

A Public Hearing and Work Session of the Oglethorpe County Board of Commissioners were held on July 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Office, Lexington, Georgia.

Members Present: Chairman Jay Paul Commissioner Tracy Norman
 Commissioner David Clark Commissioner Howard Sanders
 Commissioner Andy Saxon

Members Absent: Commissioner Will Brown

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve the rezone request submitted by Randal Hubbard for Tax Parcel 082 020A located on Center Church Rd from A2 (General Agriculture) to AR (Agriculture Residential) to subdivide two five acre lots for family. Seconded by Commissioner Clark and unanimously approved by the Board.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the rezone request submitted by Clifford Proffer for Tax Parcel 052 032 located at 1525 Athens Rd from A2 (General Agriculture) to HI (Heavy Industrial) for a concrete batch plant. Seconded by Commissioner Saxon and unanimously approved by the Board.

Commissioner Norman made a motion to approve the request to rezone submitted by Paula Wagon for the Estate of Oneta Nation for Tax Parcel 071 011 located at 1333 Crawford Smithonia Rd from A2 (General Agriculture) to AR (Agriculture Residential) to subdivide 7.82 acres for family. Seconded by Commissioner Saxon and unanimously approved by the Board.

Commissioner Norman made a motion to approve the variance request submitted by USA Land Group to the number of parcels accessible by a private drive from three parcels to four parcels for Tax Parcel 087 079 located at 490 Watson Mill Rd, with the condition that all deeds must contain deed restrictions of no further division of the property and the road will not be publicly maintained. Seconded by Commissioner Clark and unanimously approved by the Board.

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to accept the request to withdraw the Change in Conditions to the previously rezoned Tax Parcel 075 014B located on Oglethorpe Drive submitted by ODR, LLC. Seconded by Commissioner Clark and unanimously approved by the Board.

Commissioner Norman made a motion to approve the rezone request submitted by Oglethorpe County for Tax Parcel 048 009 located on Suddeth Rd from A1 (Intensive Agriculture) to A2 (General Agriculture) for the purpose of complying to Section 500.06(B) of the Oglethorpe County Unified Development Code. Seconded by Commissioner Saxon and unanimously approved by the Board.

Commissioner Norman made a motion to approve the rezone request submitted by Oglethorpe County for Tax Parcel 048 009A located on Suddeth Rd from A1 (Intensive Agriculture) to A2 (General Agriculture) for the purpose of complying to Section 500.06(B) of the Oglethorpe County Unified Development Code. Seconded by Commissioner Saxon and unanimously approved by the Board.

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve the FY26 Indigent Defense Agreement and budget request. Seconded by Commissioner Clark and unanimously approved by the Board.

Commissioner Norman made a motion to approve the proposal submitted by Kevin McFarlin, Attorney at Law, to continue serving as Prosecutor for Juvenile Delinquency and Children In Need of Services, in the amount of \$12,500.00 for the year 2026.

Commissioner Sanders made a motion to approve funds in the amount of \$90,000.00 from 22SPLOST as requested by the Emergency Services Commission for the radio and tower project

Commissioner Norman made a motion to approve the bid from Garrett Paving for the FY2024 LMIG, FY 2024 LRA, TSPLOST and SPLOST Projects Bids. Seconded by Commissioner Sanders and unanimously approved by the Board.

Administrative Consent Agenda: Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the Administrative Consent Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Sanders and unanimously approved by the Board.

Other Business: Commissioner Saxon made a motion to implement a sixty-day (60) moratorium on all new poultry house constructions. Seconded by Commissioner Norman and unanimously approved by the Board.

Executive Session: On a motion by Commissioner Norman and seconded by Commissioner Sanders, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:13 pm and enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel. On a motion by Commissioner Sanders, seconded by Commissioner Saxon and unanimously approved by the Board, Executive Session was concluded and returned to public meeting at 8:14 pm . No decision was made during Executive Session.

There being no further business at 8:15 p.m., Commissioner Norman made a motion to adjourn the meeting until the next regular scheduled meeting on August 4, 2025 unless sooner convened because of an emergency. Seconded by Commissioner Sanders and unanimously approved by the Board.

Jay Paul, Chairman

Andy Saxon, Commissioner

David Clark, Commissioner

Will Brown, Commissioner

Howard Sanders, Commissioner

Tracy Norman, Commissioner

County Clerk