

**Charlton County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
Commissioners Conference Room
68 Kingsland Drive, Suite B
Folkston, GA 31537
Thursday, February 5, 2026
6:00 PM**

2/5/2026 - Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Present was Commissioner Jesse Crews, Chairwoman Alphya Benefield, Vice Chairman Luke Gowen, Commissioner Drew Jones, Commissioner James Everett, County Attorney Remington East, Interim County Administrator Rebecca Harden, and County Clerk Madeline Nettles.

All guests are recorded hereafter.

Invocation and Pledge to the Flag

The invocation was led by Vice Chairman Gowen.

Adoption of the Agenda

Vice Chairman Gowen made a motion to Adopt the Agenda As Presented. Commissioner Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of Minutes

1. Motion to adopt the January 22nd, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Crews made a motion to Adopt the Minutes. Vice Chairman Gowen seconded the motion.

Commissioner Everett stated that he did not ask about the road ownership, as reflected in the minutes on page 6. Commissioner Everett had asked if the county receives roads with a 30- foot right-of-way.

Commissioner Crews amended his motion to strike the recommended portions and make the corrections Commissioner Everett recommended. Vice Chairman Gowen retained his second on the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Presentations

Public Hearings

Petitions

2. Variance Request from G. Garner

Gregory Garner of Hilliard, FL and Leona Herrin of St. George, GA were present to discuss the variance request.

Ms. Herrin stated that they have purchased the property on Corn St. and have put work into

cleaning up the property to improve it. Mr. Garner and Ms. Herrin are asking for a variance request to put a home on the property where a previous home existed.

Commissioner Crews spoke to his knowledge of the situation and expressed his opinions on the efforts of Mr. Garner and Ms. Herrin to clean up the property.

Commissioner Crews made a motion to Approve the Variance Request. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Purchasing Items

Grants and SPLOST Project

3. Motion to Authorize Tiffany Yearwood to Submit Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Pre-Application and Application- Warning Communications

Tiffany Yearwood, Director of Emergency Management, was present.

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) has a pre-application. This grant opportunity is an extension from Hurricane Helene grant funds. The pre-application and application have a hard deadline. The grant may help offset costs for obtaining the Emergency Alert Software (EAS) system again. This is a reimbursement type grant that has a 25% local match. The grant could potentially cover the EAS and the sirens. Director Yearwood hopes that what the county has budgeted for EAS would cover the match percentage of this grant.

Commissioner Everett asked about using county maintenance. Director Yearwood explained that this is not an in-kind match grant.

Commissioner Jones asked if the software referenced in the information packet is the replacement for CodeRed. Director Yearwood explained that she is still looking into suitable replacements, but the grant could help cover the costs.

Director Yearwood said that if we submit a reapplication and if the board decides later this is not the way they want to move forward, there is no penalty to withdraw and no obligation to accept the award.

Commissioner Jones asked if the \$34,000 only covers the replacement of the siren and poles, not the EAS. Director Yearwood stated that it would just cover the siren equipment

Ed Wise from Jonesboro, GA was present to discuss the siren assessment. There were 9 sirens identified. Two were located in the cities. Four sirens were functional to get sound from and had minor issues expected with wear and tear. Three of the nine poles would need to be replaced. No activation system has been identified, but the county's current CAD system may have what is necessary to run the activation system.

Director Yearwood stated that there are deeper conversations to be had about costs and program needs.

One siren is completely disconnected from power and couldn't be tested. Two sirens need to be tested further.

Mr. Wise stated that his company built the sirens in 1990 and can still get parts for it. The sirens have lifespans of several years. Mr. Wise feels it is beneficial to get the existing system up and running. The activation side needs to be updated. The cabinets that hold the motor starter need to be replaced. For a brand new system, it is about \$170,000. Director Yearwood stated that this does not have to be done all at one time. The county can bring the sirens back online in a phases.

Director Yearwood feels it should be considered that there are several dead zones in the county where EAS may not cover. Director Yearwood talked about Hurricane Helene taking out data and cell towers that limited communication efforts in the area.

County Clerk Nettles provided clarification on what the agenda item for this evening is and where future items would be brought to the board at later times for more detailed decisions.

Vice Chairman Gowen stated that he is not sold on the siren concept yet, but he is fine with going through with the application process. Vice Chairman Gowen would like to see more data before agreeing to the match about the sirens.

Commissioner Jones asked if the sirens would lead to confusion. Director Yearwood stated that the sirens would only be used for severe weather alerts and would not contradict the EAS system.

Commissioner Crews made a motion to Authorize Director Yearwood to submit the pre-application and application. Commissioner Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agreements

4. Motion to Execute an Agreement for 2 additional ROW Trash pick ups with Tri Scapes

Ronnie Pollock, Director of Road and Infrastructure, was present.

Trash pickups are quoted at \$100 a mile with 75 miles. Mr. Pollock negotiated a total price of \$15,000.00.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to Amend the Tri Scapes agreement to include the 2 additional ROW trash pickups. Vice Chairman Gowen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances

Resolutions

5. Motion to Execute the Proclamation Declaring March 16th- 20th, 2026, as Government Finance Professionals Week

Vice Chairman Gowen made a motion to Adopt the Proclamation as presented. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous

County Attorney's Action Items

Public Comments

Public Comments are limited to 3 minutes.

Antwon Nixon of Folkston, GA was present.

Mr. Nixon brought a follow-up to the Board about the Betty Johnson Reads project. Mr. Nixon has spoken with Mrs. Johnson's children, who think it is a great idea to advertise the project in the newspaper. Mr. Nixon will be working with the Herald on the advertisement. Mr. Nixon will be inviting the board when Sowing Seeds has a ceremony to open it.

Sheriff Robert Phillips was present.

Sheriff Phillips spoke regarding an open records request from Joe East. Sheriff Phillips denied the open

record request based on his council's recommendation, as state law specifically exempts release of information regarding juveniles.

