MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
COBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 28, 2026
7:00 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at the David Hankerson Building, 100 Cherokee Street, Marietta, Georgia, in the Board of Commissioners Meeting Room. Present and comprising a quorum of the Board were:

Chairwoman Lisa Cupid
Commissioner Erick Allen
Commissioner JoAnn Birrell
Commissioner Keli Gambrill
Commissioner Monique Sheffield

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Cupid called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

FINANCE PUBLIC HEARING

1. To conduct the third public hearing on the 2026 proposed property tax increase as defined by Georgia law.

Buddy Tesar, Chief Financial Officer, presented information regarding the 2026 proposed property tax increase and requested a public hearing be conducted.

Chairwoman Cupid opened the public hearing regarding the FY 2026 proposed property tax increase and asked those wishing to speak to come forward to address the Board. Following 13 speakers, the public hearing was closed.

A copy of the information presented is attached and made a part of these minutes.

2. To adopt a resolution setting the 2026 millage rates for the Cobb County General Fund, Fire Fund, and the Cumberland Special Services District II Fund (CSSD II).

Motion by Cupid, second by Allen, to **adopt** the resolution that sets the 2026 millage rates for the Cobb County General Fund, Fire Fund, and the Cumberland Special Services District II Fund (CSSD II); and **authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents. A copy of said resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

VOTE: **ADOPTED 3-2,** Commissioners Birrell and Gambrill opposed

3. To adopt a resolution establishing the 2026 Cobb County Tax Levy for countywide school construction bond purposes and for maintenance and operations of schools as required by law.

Motion by Cupid, second by Allen, to **adopt** the Board of Education's resolution establishing the 2026 countywide school tax for maintenance and operation of schools, 18.700 mills: countywide school tax for construction bonds, 0.000 mills; Marietta property annexed 1995 through 2004, at

0.000 mills, as required by law; and **authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the millage resolution from the Cobb County Board of Education. A copy of said resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

VOTE: **ADOPTED 5-0**

4. <u>To conduct the third public hearing on the FY 2027 Proposed Budget.</u>

Buddy Tesar, Chief Financial Officer, presented information regarding the proposed FY 2027 Budget and requested a public hearing be conducted.

Chairwoman Cupid opened the public hearing and asked those wishing to speak to come forward to address the Board. Following 20 speakers, the public hearing was closed.

A copy of the information presented is attached and made a part of these minutes.

5. <u>To adopt the FY 2027 Budget.</u>

Motion by Cupid, second by Sheffield, to **adopt** the FY 2027 Budget; and **authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents. The Budget resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

VOTE: **ADOPTED 3-2,** Commissioners Birrell and Gambrill opposed

Chairwoman Cupid called a brief recess from 9:25 p.m. – 9:38 p.m.

<u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u>

1. Lisa Taylor addressed the Board regarding Code Enforcement and single-family zoning.
2. Gary Henderson addressed the Board regarding micro transit.
3. Monica DeLancy addressed the Board regarding back to school and community events and CobbWorks.
4. Perry Barrett addressed the Board regarding micro transit and autonomous vehicle shuttles.
5. Lance Lamberton addressed the Board regarding micro transit and the millage rate.
6. Matt Stigall addressed the Board regarding public transit.
7. Denny Wilson addressed the Board regarding government power and Mableton Code Enforcement.
8. Jonathan Jewell addressed the Board regarding Cobb County Water infrastructure and a water main failing near his home.
9. Jon Gargis addressed the Board regarding micro transit.
10. Sonjay Rane addressed the Board regarding small business contracts with the county.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Cupid second by Allen, to **approve** the following items on the Consent Agenda, *as presented*; and **authorize** execution of the necessary documents by the appropriate County personnel.

Water System

6. To approve Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract with IHC Construction Companies, LLC for the R. L. Sutton Water Reclamation Facility Clarifier Rehabilitation, Program No. T2030.

