

**County Commissioner Meeting – Regular Meeting**  
**Bleckley County JC Building**  
**December 19, 2024**

**Present:** *County Commissioner Mike Davis, Randy Thompson, Ronnie Smith, Bob Brockman, Russell Davidson, Matt Kelley, John Roland, Candace Summerall, Andy Lucas, Daniel Cape, Jeff Simpson, Cheryl Ates, Cindy Newman, Lisa Eisele, Derrick Bowen, Brian Arnold, Jayme Kelley, Vicki Tomlinson, Freida Dykes*

*Commissioner Davis opened in prayer.*

*Commissioner Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance, and welcomed all to the meeting.*

**All attendees received the following:**

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There were no questions or concerns. *The Minutes were approved.*

**Topics discussed from Commissioner Davis**

The Bleckley County Department of Family & Children Services Annual Report was approved.

The Bleckley County Family & Children Service Budget for January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025 was approved.

There were five nominees for the Bleckley County Hospital Authority Board. Chad Brown was chosen to fill the vacant seat.

The 2025 County Budget was approved. There were no comments.

The 2025 Building and Inspection fee schedule was received and approved

Commissioner Davis stated he is looking into creating a building committee review/advisory board.

The paving of Barnard Wright and Lake Shore Drive has been completed. The Scruggs Company will start paving Antioch Road in a few months.

Commissioner Davis stated the County is currently being sued over the assessments and asked the department heads to be mindful of the budget.

### **Topics discussed in today's meeting**

Sheriff Cape attended the Sheriff's Academy in Madison. The Sheriff's office will have "Shop with a Cop" tomorrow. Sheriff Cape stated the Sheriff's Office and Police Department are working together to solve the car break-ins around the county and city. He stated the flock cameras are ordered and will be installed soon and he is working with Chief Kelley on scheduling an active shooter training for the schools.

Cheryl Ates, Chief Registrar stated Senate Bill 212, requires counties to have an election board and the board will meet today to establish the by-laws. A school board election will be on May 18, 2025.

Jayne Kelley, Building Clerk, has presented new building fees and codes for 2025.

Derek Bowen will attend an agricultural meeting in Jekyll Island to present research. David Hall continues to collect water samples and visit school systems to educate students on agricultural and natural resources. The 4-H program continues to be busy with workshops, day camps, and fundraisers.

Vicki Tomlinson with Heartland Ambulance Service stated there are a lot of changes going on. Heartland is currently holding an EMT class. Ten students are enrolled and there will be 9 more EMTs. There has been some question in regards to how many ambulances are severing the County. There is one ambulance for 911 service, 2 ambulances if staffing permits. We also have the First Responders that assist until the EMTs arrive. Pulaski and Laurens Counties assist when needed. The trucks parked in the front of the ambulance service are used for non-emergency transportation. She stated to call her if you have any questions.

Randy Thompson continues to work on the new education programs at the college and a Cyber Security Awareness workshop will be held on the Macon campus on 1/15/2025.

County Attorney Brian Arnold stated the Bleckley County Hospital received the Critical Care Award of the year. He encouraged everyone to walk-thru the emergency room and see the new changes.

Jon Roland stated the hospital has renovated all 25 patient rooms, replaced the roof, and is currently upgrading the document system in the ER. The census is approximately 18 to 21 patients per day.

Candace Summerall stated the repaving of Mac Thompson Road will begin soon. She mentioned the next Caffeinated Connection will be held on January 8<sup>th</sup> at the Chamber of Commerce and Dueling Pianos is scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Andy Lucas stated the IDA is finishing up on the One Georgia Project. The board met Tuesday. They continue to work on the IDA park.

Ronnie Smith stated the last day for the Tire Amnesty Round-up is Saturday. There have been approximately 1500 – 2000 tires collected. The road department continues to work on improving the roads, changing out some pipes on dirt roads, and is having a huge problem with trash and litter.

Matt Kelley, Fire Chief/EMA Director, went over the end of the year report and since hurricane Helene he is working with FEMA to receive reimbursement of funds for the City and County for damages. The Hazard Litigation Plan and the Emergency Operation Plan have been revised and sent to FEMA to be approved. The helicopter pad had 71 helicopter landings.