Sheriff Phillips updated the Board about the 9mm firearms. The guns were received last week. A GSP training group came down and showed the deputies how to shoot them when there is interference with the sights to ensure deputies were trained for those scenarios in case something covers the sights. Rifles should be completed in the next few weeks. GSP will come back for training when those are received as well. Vests have been ordered and will be in shortly.

Sheriff Phillips stated that something has to be done about the retirement system for law enforcement here. Sheriff Phillips said he is about to lose several employees and has two that will be willing to come back if they have the same retirement benefits that they currently have elsewhere. The GA Sheriff's Association is looking into a plan to help fund a statewide system to help smaller counties.

Chief CL Lewis, Director of Fire and Rescue was present.

Chief Lewis spoke to the Board about a burn ban resolution. Several surrounding counties are struggling with wildfires, which limits mutual aid to the county. Chief Lewis would like the board to consider a resolution. County Administrator Harden stated that the Chief and her would poll the board if needed to enact said ban and then would advertise as needed.

Vice Chairman Gowen recommends that the attorney review it and have something ready, in case it is needed.

Director Yearwood stated that she recommends the Board cut power to the 4 siren poles that are not being used, except to the Sparkman location that needs to be retested. Director Yearwood said this will save on electrical costs for the county.

Director Yearwood also expressed compliments to the Volunteer Fire Department for their response to the fire.

County Administrator Comments

County Administrator Harden thanked the Volunteer Fire Department, EMA Director, Sheriff and everyone who had a role in containing the fires over the weekend.

County Administrator Harden recognized Chief Lewis on passing his EMT test and becoming recertified.

County Administrator Harden talked about the issue with the bridge on Sardis Road by the church. Director Pollock has been working on it the last couple weeks. Director Pollock reached out to John Corbitt, and the county will receive over \$370,000 for the repair. The county will have to match \$140,000. The bridge will come off the DOT bridge replacement list, and the county can possibly place another bridge on the list.

Director Pollock expressed a few words and thanked County Administrator Harden, Director of Administrative Services Joanna Powell, and Mr. Corbitt for their work to get this accomplished. The Board and staff recognized Mr. Pollock for his efforts.

Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Crews thanked Donald Glover for all the work he does in the county. Commissioner Crews stated that Mr. Glover does a great job trying to get the county cleaned up and making people follow the rules.

Chairwoman Benefield stated that there are good things happening in Mr. Glover's office with the "new guy" he just hired. Chairwoman Benefield thanked Mr. Glover for the work he is doing and asked that he thank the "new guy" for the Board.

Mr. Glover expressed comments on the new hires in the office and how they are working to better the county. Mr. Glover stated that they work together and help each other, are willing to listen, and work real

hard.

Commissioner Crews stated that there is a big letter to the editor this week in the newspaper about the situation with Mr. Ron Williams and the dogs. The Sheriff's office was mentioned in the letter. Commissioner Crews has been communicating with Tyler Harper. According to the letter, Tyler Harper's staff went out there, found no issues, and helped the property owners get a license. Commissioner Crews recommended that the board read the letter to the editor.

Commissioner Jones thanked Director Pollock, Director Powell, and County Administrator Harden. Commissioner Jones asked the newspaper to put on front page that county is paying \$15,000.00 for trash pickup and to not let the money go to waste. Commissioner Jones talked about seeing Mr. Chuck Edwards and Mr. Gary Tippins working to do the concrete as quick as they could to respond to a fire as soon as possible. Commissioner Jones expressed his appreciation of the Volunteer Fire Department and said that he is grateful for them. Commissioner Jones again commented on the trash pick up and stated that he wants the citizens to be accountable about the trash in the county.

Commissioner Everett went down Prescott Road today and stated that the curve is not 30 feet. Director Pollock stated county has 60 ft Right-of-Way. They pulled it from the Clerk of Courts' office and confirmed the Right-of-Way. Commissioner Everett asked if the road got smaller when they were complaining about the drain a few years ago. Director Pollock stated yes. Prescott Road drains, but it doesn't drain fast. Commissioner Everett "tipped his hat" to the office for keeping in touch with him about the county, even when he is out of town.

Vice Chairman Gowen thanked everyone for their efforts with the fire. Vice Chairman Gowen stated that the Volunteer Fire Department shows up all the time, even when the Board doesn't see it. Vice Chairman Gowen thanked all the first responders.

Commissioner Jones stated that there was 3 car wrecks at one time this week. Commissioner Jones stated that the medical protocol on where ambulance takes patients when they are picked up was created so that ambulances can get back to the county in the event that there are 3 car wrecks at one time. Commissioner Jones would like to see a discussion on the agenda where the county can invite people to go over the protocol and why it is the way it is. County Administrator Harden stated that she would like to sit down with Chief Lewis and EMS Division Chief Sami Luffman to discuss it.

Chairwoman Benefield agreed with the thanks the other board members had shared for everyone. Chairwoman Benefield stated that it was such a good feeling to know that we have people taking care of us, in reference to the first responders assisting with the fire. Chairwoman Benefield talked about the gentleman on the board backing the community of leaders that are truly unified in the county. Chairwoman Benefield expressed that she is happy to be part of the leadership at this time. Chairwoman Benefield stated we don't take leadership for granted. We don't take the county for granted."

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be February 19th, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the Board of Commissioners Meeting Room.
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Adjourn

Commissioner Jones made a motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Crews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Alphya Benefield, Chairman

Madeline Nettles, County Clerk



Dimensional Variance Request

Permitting Office:
68 Kingsland Dr., Suite C
Folkston, GA 31537-8969
P: 912-496-3826

APPLICANT

Gregory Garner
Applicant Name

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Home

Is the applicant the property owner? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Cell

If no, then attach the Property Owner's Land Use Authorization Form

PROPERTY

229 Corn St. - St. Ga SG10037001
Location Property Tax Parcel ID Number

0.56 0.40
Total Acreage

Is the parcel in a flood zone? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, then provide a Floodplain Development Permit Application.