To **approve** Change Order No. 1 to the construction contract with IHC Construction Companies, LLC, in the amount of $198,296.44 and for a time extension of 112 calendar days to the final completion date for the R. L. Sutton Water Reclamation Facility Clarifier Rehabilitation, Program No. T2030; **authorize** the corresponding budget transfers; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

Funding is available in the Water System's CIP Budget as follows:

Increase Encumbrance			
GAE 51003112505	510-500-5753-8260	T2030-C	$198,296.44
Transfer from:			
R.L. Sutton Water Reclamation Facility Miscellaneous Improvements			
Preliminary Estimates	510-500-5753-8005	T2501-Z	$198,296.44
Transfer to:			
R.L. Sutton Water Reclamation Facility Clarifier Rehabilitation			
Construction	510-500-5753-8260	T2030-C	$198,296.44

7. To approve a construction contract with Reynolds Construction, LLC and Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to the agreement with Ardurra Group, Inc. for the FY26 Ultraviolet Disinfection Systems Rehabilitation, Program No. T5009.

To **approve** a construction contract with Reynolds Construction, LLC, in the amount of $24,996,000.00, and Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to the agreement with Ardurra Group, Inc., in the amount of $499,930.00, for the FY26 Ultraviolet Disinfection Systems Rehabilitation, Program No. T5009; **authorize** the corresponding budget transactions; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

Funding is available in the Water System's CIP Budget as follows:

Transfer from:
RL Sutton Water Reclamation Facility Miscellaneous Improvements

Preliminary Estimates	510-500-5753-8005	T2501-Z	$8,706,943.34

Northwest Water Reclamation Facility Miscellaneous Improvements

Preliminary Estimates	510-500-5753-8005	T4501-Z	$8,706,943.33

Noonday Creek Water Reclamation Facility Miscellaneous Improvements

Preliminary Estimates	510-500-5753-8005	T1503-Z	$8,706,943.33
Total			$26,120,830.00

Transfer to:
FY26 Ultraviolet Disinfection Systems Rehabilitation

Construction	510-500-5753-8260	T5009-C	$24,996,000.00
Engineering - Basic Fees (sup. agreement 1)	510-500-5753-8225	T5009-E	$ 499,930.00
Interest Expense on Retainage	510-500-5753-6613	T5009-A	$ 124,980.00
Contingency	510-500-5753-8810	T5009-T	$ 499,920.00
Total			$26,120,830.00

8. To approve a work order under the FY25 – FY26 Stormwater Management Unit Price Contract with HD Excavations & Utilities LLC for 5399 Forest Brook Parkway, Program ST2410.

To **approve** a work order under the FY25 – FY26 Stormwater Management Unit Price Contract with HD Excavations & Utilities LLC, in the amount of $114,328.64, for 5399 Forest Brook Parkway, Program No. ST2410; **authorize** the corresponding budget transaction; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

Funding is available in the Water System's CIP Budget as follows:

Transfer from:
Stormwater Multi-Year Budget

Preliminary Estimates	565-500-5650-8005	ST9999-Z	$144,328.64

Transfer to:
5399 Forest Brook Parkway

Construction & Project Improvements	565-500-5650-8260	ST2410-C	$114,328.64

9. **<u>To approve a work order under the FY25-FY26 Stormwater Management Unit Price Contract with W.E. Contracting Co., Inc. for 2861 Tynewick Drive, Program No. ST2406.</u>**

To **approve** a work order under the FY25-FY26 Stormwater Management Unit Price Contract with W.E. Contracting Co., Inc., in the amount of $114,702.38, for 2861 Tynewick Drive, Program No.ST2406; **authorize** the corresponding budget transaction; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

Funding is available in the Water System's CIP Budget as follows:

Transfer from:			
Stormwater Multi-Year Budget			
Preliminary Estimates	565-500-5650-8005	ST9999-Z	$114,702.38
Transfer to:			
2861 Tynewick Drive			
Construction & Project improvements	565-500-5650-8260	ST2406-C	$114,702.38

10. **<u>To approve final funding for the work under the FY24 Stormwater Management Unit Price Contract with Wade Coots Company, Inc. for 2838 Saddlebrook Way, Program No. SW2302.</u>**

To **approve** final funding for the work order under the FY24 Stormwater Management Unit Price Contract with Wade Coots Company, Inc., a savings to the project in the amount of $23,375.70, for 2838 Saddlebrook Way, Program No. SW2302; **authorize** the corresponding budget transactions; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

No additional funding is required for the Water System's 2838 Saddlebrook Way, Program No. SW2302.

