

**Bleckley County Commissioner Special Called Meeting**  
**Bleckley County Commissioner Office**  
**Friday, June 12, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Present:** Commissioner Mike Davis, Matt Kelley, Andy Lucas, Johnny Holland, Carol Holland, Patsy Washburn, Diane Smith, Jeff Simpson, Freida Dykes

Commissioner Davis called a Special Meeting to sign a Resolution approving local legislation to be introduced before the General Assembly, calling for a referendum to determine whether or not a 1 percent Local Homestead Option Sales Tax should be implemented.

Matt Carey went over the referendum with all present. This is an act to provide a homestead exemption from Bleckley County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of the assessed value of the homestead property determined annually for the special district based upon the proceeds of a new local homestead option sales tax (LHOST) to be imposed within the special district conterminous with Bleckley County.

Patsy Washburn voiced a few concerns regarding the SPLOST at the State level, noting that the money was earmarked only for education and that local officials from the City and County need to look at the big picture. Will this be specifically to help with yearly taxes?

Andy Lucas stated that this is for primary residents, not renters.

Commissioner Davis stated that the citizens of the county will have the opportunity to vote on the referendum.

Commissioner Davis signed the Resolution to include the Referendum on the ballot in the November election.

With no other comments, the meeting was closed.

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Mike Davis, Bleckley County Commissioner

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Date

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Freida Dykes, County Commissioner

10:29 a.m.  
Time