Will the disturbance be more than 1 acre? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, then provide a Land Disturbance Permit Application.

REQUEST

Describe why you are requesting a variance:

New Mobile Home where M.H. was before
Well - Septic Tank - Power Pole on property

I hereby certify that all information provided herein is true and correct.

[Signature]

Applicant's Signature

Date: 12 / 29 / 2025

ATTACHMENTS

☒ Site Plan, Maps, or Drawings Illustrating the Variance Request (REQUIRED)

☐ Property Owners Land Use Authorization Form

☐ Other (Describe) Site Plan - Survey

☐ Floodplain Development Permit Application

☐ Land Disturbance Permit Application

OFFICE USE ONLY

Health Inspector:

Can the setbacks for a septic system be met? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Comments: ALREADY HAS AN EXISTING
SYSTEM. DOES NOT PREVENT REPLACING
ANOTHER HOME NO SWICH OUT.

Building Inspector:

Is there enough space for a structure on this parcel? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Comments: it meets set back

Y SHOULD ONLY BE 1 HOME / ACRE

07/25/26

Date

[Signature]
Health Inspector

1-6-26

Date

Donald E. Glover Sr
Building Inspector

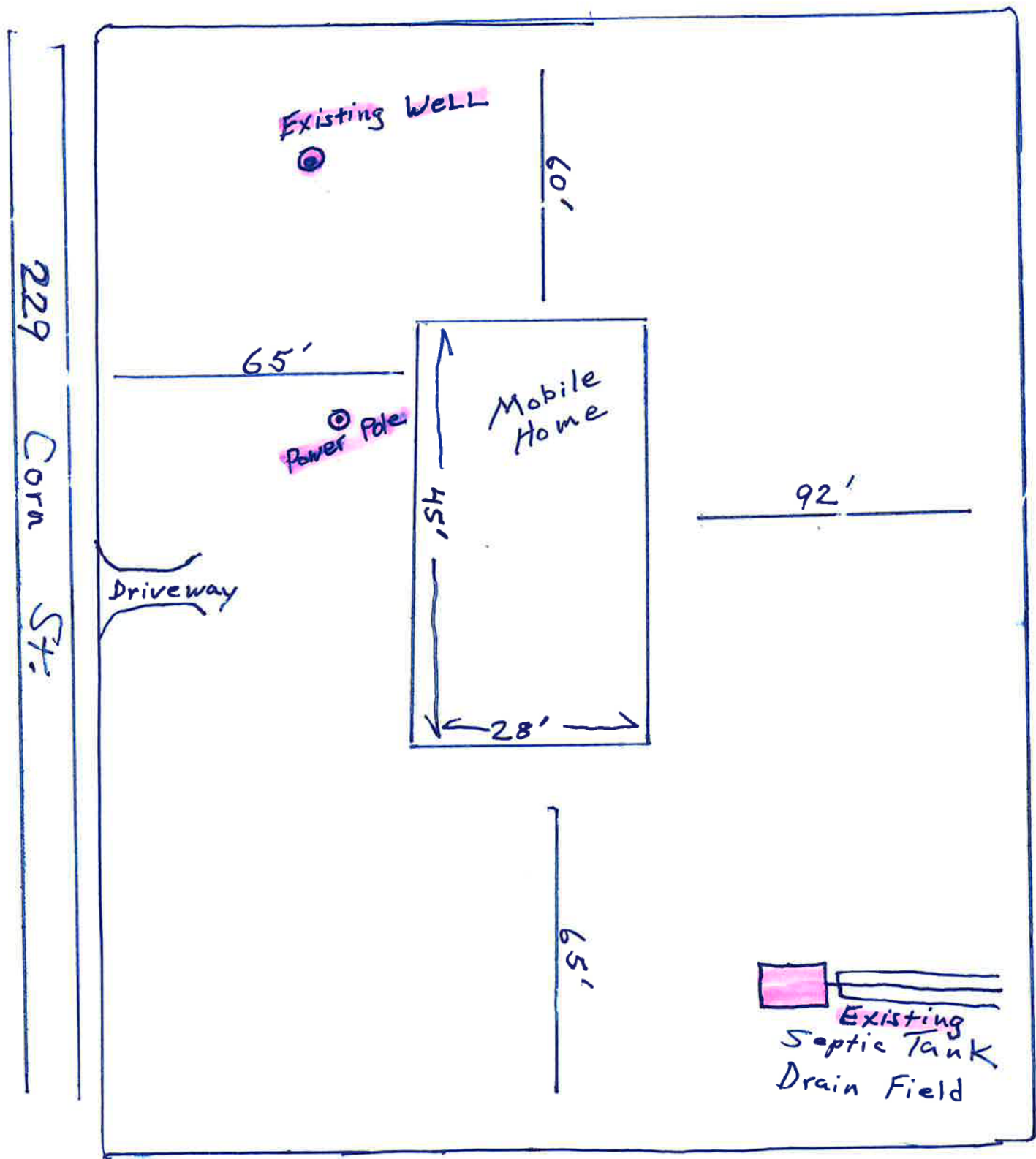
Board of Commissioners: ☐ Approved ☐ Denied

☐ With Conditions

Date

Chairperson

Site Plan 229 Corn St. Saint George



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- 1) REBARNS SUCH HEREIN REFER TO THE BEARING OF SHADYVIEW FOR THE NLY 1/4 OF CORN STREET SOUTHWEST OF SUBJECT PROPERTY ACCORDING TO PLAT FOR G.E. BELL BY SWEET L. GOSDEN DATED OCT. 24, 1974.
- 2) NO ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE WETLAND ISSUES OR OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, F. ANN, IS MADE OR IMPLIED BY THIS SURVEY.
- 3) THIS SURVEY WAS PERFORMED WITHOUT BENEFIT OF A TITLE ABSTRACT.