Decrease Encumbrance:			
GAE 51005282415	510-500-5758-6496	SW2302-C	$23,375.70
Transfer from:			
2838 Saddlebrook Way			
Drainage Conract R&M Service	510-500-5758-6496	SW2302-C	$23,375.70
Transfer to:			
Stormwater Multi-Year Budget			
Drainage Contract R&M Serivce	510-500-5758-6496	SW9999-Z	$23,375.70

11. <u>To approve final funding for the work under the FY25 – FY26 Stormwater Management Unit Price Contract with HD Excavations & Utilities LLC for 3063 Milford Chase Overlook, Program No. SW2310.</u>

To **approve** final funding for the work order under the FY25 – FY26 Stormwater Management Unit Price with HD Excavations & Utilities LLC, a savings to the project in the amount of $24,023.85, for 3063 Milford Chase Overlook, Program No. SW2310; **authorize** the corresponding budget transactions; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

No additional funding is required for the Water System's 3063 Milford Chase Overlook, Program No. SW2310.

Decrease Encumbrance:			
GAE 51004082508	510-500-5758-6496	SW2310-C	$24,023.85
Transfer from:			
3603 Milford Chase Overlook			
Drainage Contract R&M Service	510-500-5758-6496	SW2310-C	$24,023.85
Transfer to:			
Stormwater Multi-Year Budget			
Drainage Contract R&M Service	510-500-5758-6496	SW9999-Z	$24,023.85

12. <u>To approve final funding for the work under the FY25-FY26 Stormwater Management Unit Price Contract with HD Excavations & Utilities LLC for 2970 Wendy Lane, Program No. SW2356.</u>

To **approve** final funding for the work order under the FY25 – FY26 Stormwater Management Unit Price Contract with HD Excavations & Utilities LLC, Inc, a savings to the project in the amount of $30,025.73, for 2970 Wendy Lane, Program No. SW2356; **authorize** the corresponding budget transactions; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

No additional funding is required for the Water System's 2970 Wendy Lane, Program No. SW2356.

Decrease Encumbrance:			
GAE 51009232511	510-500-5758-6496	SW2356-C	$30,025.73
Transfer from:			
2970 Wendy Lane			
Drainage Contract R&M Service	510-500-5758-6496	SW2356-C	$30,025.73

Transfer to:
Stormwater Multi-Year Budget

Drainage Contract R&M Serivce	510-500-5758-6496	SW9999-Z	$30,025.73

Transportation

13. To authorize the installation of traffic calming measures on County-maintained streets, and approve Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to Resurfacing Contract 2026-2 Local Roads (Northeast) with Blount Construction Company, Inc., for the installation, Project No. TR549, Cobb DOT Contract No. 002473.

To **authorize** the installation of traffic calming measures on 18 County-maintained streets; **approve** Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to Resurfacing Contract 2026-2 Local Roads (Northeast) with Blount Construction Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed $519,612.50, for the installation, Project No. TR549, Cobb DOT Contract No. 002473; **authorize** the corresponding budget transactions; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

Available in the Public Facility Projects Fund, with the following budget transfer:

Transfer from:	380-050-4612-8005-TR534-A	Preliminary Estimate	$68,873.00
Transfer to:	380-050-4612-8762-TR549-C	Turnkey Construction	$68,873.00

Available in the Public Facility Projects Fund, with the following interfund transfer from the Department's approved FY26 General Fund Operating Budget:

Decrease Expenditure:	010-050-0750-8005	Preliminary Estimate	$450,739.50
Increase Expenditure:	010-050-0750-6594	Interfund Transfer - Expense	$450,739.50
Increase Revenue:	380-050-4612-4960-TR549-C	Interfund Transfer - Revenue	$450,739.50
Increase Expenditure:	380-050-4612-8762-TR549-C	Turnkey Construction	$450,739.50

14. To authorize advertisement to conduct a public hearing for the proposed abandonment of a portion of right-of-way on Old Horseshoe Bend Road and Horseshoe Bend Road, located in Land Lots 642 and 691 of the 19th District, 2nd Section, Cobb County, Georgia.