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Mike Davis, County Commissioner

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Date

Bleckley County, GA  
 Year End: December 31, 2025  
 Proposed 2025 Budget Summary

|   | General Fund        | E 911 FUND        | T-SPLOST          | COMMISSARY FUND   | CONFISCATED ASSETS | LAW LIBRARY     | SPECIAL PURPOSE CORP | SPLOST              |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>REVENUES</b>                                 |                     |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| General Property Taxes                          | \$ 4,989,500        |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| General Sales and Use Taxes                     | 980,000             |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| Selective Sales and Use Taxes                   | 4,000               | \$ 340,000        |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      | \$ 1,860,000        |
| Business Taxes                                  | 620,000             |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| Business Licenses                               | 45,000              |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| Regulatory Fees                                 | 50,000              |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| Intergovernmental Revenues                      | 857,219             |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 | \$ 200,000           |                     |
| Charges for Services                            | 354,000             | \$ 232,150        |                   | \$ 142,000        | \$ 56,000          | \$ 8,000        |                      |                     |
| Fines and Forfeitures                           | 915,000             |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| Miscellaneous Revenue                           | 20,000              |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>                           | <b>\$ 8,834,719</b> | <b>\$ 232,150</b> | <b>\$ 340,000</b> | <b>\$ 142,000</b> | <b>\$ 56,000</b>   | <b>\$ 8,000</b> | <b>\$ 200,000</b>    | <b>\$ 1,860,000</b> |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>                             |                     |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| Board of Elections                              | 144,890             |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| Tax Commissioner                                | 296,000             |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| Tax Assessor                                    | 186,490             |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| General Administration - Commissioners Office   | 277,660             |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| General Administration - Appropriations         | 170,490             |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| General Government Buildings and Physical Plant | 809,604             |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| Superior Court                                  | 147,758             |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| Clerk of Court                                  | 232,699             |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| Magistrate Court                                | 169,830             |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| Probate Court                                   | 245,000             |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| Law Library                                     | 1,599,700           |                   |                   |                   | \$ 56,000          | \$ 8,000        |                      | \$ 378,000          |
| Sheriff   | 1,202,400           |                   |                   | \$ 142,000        |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| Jail  | 288,500             | \$ 232,150        |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| Dispatchers                                     | 364,630             |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      | 8,000               |
| Fire  | 375,000             |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| EMS   | 33,780              |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| Coroner/Medical Examiner                        | 43,870              |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| Other Protection - Animal Control               | 66,245              |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| Other Protection - EMA                          | 1,408,289           |                   | \$ 340,000        |                   |                    |                 |                      | 255,000             |
| Roads, Streets, & Bridges                       | 152,830             |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| Solid Waste and Recycling                       | 104,360             |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| Health and Welfare - Health Department          | 117,950             |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| Health and Welfare - Senior Center              | 143,800             |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| Health and Welfare - Transit                    | -                   |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 | \$ 43,000            | 50,000              |
| Health and Welfare - DFACS                      | 80,000              |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| Recreation                                      | 110,750             |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| Housing and Development - 4H                    | 57,442              |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| Housing and Development - Building Inspections  | 4,752               |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 | 157,000              | 555,000             |
| Debt Service                                    |                     |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      | 614,000             |
| Intergovernmental payments                      |                     |                   |                   |                   |                    |                 |                      |                     |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>                       | <b>\$ 8,834,719</b> | <b>\$ 232,150</b> | <b>\$ 340,000</b> | <b>\$ 142,000</b> | <b>\$ 56,000</b>   | <b>\$ 8,000</b> | <b>\$ 200,000</b>    | <b>\$ 1,860,000</b> |

In compliance with O.C.G.A. § 33-8-8.3 the following is included in the 2025 General Fund  
Budget of Bleckley County, Georgia

Revenue -

|                        |    |         |
|------------------------|----|---------|
| Insurance Premiums Tax | \$ | 600,000 |
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Expenditures:

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| Sanitation | \$ | 152,830 |
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| Roads and Bridges | \$ | 109,040 |
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| Fire | \$ | 338,130 |
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| Total | \$ | <u>600,000</u> |
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