5.) REFER TO COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS, IF ANY, FOR BUILDING SETBACK REQUIREMENTS.

ONG No. B-1-24B-11-24

FB 1052, PG. 24
SURVEY DATE 10-23-24



Georgia Department of Public Health On-Site Sewage Management System Performance Evaluation Report Form

APPLICANT NAME: GREGORY D. GARNER		PROPERTY/SYSTEM ADDRESS: 229 CORN ST FOLKSTON, GA 31537		EVALUATION ID: [REDACTED]	
APPLICANT PHONE: [REDACTED]				COUNTY: Charlton	
APPLICANT EMAIL ADDRESS: [REDACTED]		SUBDIVISION/LOT/BLOCK: //		REASON FOR EVALUATION: Required by Other Agency	
Inspection Records					
No	1. Inspection records exist for this septic system.				
N/A	2. Inspection records indicate that all components of the septic system were properly constructed and approved at the time of original inspection. A copy of the original inspection report is attached.				
Maintenance Records (applicable copies are attached)					
Yes	3. Maintenance or installation records indicate that the tank has been pumped out or installed within the past 5 years. Note: it is recommended that septic tanks be pumped at least once every 5 years.				
N/A	4. Systems with aerobic treatment unit(s) (ATU): Records indicate the ATU has been serviced in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended maintenance schedule OR an authorized representative of the manufacturer has provided documentation that the ATU is operating sufficiently.				
N/A	5. Systems with grease trap(s): Maintenance records indicate the grease trap(s) has been pumped out within the last 6 months OR documentation has been provided by a qualified individual confirming that the grease trap contains less than 75% of the designed grease holding capacity and is operating sufficiently.				
System Assessment and Existing Site Conditions (applicable copies are attached)					
Yes	6. The septic tank was uncovered at the time of this County Board of Health Evaluation OR maintenance records exist and the tank appears to meet the required design, construction, and installation criteria. The appropriateness of the sizing and installation criteria of the absorption field cannot be verified since no initial inspection records exist.				
No	7. A Georgia certified septic tank installer has provided written documentation of the system design, location, and components.				
Yes	8. This site evaluation by the County Board of Health revealed no evidence of system failure.				
Yes	9. This site evaluation by the County Board of Health revealed no evidence of adverse conditions which would affect the functioning of the system.				
Addition to Property					
Yes	10. This site evaluation as well as the provided information indicate that the proposed construction to the home or property should not adversely affect the functioning of the existing system.				
Relocation of Home or Change of Use					
N/A	11. This site evaluation as well as the provided information indicate that the system appears to meet the required design, construction, and installation criteria to accommodate the proposed relocation of the home or change of use for the facility should not adversely affect the functioning of the existing system.				

See 2nd page for evaluation notes, disclaimer, and signature.

Performance Evaluation Report Form (continued)

PROPERTY/SYSTEM ADDRESS: 229 CORN ST FOLKSTON, GA 31537	EVALUATION ID: [REDACTED]
	SUBDIVISION/LOT/BLOCK: //

Adverse Conditions (i.e. malfunctioning or damaged system or clear evidence of a condition, or conditions, that would likely contribute to system malfunction or unacceptable risk to public health):

Additional Notes/Comments:

Precast tank, approved at this time. Pumped out 02 JAN 2026 by Darrell Crews Septic. Unknown bedroom number for original home or for the new home being placed on existing system. If problems arise, contact Charlton EH for a repair permit.

Inspector: Bobby Canipe	Signature: 	Date: 01/06/2026
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I verify the above information to be correct at the date and time of this evaluation only. **Disclaimer:** This verification shall not be construed as a guarantee of the proper functioning of this system for any given period of time. No liability is assumed for future damages that may be caused by system malfunction.

Performance Evaluation Report Form (continued)

PROPERTY/SYSTEM ADDRESS: 229 CORN ST FOLKSTON, GA 31537	EVALUATION ID: [REDACTED]
	SUBDIVISION/LOT/BLOCK: //

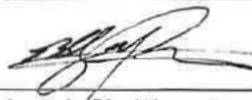
Adverse Conditions (i.e. malfunctioning or damaged system or clear evidence of a condition, or conditions, that would likely contribute to system malfunction or unacceptable risk to public health):

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Inspector:
Bobby Canipe

Signature:



Date:
01/06/2026

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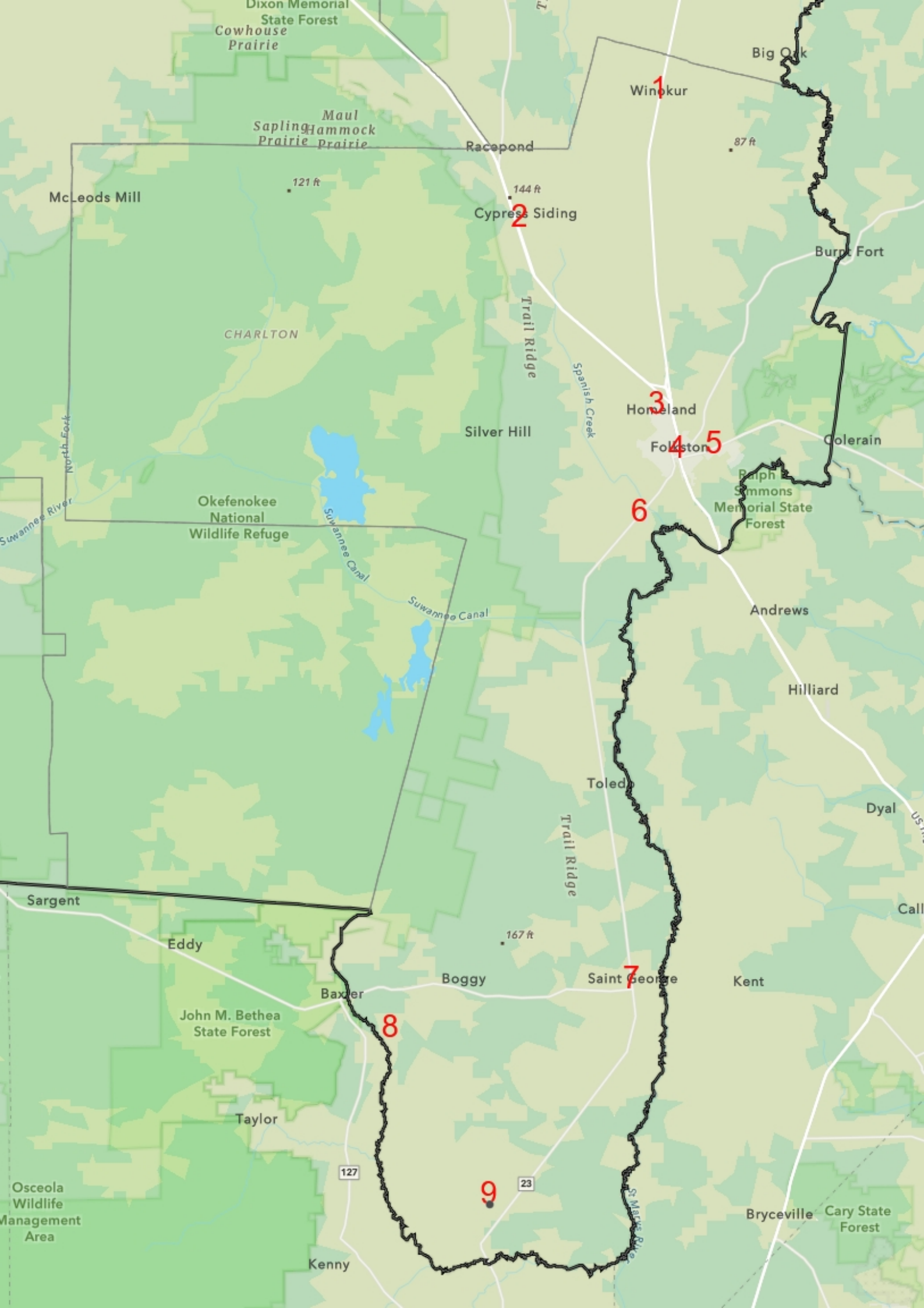
APPLICANT	<u>Gregory Dale Garner</u>			
	[Redacted]			
	Mailing Address	City	State	Zip
	[Redacted]			
	Home	Is the applicant the property owner? ☒ Yes ☐ No		
	[Redacted]	If no, then attach the <u>Property Owners Land Use Authorization Form</u>		
	Cell			

PROPERTY	<u>249 Corn Street St. George</u>	<u>SG-10 037</u>	<u>.58</u>
	Location	Property Tax Parcel ID Number	Total Acreage
	Is the parcel in a flood zone? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, then provide a <u>Floodplain Development Permit Application</u> .		
	Will the disturbance be more than 1 acre? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, then provide a <u>Land Disturbance Permit Application</u> .		

REQUEST	Describe why you are requesting a variance:	
	<u>I Gregory Garner is requesting a variance on said property.</u>	
	<u>There was an existing structure that was not livable and we</u>	
	<u>paid permits and company to remove. I would like to be able to purchase</u>	
	<u>a mobile home to put in its place for my elderly mother to reside closer to my residence for her safety and health.</u>	
	I hereby certify that all information provided herein is true and correct.	
	<u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>3 / 13 / 2025</u>
	Applicant's Signature	

ATTACHMENTS	☒ Site Plan, Maps, or Drawings Illustrating the Variance Request (REQUIRED)	☐ Property Owners Land Use Authorization Form
	☐ Other (Describe) <u>Site Plan - Survey</u>	☐ Floodplain Development Permit Application
		☐ Land Disturbance Permit Application

OFFICE USE ONLY	<u>Health Inspector:</u>	
	Can the setbacks for a septic system be met? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
	Comments: <u>LOT TOO SMALL, BUT HOME PRESENT</u>	<u>17 MAR 25</u>
	<u>PREVIOUSLY SPACE FOR REPAIR SYSTEM NOT AVAILABLE MOST CEMENT PLUS WELL SETBACKS.</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
		Date Health Inspector
	<u>Building Inspector:</u>	
	Is there enough space for a structure on this parcel? ☒ Yes ☐ No	
	Comments: <u>Yes</u>	<u>3/17/25</u>
	Date Building Inspector	
	<u>Board of Commissioners:</u> ☐ Approved ☐ Denied	
	☐ With Conditions _____	
	Date	Chairperson



Preliminary Cost Estimate – Outdoor Warning Siren Repairs Charlton County

Baseline Repair Package (Included in Minimum Cost)

All sirens require approximately **\$3,700** in repairs to restore basic operability. This baseline cost includes:

- New siren controller
- New motor starter with overloads
- New electrical panel
- All new conduit and wiring
- New locks

Siren-Specific Cost Variations

Some sirens require additional components or structural work beyond the baseline package. Those added needs are noted in the table below and reflected in the adjusted estimates. One siren reflects a lower cost due to a different siren type.