To **authorize** advertisement to conduct a public hearing for the proposed abandonment of a portion of right-of-way along Old Horseshoe Bend Road and Horseshoe Bend Road located in Land Lots 642 and 691 of the 19th District, 2nd Section, Cobb County, Georgia.

15. To authorize installation of traffic calming measures on County-maintained streets and authorize procurement of Dynamic Speed Display Signs and associated equipment for the installation.

To **authorize** installation of traffic calming measures on Bishop Lake Road and Argo Road; **authorize** procurement of six Dynamic Speed Display Signs and associated equipment, in an amount not to exceed $18,804.00, for the installation; and **further authorize** the corresponding budget transaction.

Available in the Department's approved FY26 General Fund Operating Budget, with the following budget transfer:

Transfer from:	010-050-0750-8005	Preliminary Estimate	$18,804.00
Transfer to:	010-050-0750-6258	Accountable Items	$18,804.00

Public Services Agency

PARKS

16. To approve a Consent to Assignment of the Golf Course Management Agreement between Cobb County and Affiniti Golf Partners, LLC d/b/a Bobby Jones Links (BJL).

To **approve** a Consent to Assignment of the Golf Course Management Agreement between Cobb County and Affiniti Golf Partners LLC; and **authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

Library System

17. To authorize the acceptance of the donation of the Nancy Still Statue to the Vinings Library from the Lazarian Family.

To **authorize** the acceptance of the donation of the Nancy Still statue; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman or Library Director to execute the necessary documents.

Finance

18. To adopt a resolution adopting all budget amendments set forth in agenda items on this date.

To **adopt** a resolution adopting all budget amendments set forth in agenda items on this date. A copy of said resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes.

CDBG

19. To authorize the appropriation of interest income from the United States Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2023.

To **authorize** the appropriation of interest income from the United States Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2023; **authorize** the corresponding budget transactions; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

The following budget appropriation will account for the receipt and expenditure of JAG funds.

Increase expenditure/revenue: 284-390- J23C-6574/4429 (Four Corner's Group) $3,337.12

20. To authorize the amendment of Program Year 2023 Annual Action Plan for the reallocation of unexpended Community Development Block Grant program funds.

To **authorize** the amendment of Program Year 2023 Annual Action Plan for the reallocation of unexpended Community Development Block Grant program funds; **authorize** the corresponding budget transactions; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

The budget appropriations shown in Attachment A account for the transfer of unexpended CDBG program to other eligible activities. Attachment A is attached and made a part of these minutes.

CobbWorks

21. To authorize the acceptance of a Youth Program grant award from the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) to CobbWorks, Inc.

To **authorize** the acceptance of the Youth Program grant award, in the amount of $843,558.00, from the Technical College System of Georgia for CobbWorks, Inc., the local Workforce Development Board, to provide training and employment services to Youth participants; **authorize** corresponding budget transactions; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

Increase Revenue:	276-120-26YA-4430	$84,356.00
Increase Revenue:	276-120-26YP-4430	$759,202.00
Increase Expenditure:	276-120-26YA-YA26YA-A-vary	$84,356.00
Increase Expenditure:	276-120-26YP-YP26YP-P-vary	$759,202.00

22. To approve the Local Workforce Development Board Certification.

To **approve** the Local Workforce Development Board Certification; and **authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

County Clerk

23. To approve minutes.

To **approve** the minutes from the following meetings:

- July 13, 2026 - Agenda Work Session
- July 14, 2026 - BOC Regular Meeting
- July 21, 2026 - BOC Zoning Hearing

CONSENT VOTE: 5-0

REGULAR AGENDA

Transportation

24. To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgia Transportation Efficiency Authority for implementation of the Next Generation Automated Fare Collection System for the CobbLinc transit bus fleet.

