 216-234 John Frank Ward Blvd., and 215 Turner Street, McDonough, Georgia 30252; authorizing the expenditure of funds in the amount of \$2,229,791.19 for the purchase of said property; authorizing the Chair and/or County Manager to execute all necessary documents; and for other lawful purposes. (*Presenter: Rachel Mack, County Attorney*)(*Exhibit 2*) Resolution 26-251

Financial Services

- A. Resolution declaring surplus and authorizing the disposal of furniture and equipment listed on Exhibit A. *(Presenter: Susan Harris, Purchasing Deputy Director)(Exhibit 3)*
Resolution 26-252

(This Ends the Consent Agenda)

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the consent agenda; **Commissioner Price** seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1, with Vice Chair Anglyn abstaining.

REGULAR AGENDA

SPLOST

- A. Resolution authorizing the Chair to sign a Georgia Department of Transportation Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant Application for Local Road Assistance Administration (LRA) Funds in the amount of \$3,129,121.29. *(Presenter: Clayton Carte Senior Public Relations Specialist Henry County SPLOST,)(Exhibit 4)*

Clayton Carte, Senior Public Relations Specialist, presented a request for Board approval to submit Henry County's application for FY2026 Local Roads Administration (LRA) funding through the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).

As background, Mr. Carte noted that since 2020, the Board of Commissioners has approved more than \$113 million for road resurfacing and road repair projects throughout Henry County. Currently, the SPLOST Department is managing approximately \$43 million in active contracts, addressing roadway improvements across the county, including:

- 35 roads in District 1
- 52 roads in District 2
- 32 roads in District 3
- 30 roads in District 4
- 47 roads in District 5

In total, nearly 200 roads are currently under contract or actively being addressed through Board-approved maintenance initiatives.

Additionally, the county anticipates investing another \$16–18 million in roadway resurfacing projects over the next year through a combination of federal and state grants, along with SPLOST funding. Planned projects include resurfacing the four-lane section of Jonesboro Road between Interstate 75 and Doris Street in McDonough, as well as various neighborhood and subdivision roads throughout the county.

Mr. Carte explained that, through legislation approved by the Georgia General Assembly and Governor Kemp, Henry County is eligible to receive approximately \$3.1 million in FY2026 LRA funding. The grant requires no local match, and the application deadline is later this month.

The SPLOST Department has worked collaboratively with GDOT and the Stormwater Department to identify projects that could utilize the funding. Staff is recommending a combination of roadway resurfacing projects and stormwater infrastructure improvements across all five commission districts.

District 1

Staff recommends resurfacing the remaining section of Heron Bay Boulevard. A portion of the roadway was resurfaced several years ago using LMIG funding; this project would complete the corridor. The current pavement condition index (PCI) score for the remaining section is 23.75.

District 2

Staff recommends resurfacing roads within the Strawberry Hills Subdivision off Panola Road.

In addition, the Stormwater Department has identified critical infrastructure needs at Gardener Road and Mimosa Lane. The proposed project would fund engineering and design services for:

- A bridge replacement at Gardener Road
- A new box culvert at Mimosa Lane

These design costs are eligible under the LRA program. Once completed, staff believes the projects would be strong candidates for future federal funding requests to support construction.

Stormwater staff has consulted with civil engineers who determined that a bridge structure is likely the most effective long-term solution at Gardener Road, as flood volumes exceed the capacity of the existing culvert system.

District 3

Recommended projects include:

- Moss Drive, located behind Union Grove High School (PCI score: 30)
- Bennington Place Subdivision, off Mosley Road (PCI scores: 26 and 27)

District 4

Staff identified several interconnected subdivisions in the older Highway 42 corridor that require resurfacing. Due to available funding, the initial phase would focus on the Pine Valley Subdivision, where PCI scores range from the 20s to 30s. Future funding opportunities would be used to address the adjoining subdivisions.