Estimated Costs by Location

Siren #	Location	Est. Cost	Notes
1	18829 Hwy 301, Fire Station 5 – Winokur	\$3,700	
2	3629 Carter Community Rd, Fire Station 3 – Racepond	\$4,495	New base required; replacement bracket
3	401 Pennsylvania Ave, City of Homeland Water Tower	\$4,245	New base required
4	541 1st Street, City of Folkston Water Tower	\$2,600	Different siren type
5	217 Pinkney Drive	\$3,700	
6	Dena Drive / Traders Hill Road	\$3,700	
7	13063 Florida Ave, Fire Station 2 – St. George	\$4,600	Reconditioned direct replacement siren
8	Chism Trail / Hwy 185 – Moniac	\$3,700	
9	234 Sparkman Circle – St. George	\$3,700	
Estimated Total		\$34,440	

Important Notes

- **Prices shown include only siren repair and electrical components** necessary for operability.
- **Replacement poles are not included** in these estimates.
- Some sirens will require **additional equipment or follow-up testing**, which could affect final costs.
- This estimate does **not** represent authorization to proceed or commit funds.

Outdoor Warning Siren Field Assessment Checklist

Date: 01/30/2026
Time on Site: 0942 hrs

Siren Identification

Siren #: #5 Siren Type: Sentry 3V8
Address / Area: 217 Pinkney Drive Jurisdiction: ☒ County ☐ Folkston ☐ Homeland
GPS: 30.833968, -81.982868 Mount Type: ☒ Pole ☐ Tower ☐ Building ☐ Other

Operational Status

Power: ☒ Direct ☐ Disconnected ☐ Unknown Special Equipment Used: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Activation Result: ☒ Functional ☐ Partial ☐ Non-Operational ☐ Unable to Test

Siren Sound & Audibility (Observed)

Audible: ☒ Yes ☐ No Sound: ☒ Clear ☐ Weak ☐ Distorted

Range: ☐ Limited ☐ Moderate ☒ Wide Directional Issues: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Physical Condition

Siren	Panel Boxes	Pole/Mount
Corrosion/Rust/Damage: ☐ None ☒ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant	Corrosion/Rust: ☐ None ☐ Minor ☒ Moderate ☐ Significant	Damage: ☐ None ☒ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant
Siren Head/Speaker/Horns: ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor	Wiring/Controls: ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor	Notes: Class 5 Pole

Site & Safety Notes	Assessment Summary
Access Issues: ☐ None ☐ Terrain ☒ Vegetation ☐ Private Property	Retest Needed: ☐ Yes ☒ No
Safety Concerns: ☒ Yes ☐ No Notes: Pole is right at a ditch and there is vegetation that needs to be trimmed away.	Initial Category: ☒ Viable w/ Investment ☐ Limited Value ☐ Not Recommended ☐ Further Evaluation Needed

Documentation

Photos Taken: ☒ Yes ☐ No Video Taken: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Notes:

Nearby resident approached advising that it used to go off during lightning events.

Panel Box will need replacement; needs lightning arresters; starter looks good

Outdoor Warning Siren Field Assessment Checklist

Date: 01/30/2026
Time on Site: 1040 hrs

Siren Identification

Siren #: #9
Address / Area: 234 Sparkman Circle – St. George
GPS: 30.397237, -82.134683
Siren Type: Sentry 3V8
Jurisdiction: ☒ County ☐ Folkston ☐ Homeland
Mount Type: ☒ Pole ☐ Tower ☐ Building ☐ Other

Operational Status

Power: ☒ Direct ☐ Disconnected ☐ Unknown Special Equipment Used: ☒ Yes ☐ No (Drone Deployed)

Activation Result: ☐ Functional ☐ Partial ☐ Non-Operational ☒ Unable to Test

Siren Sound & Audibility (Observed)

Audible: ☐ Yes ☐ No Sound: ☐ Clear ☐ Weak ☐ Distorted

Range: ☐ Limited ☐ Moderate ☐ Wide Directional Issues: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Physical Condition

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Siren Head/Speakers/Horns: ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor	Wiring/Controls: ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☒ Poor	Notes: Class 3 pole

Site & Safety Notes	Assessment Summary
Access Issues: ☒ None ☐ Terrain ☐ Vegetation ☐ Private Property	Retest Needed: ☒ Yes ☐ No
Safety Concerns: ☐ Yes ☒ No Notes: Bucket/Utility truck will be needed for additional assessment (50ft)	Initial Category: ☐ Viable w/ Investment ☐ Limited Value ☐ Not Recommended ☒ Further Evaluation Needed

Documentation

Photos Taken: ☒ Yes ☐ No Video Taken: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Notes: Bullet hole through the junction box

Will need: Controller, lightning arresters, new box for motor starter, wiring between head and controller, junction box (top)

Outdoor Warning Siren Field Assessment Checklist

Date: 01/30/2026
Time on Site: 1119 hrs

Siren Identification

Siren #: #8 Siren Type: Sentry 3V8
Address / Area: Chism Trail/Hwy 185 - Moniac Jurisdiction: ☒ County ☐ Folkston ☐ Homeland
GPS: 30.494336, -82.201551 Mount Type: ☒ Pole ☐ Tower ☐ Building ☐ Other

Operational Status

Power: ☒ Direct ☐ Disconnected ☐ Unknown Special Equipment Used: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Activation Result: ☒ Functional ☐ Partial ☐ Non-Operational ☐ Unable to Test

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Physical Condition

Siren	Panel Boxes	Pole/Mount
Corrosion/Rust/Damage: ☐ None ☒ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant	Corrosion/Rust: ☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Moderate ☒ Significant	Damage: ☐ None ☒ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant
Siren Head/Speakers/Horns: ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor	Wiring/Controls: ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☒ Poor	Notes: Class 3-45, year 1991

Site & Safety Notes	Assessment Summary
Access Issues: ☐ None ☐ Terrain ☒ Vegetation ☐ Private Property	Retest Needed: ☐ Yes ☒ No
Safety Concerns: ☒ Yes ☐ No Notes: Narrow dirt road for utility equipment	Initial Category: ☒ Viable w/ Investment ☐ Limited Value ☐ Not Recommended ☐ Further Evaluation Needed

Documentation

Photos Taken: ☒ Yes ☐ No Video Taken: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Notes: Found disconnected already; trees around siren need to be trimmed away; overloads not good, arc history noted (thermal overload), need motor starter and box, backboard is rotten.