Motion by Cupid, second by Allen, to **approve** a Memorandum of Understanding with the Georgia Transportation Efficiency Authority for implementation of the Next Generation Automated Fare Collection System for the CobbLinc transit bus fleet, effective through June 30, 2031; and **authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

Approval of the associated MOU with GTEA approves the acceptance of base hardware and implementation of the Automated Fare Collection System (AFC 2.0) with INIT, Inc., for the CobbLinc fleet, to allow connectivity with regional partners of the MARTA system. Additional equipment and installation services, in the amount of $304,110.54, may be provided by GTEA under the terms of this MOU, which upon execution will be in effect through June 30, 2031. GTEA's total equipment and implementation investment for this MOU will not exceed $1,250,000.00.

All equipment will be recorded as assets of the Transit Fund. No County funding is required for this implementation.

VOTE: **ADOPTED 5-0**

25. To approve Project No. B2310-TO#1 to the 2025 Master Task Order Contract with Barge Design Solutions, Inc., for construction design services of South Gordon Road at Pisgah Road, Cobb DOT Contract No. 002570.

Motion by Sheffield, second by Birrell, to **approve** Project No. B2310-TO#1 to the 2025 Master Task Order Contract with Barge Design Solutions, Inc., in an amount not to exceed $30,000.00, for construction design services of South Gordon Road at Pisgah Road, Cobb DOT Contract No. 002570; **authorize** the corresponding budget transaction; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

Available in the 2022 SPLOST Transportation Improvements Program Fund, with the following budget transfer:

Transfer from:	348-050-B230-B230-8005-B2310-C	Preliminary Estimate	$30,000.00
Transfer to:	348-050-B230-B230-8722-B2310-E	Engineering	$30,000.00

The 2022 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST), adopted by the Board of Commissioners on July 14, 2020, provides for capital improvements and anticipated corresponding budget funding to address, inter alia, Operational and Safety Improvements.

South Gordon Road at Pisgah Road is an eligible project/program under the Operational and Safety Improvements Component of the 2022 SPLOST Transportation Improvements (2022 Cobb SPLOST Renewal, pp. 1, 15). SPLOST funds will be used to make operational and safety improvements at intersections and corridors throughout the county.

SPLOST Project Summary as of July 1, 2026: South Gordon Road at Pisgah Road

Budget:	$2,238,556.40	Expended:	$623,182.04

VOTE: **ADOPTED 5-0**

26. To approve a Cobb Framework Agreement with the Cumberland Community Improvement District for the Cumberland Autonomous Vehicle Circulator Pilot Project.

Motion by Allen, second by Gambrill, to **approve** a Cobb Framework Agreement with the Cumberland Community Improvement District, for the Cumberland Autonomous Vehicle Circulator Pilot Project; **authorize** the corresponding budget transactions; and **further authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

Appropriate receipt of revenue from the Cumberland Community Improvement District to the Transit Grant Local Share funding, as follows:

Increase Revenue:	380-050-4655-4505-TR999-A	Community Improvement District	$1,102,425.00
Increase Expenditure:	380-050-4655-6594-TR999-A	Interfund Transfer — Expense	$1,102,425.00

VOTE: **ADOPTED 4-1,** Commissioner Gambrill opposed

27. To approve Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreements with the Georgia Department of Transportation required to obtain Encroachment Permits for Damaged Traffic Signal Pole Replacement, Project No. B2593.

Motion by Gambrill, second by Allen, to **approve** four Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreements with the Georgia Department of Transportation required to obtain Encroachment Permits for Damaged Traffic Signal Pole Replacement, Project No. B2593; and **authorize** the Chairwoman to execute the necessary documents.

VOTE: **ADOPTED 5-0**

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Joel Beker addressed the Board regarding Flock cameras.
2. Craig Harfoot addressed the Board regarding micro transit.
3. Suzie Clark addressed the Board regarding Flock cameras and data centers.

APPOINTMENTS

28. To approve the reappointment of Avril Morguarge to the Family and Children Services Board.

Motion by Cupid, second by Allen, to **approve** the reappointment of Avril Morguarge to the Family and Children Services Board for a five-year term to expire June 30, 2031.

VOTE: **ADOPTED 5-0**

29. To announce the appointment of Jim Poole to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Commissioner Gambrill **announced** the appointment of Jim Poole to the Historic Preservation Commission for a concurrent term to expire on December 31, 2026. This appointment replaces Abbie T. Parks.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

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Leila Washington
Deputy County Clerk
Cobb County Board of Commissioners