District 5

Recommended resurfacing projects include:

- Steele Drive between Amah Lee Road and East James Street (PCI score: 16.8)
- Skyline Drive (PCI score: 17)
- North Avenue (PCI score: 19)

Next Steps

Upon Board approval and GDOT acceptance of the grant application:

- The Stormwater Department will advertise for design proposals this fall for the Gardener Road and Mimosa Lane improvements.
- The SPLOST Department plans to advertise roadway resurfacing projects this winter.
- Construction is anticipated to begin in Spring 2027.

Mr. Carte concluded his presentation and offered to answer any questions from the Board.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve; **Commissioner Price** seconded. The motion carried 6-0-0. Resolution 26-253

Transportation Planning

- A. Resolution requesting \$200,000 of Railroad Crossing Elimination (Crossing Safety) Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation and Committing to Provide \$50,000 Local Match from Impact Fee (Strategic Plan # 3.3, 4.2, & 5.7)(*Presenter: Sam Baker, Transportation Planning Director*)(*Exhibit 5*)

Sam Baker, Transportation Director, presented a request for Board approval to apply for a federal Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant, also known as the Crossing Safety Program Grant.

Mr. Baker explained that Henry County's 2022 Transportation Plan identified 55 railroad crossings throughout the county, including 44 at-grade crossings. The plan found an overall lack of active warning devices at many of these crossings, creating safety concerns for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists. He stated that approximately 95% of railroad-related fatalities in the United States result from at-grade crossing collisions and pedestrian trespassing incidents. Additionally, Georgia ranks third in the nation for at-grade railroad crossing collisions. To address these safety concerns, Henry County has the opportunity to pursue a federal grant that would fund a comprehensive railroad crossing safety study. The application deadline is June 8, 2026.

Mr. Baker is requesting authorization to apply for \$200,000 in federal funding, with a required \$15,000 local match, to conduct a countywide railroad crossing safety study. The study would identify the five to ten highest-priority crossings and evaluate potential improvements, including:

- Grade-separated crossings such as underpasses or overpasses
- Enhanced warning systems and safety devices
- Other design modifications aimed at reducing conflicts between trains, vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists

Mr. Baker stated that the local match would be funded through previously collected impact fees. Mr. Baker also plans to invite all four municipalities within Henry County to participate in the study and share the local match costs. If all municipalities participate, the local contribution would be divided equally, reducing the county's share while creating a collaborative city-county planning effort that would benefit residents throughout Henry County. At the time of the presentation, the Cities of Stockbridge and McDonough had expressed interest in partnering with the county on the study. Mr. Baker concluded by requesting the Board's authorization to submit the grant application and provide the required local match.

Commissioner Wilson asked how many of the 55 railroad crossings identified in the transportation plan are located in unincorporated Henry County. **Mr. Baker** responded that he did not have that specific information available but noted that the majority of the crossings are located within the municipalities. **Commissioner Wilson** then asked whether the Cities of Stockbridge and McDonough had formally committed to participating in the study. Mr. Baker explained that while formal commitments had not yet been received, both cities had provided letters of support for the grant application. He added that if the grant is awarded, staff would request formal participation and cost-sharing agreements from the municipalities. Commissioner Wilson further inquired whether the county intended to apply for the grant before receiving responses from the Cities of Hampton and Locust Grove. **Mr. Baker** stated that regardless of municipal participation, staff believes the study would be beneficial to the county and would help identify high-risk railroad crossings, particularly in unincorporated areas. He noted that all crossings would be evaluated, with a focus on those located in unincorporated Henry County as well as in Stockbridge and McDonough.

Commissioner Robinson sought clarification regarding the local match requirement, asking whether the total local contribution would be \$50,000 if all municipalities participated. **Mr. Baker** confirmed that the local match would be shared among participating governments and that municipal participation would reduce the county's cost. **Commissioner Robinson** emphasized that the study would benefit residents countywide, regardless of whether they live in incorporated or unincorporated areas, because transportation safety affects everyone's daily commute. She encouraged continued discussions with the municipalities and expressed support for obtaining written commitments from participating cities. **Mr. Baker** agreed that a letter from the Board Chair to the mayors could help encourage participation, citing similar efforts that have been successful in the past.