Outdoor Warning Siren Field Assessment Checklist

Date: 01/30/2026
Time on Site: 1154 hrs

Siren Identification

Siren #: #7
Address / Area: 13063 Florida Ave (Fire Station 2 – St. George)
GPS: 30.523096, -82.038118
Siren Type: 2T – Dual Tone
Jurisdiction: ☒ County ☐ Folkston ☐ Homeland
Mount Type: ☒ Pole ☐ Tower ☐ Building ☐ Other

Operational Status

Power: ☐ Direct ☐ Disconnected ☒ Unknown Special Equipment Used: ☒ Yes ☐ No (Drone Deployed)
Activation Result: ☐ Functional ☐ Partial ☐ Non-Operational ☒ Unable to Test

Siren Sound & Audibility (Observed)

Audible: ☐ Yes ☐ No Sound: ☐ Clear ☐ Weak ☐ Distorted
Range: ☐ Limited ☐ Moderate ☐ Wide Directional Issues: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Physical Condition

Siren	Panel Boxes	Pole/Mount
Corrosion/Rust/Damage: ☐ None ☒ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant	Corrosion/Rust: ☒ None ☐ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant	Damage: ☒ None ☐ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant
Siren Head/Speakers/Horns: ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor	Wiring/Controls: ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☒ Poor	Notes: OREMC Power Pole – need new pole.

Site & Safety Notes	Assessment Summary
Access Issues: ☒ None ☐ Terrain ☐ Vegetation ☐ Private Property	Retest Needed: ☒ Yes ☐ No Bucket truck and generator needed for retest.
Safety Concerns: ☐ Yes ☒ No Notes:	Initial Category: ☐ Viable w/ Investment ☐ Limited Value ☐ Not Recommended ☒ Further Evaluation Needed

Documentation

Photos Taken: ☒ Yes ☐ No Video Taken: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Notes: Panel boxes are located in fire station bay, near front (panel boxes inside and other control box is outside) – need to be rewired and relocated to pole with siren (new pole is needed because pole belongs to OREMC). Mount looks good. ID tag too rusted to read. Siren head likely needs replacement. May have same style replacement available.

Outdoor Warning Siren Field Assessment Checklist

Date: 01/30/2026
Time on Site: 1247 hrs

Siren Identification

Siren #: #6 Siren Type: Sentry 3V8
Address / Area: Dena Drive/Traders Hill Road Jurisdiction: ☒ County ☐ Folkston ☐ Homeland
GPS: 30.794368, -82.032778 Mount Type: ☒ Pole ☐ Tower ☐ Building ☐ Other

Operational Status

Power: ☒ Direct ☐ Disconnected ☐ Unknown Special Equipment Used: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Activation Result: ☒ Functional ☐ Partial ☐ Non-Operational ☐ Unable to Test

Siren Sound & Audibility (Observed)

Audible: ☒ Yes ☐ No Sound: ☒ Clear ☐ Weak ☐ Distorted

Range: ☐ Limited ☐ Moderate ☒ Wide Directional Issues: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Physical Condition

Siren	Panel Boxes	Pole/Mount
Corrosion/Rust/Damage: ☐ None ☒ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant	Corrosion/Rust: ☐ None ☐ Minor ☒ Moderate ☐ Significant	Damage: ☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Moderate ☒ Significant
Siren Head/Speakers/Horns: ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor	Wiring/Controls: ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☒ Poor	Notes: Class 3-45, 04/1991 year, has multiple woodpecker holes) – needs to be replaced.

Site & Safety Notes	Assessment Summary
Access Issues: ☒ None ☐ Terrain ☐ Vegetation ☐ Private Property	Retest Needed: ☐ Yes ☒ No
Safety Concerns: ☐ Yes ☒ No Notes:	Initial Category: ☒ Viable w/ Investment ☐ Limited Value ☐ Not Recommended ☐ Further Evaluation Needed

Documentation

Photos Taken: ☒ Yes ☐ No Video Taken: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Notes: Panel box needs replacement, trees nearby need trim schedule – okay right now. Overloads are needed (won't trip), new contactor needed, bad breaker, need box and starter, need new PVC coverings over wiring.

Outdoor Warning Siren Field Assessment Checklist

Date: 01/30/2026
Time on Site: 1318

Siren Identification

Siren #: #4
Address / Area: 541 1st Street, Folkston (at Water Tower)
GPS: 30.832071, -82.007360
Siren Type: FS Model 7
Jurisdiction: ☐ County ☒ Folkston ☐ Homeland
Mount Type: ☐ Pole ☒ Tower ☐ Building ☐ Other

Operational Status

Power: ☒ Direct ☐ Disconnected ☐ Unknown Special Equipment Used: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Activation Result: ☐ Functional ☒ Partial ☐ Non-Operational ☒ Unable to Test

Siren Sound & Audibility (Observed)

Audible: ☐ Yes ☒ No Sound: ☐ Clear ☐ Weak ☐ Distorted

Range: ☐ Limited ☐ Moderate ☐ Wide Directional Issues: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Physical Condition

Siren	Panel Boxes	Pole/Mount
Corrosion/Rust/Damage: ☒ None ☐ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant	Corrosion/Rust: ☒ None ☐ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant	Damage: ☒ None ☐ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant
Siren Head/Speakers/Horns: ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor	Wiring/Controls: ☒ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor	Notes: Mounted to water tower

Site & Safety Notes	Assessment Summary
Access Issues: ☒ None ☐ Terrain ☐ Vegetation ☐ Private Property	Retest Needed: ☒ Yes ☐ No
Safety Concerns: ☒ Yes ☐ No Notes: Mounted to water tower, access is limited (narrow), special equipment needed to reach (utility/bucket truck)	Initial Category: ☐ Viable w/ Investment ☐ Limited Value ☐ Not Recommended ☒ Further Evaluation Needed

Documentation

Photos Taken: ☒ Yes ☐ No Video Taken: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Notes: Power was disconnected—reconnected to attempt test and then disconnected again. Stuck—pulling power on all three legs, may be gummed up with paint. City of Folkston has truck for re-evaluation.