Chair Harrell agreed that she and the Board would continue conversations with municipal leaders, stating that public safety is the priority and that "you can't put a price on somebody's life." She added that the county should pursue opportunities that improve safety regardless of whether all municipalities ultimately participate.

Vice Chair Anglyn acknowledged that there continues to be public discussion regarding the county's impact fee litigation and clarified for the record that Henry County prevailed in the impact fee case. He then asked whether sufficient impact fee funds were available to cover the full local match should municipal participation not occur. **Mr. Baker** confirmed that the county has sufficient impact fee funds available to cover the entire amount.

Chair Harrell asked Interim County Manager Kevin Johnson whether the grant would return to the Board for additional action if awarded. **Mr. Johnson** confirmed that the current request was only for authorization to apply. If awarded, the grant would return through the county's grant approval process and be presented to the Board for consideration and acceptance. At that time, the Board would also have information regarding municipal participation and could decide whether to accept or decline the grant award.

Commissioner Price asked for clarification regarding the 13 private railroad crossings identified in the transportation plan. **Mr. Baker** stated that his understanding is that those crossings are located on private property. **Commissioner Price** also asked whether the 44 at-grade crossings lacked signalization. **Mr. Baker** explained that the transportation plan did not evaluate each crossing in sufficient detail to make that determination, but it did identify an overall lack of active warning devices. He noted that some crossings may have gates or passive warnings but lack active warning systems that alert motorists and pedestrians to approaching trains. **Commissioner Price** further inquired about the railroad's responsibility for installing crossing signals and whether Norfolk Southern would be involved in the process. **Mr. Baker** stated that he believes Norfolk Southern has responsibility for railroad infrastructure and that coordination with the railroad company would be critical if the grant is awarded. He reported that Norfolk Southern is preparing a letter of support for the grant application and would be invited to participate in future discussions and planning efforts.

Chair Harrell added that railroad crossings involve a complex division of responsibilities between railroads and local governments. She noted that while railroads are generally responsible for infrastructure on their property, local governments often play a role in roadway approaches and safety improvements. She pointed out the importance of improving safety at

crossings, particularly given Georgia's high ranking for railroad crossing incidents and the risks associated with motorists attempting to cross tracks ahead of approaching trains. Following discussion, the Board approved the request to submit the Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant application.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve; **Commissioner Lewis** seconded. The motion carried 6-0-0. Resolution 26-254

B. Resolution Accepting \$300,000 of Freight Cluster Plan Grant from the Atlanta Regional Commission and Providing \$75,000 Local Match in Fiscal Year 2027 (*Presenter: Sam Baker, Director of Transportation Planning*)(*Exhibit 6*)

Sam Baker, Transportation Planning Director, presented a request for Board approval to accept a \$300,000 Freight Cluster Plan Grant awarded to Henry County by the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC). **Mr. Baker** explained that the grant will fund a comprehensive freight study focused on identifying solutions to truck-related traffic congestion in central Henry County and addressing the issue of unauthorized truck parking, which continues to impact the community daily. The grant requires a \$75,000 local match, which has already been set aside in a grant fund by the Budget Department. Mr. Baker reported that the Cities of McDonough and Locust Grove have expressed their intent to partner with the County in conducting the study and have provided written confirmation of their participation. Under the proposed cost-sharing arrangement, each city would contribute \$25,000, reducing Henry County's share of the local match to \$25,000. The study will evaluate freight movement throughout the county and develop recommendations to improve truck traffic operations, reduce congestion, and address challenges associated with truck parking. The resulting plan is expected to provide valuable data and recommendations that can support future transportation planning efforts and funding opportunities. **Mr. Baker** concluded by requesting the Board's authorization to accept the Atlanta Regional Commission grant and proceed with procuring a consultant to conduct the freight study.

Commissioner Wilson asked whether the study would ultimately result in a list of recommended transportation projects. **Mr. Baker** confirmed that the study would identify and recommend projects aimed at improving freight movement throughout central Henry County. **Commissioner Wilson** asked whether the recommendations could include intersection improvements, roadway widening projects, truck parking facilities, and similar transportation enhancements. **Mr. Baker** responded that those types of projects could be among the recommendations generated by the study. **Commissioner Wilson** then asked whether the county would pursue federal funding to implement the recommended projects. **Mr. Baker** explained that the study would provide the technical analysis, public engagement, and planning framework necessary to support future grant applications. He noted that having a completed study would strengthen the county's ability to compete for federal and other transportation funding opportunities. **Commissioner Wilson** expressed concern about the potential cost of future projects and asked how the county would fund any required local match if significant improvements were recommended. **Mr. Baker** stated that the study would first provide the county with a menu of options to consider. He added that future local match requirements could potentially be funded through impact fees, SPLOST revenues, or a future TSPLOST if approved

by voters. **Commissioner Wilson** also asked whether the State of Georgia had already conducted a similar study for the area, noting that the Highway 155 corridor has experienced significant truck traffic for many years. **Mr. Baker** responded that while the Atlanta Regional Commission has completed a regional freight study, it does not provide the level of detail needed for Henry County. He explained that the proposed study would focus specifically on central Henry County, examine local traffic conditions in greater depth, and produce project-specific recommendations.

Chair Harrell noted that the Atlanta Regional Commission's regional freight study provides useful information but does not address Henry County's specific needs in detail. She stated that the county regularly receives complaints from residents regarding truck traffic and that the proposed study would help identify practical solutions to those concerns. **Chair Harrell** further noted that the study would create opportunities to engage the industrial community as partners while also positioning the county to pursue additional state and federal funding. She shared that conversations with Georgia Department of Transportation officials, including Commissioner Jannine Miller and other GDOT staff, have highlighted Henry County's role as one of the region's major freight and trucking corridors. **Chair Harrell** stated that previous industrial development occurred without sufficient planning for the transportation impacts associated with increased truck traffic. She emphasized that the study would help the county better plan for future growth, address freight-related congestion, and develop solutions for unauthorized truck parking, which has contributed to safety concerns both on and off the interstate system.

Chair Harrell called for a motion; Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve. Commissioner Robinson seconded..The motion carried 6-0-0. Resolution 26-255**County Manager Comments**

Interim County Manager Kevin Johnson announced that a Henry County Police Department graduation ceremony will be held Friday at 10:00 a.m., adding new officers to serve the community. He also announced that the Henry County Aquatic Center ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place on June 11, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., with the public grand opening scheduled for June 20, 2026.

Additionally, he reminded residents that Henry County offices will be closed on June 19th in observance of Juneteenth.

Public Comments

James Kokotilo addressed the Board regarding the county's animal tethering ordinance. He expressed concerns about the recently adopted changes, stating that he believed the previous ordinance provided adequate guidance for responsible pet owners and encouraged the Board to reconsider the amendment.

Approval of Minutes

A. May 18, 2026 Called BOC Budget Meeting

Vice Chair Anglyn made a motion to approve; **Commissioner Lewis** seconded. The motion carried 6-0-0.

ADDED:

Executive Session (re: Personnel)

Vice Chair Anglyn made a motion to approve; **Commissioner Price** seconded. The motion carried 6-0-0. (10:09 am)

Reconvene from Executive Session

Vice Chair Anglyn made a motion to approve; **Commissioner Lewis** seconded. The motion carried 6-0-0. (10:30 a.m.)

Approval of an Affidavit and Resolution pertaining to Executive Session

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve; **Vice Chair Anglyn** seconded. The motion carried 6-0-0.

***(Added) Resolution to Amend the Adoption Agreement for Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) Defined Benefit Plan for Henry County Employees**

Commissioner Price made a motion to approve; **Vice Chair Anglyn** seconded the motion carried 6-0-0. Resolution 26-256

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- A. June 2, 2026 (immediately following this meeting) is a Called Joint Meeting with the Cities, re: T-SPLOST 2 at 10:30 a.m.
- B. June 16, 2026 is a Regular BOC Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- C. July 7, 2026 is a Regular BOC Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Chair Harrell adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

*Carlotta Harrell, BOC Chair
Henry County Board of Commissioners*

*Stephanie Braun
County Clerk*