Outdoor Warning Siren Field Assessment Checklist

Date: 01/30/2026
Time on Site: 1457 hrs

Siren Identification

Siren #: #3
Address / Area: 401 Pennsylvania Ave (City of Homeland Water Tower)
GPS: 30.857146, -82.021597
Siren Type: Sentry 3V8
Jurisdiction: ☐ County ☐ Folkston ☒ Homeland
Mount Type: ☒ Pole ☐ Tower ☐ Building ☐ Other

Operational Status

Power: ☒ Direct ☐ Disconnected ☐ Unknown Special Equipment Used: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Activation Result: ☒ Functional ☐ Partial ☐ Non-Operational ☐ Unable to Test

Siren Sound & Audibility (Observed)

Audible: ☒ Yes ☐ No Sound: ☒ Clear ☐ Weak ☐ Distorted

Range: ☐ Limited ☐ Moderate ☒ Wide Directional Issues: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Physical Condition

Siren	Panel Boxes	Pole/Mount
Corrosion/Rust/Damage: ☐ None ☒ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant	Corrosion/Rust: ☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Moderate ☒ Significant	Damage: ☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Moderate ☒ Significant
Siren Head/Speakers/Horns: ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor	Wiring/Controls: ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☒ Poor	Notes: Class 2 pole, riddled with gaff marks, rotting at base – CAUTION – Needs to be replaced

Site & Safety Notes	Assessment Summary
Access Issues: ☒ None ☐ Terrain ☐ Vegetation ☐ Private Property	Retest Needed: ☐ Yes ☒ No
Safety Concerns: ☒ Yes ☐ No Notes: Pole is in danger of falling – rotting at the base and siren is close to 300lbs, resting at the top, unsecured. DO NOT USE – POLE NEEDS TO BE REPLACE. Notified City of Homeland to move items away from area and rope off to keep people out of area of all directions siren could fall.	Initial Category: ☒ Viable w/ Investment ☐ Limited Value ☐ Not Recommended ☐ Further Evaluation Needed

Documentation

Photos Taken: ☒ Yes ☐ No Video Taken: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Notes: Siren mounting bracket is rusted completely on one side, bare copper showing in wiring, new motor contactor and box needed. Needs new controller and starter.

Outdoor Warning Siren Field Assessment Checklist

Date: 01/30/2026
Time on Site: 1550 hrs

Siren Identification

Siren #: #1
Address / Area: 18829 Hwy 301: Winokur (Fire Station 5)
GPS: 31.039703, -82.020185
Siren Type: Sentry 3V8
Jurisdiction: ☒ County ☐ Folkston ☐ Homeland
Mount Type: ☒ Pole ☐ Tower ☐ Building ☐ Other

Operational Status

Power: ☐ Direct ☒ Disconnected ☐ Unknown Special Equipment Used: ☒ Yes ☐ No (Drone Deployed)
Activation Result: ☐ Functional ☐ Partial ☐ Non-Operational ☒ Unable to Test

Siren Sound & Audibility (Observed)

Audible: ☐ Yes ☐ No Sound: ☐ Clear ☐ Weak ☐ Distorted
Range: ☐ Limited ☐ Moderate ☐ Wide Directional Issues: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Physical Condition

Siren	Panel Boxes	Pole/Mount
Corrosion/Rust/Damage: ☐ None ☒ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant	Corrosion/Rust: ☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Moderate ☒ Significant	Damage: ☐ None ☒ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant
Siren Head/Speakers/Horns: ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor	Wiring/Controls: ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☒ Poor	Notes: Class 3-45, 1991 year, minor damage to pole.

Site & Safety Notes	Assessment Summary
Access Issues: ☒ None ☐ Terrain ☐ Vegetation ☐ Private Property	Retest Needed: ☒ Yes ☐ No
Safety Concerns: ☐ Yes ☒ No Notes:	Initial Category: ☐ Viable w/ Investment ☐ Limited Value ☐ Not Recommended ☒ Further Evaluation Needed

Documentation

Photos Taken: ☒ Yes ☐ No Video Taken: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Notes: Panel boxes with significant rust/damage. Power completely disconnected—no cable from building to post. Need controller, conduit, motor contactor, wiring needs full replacement, need new control box. Need disconnect at breaker box. Will need generator/power source for reassessment – may or may not need utility/bucket truck.

Outdoor Warning Siren Field Assessment Checklist

Date: 01/30/2026
Time on Site: 1617 hrs

Siren Identification

Siren #: #2
Address / Area: 3629 Carter Community Rd: Racepond
Fire Station 3
GPS: 30.965853, -82.114215
Siren Type: Sentry 3V8
Jurisdiction: ☒ County ☐ Folkston ☐ Homeland
Mount Type: ☒ Pole ☐ Tower ☐ Building ☐ Other

Operational Status

Power: ☒ Direct ☐ Disconnected ☐ Unknown Special Equipment Used: ☒ Yes ☐ No (Drone Deployed)
Activation Result: ☐ Functional ☒ Partial ☐ Non-Operational ☒ Unable to Test

Siren Sound & Audibility (Observed)

Audible: ☐ Yes ☒ No Sound: ☐ Clear ☐ Weak ☐ Distorted
Range: ☐ Limited ☐ Moderate ☐ Wide Directional Issues: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Physical Condition

Siren	Panel Boxes	Pole/Mount
Corrosion/Rust/Damage: ☐ None ☒ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant	Corrosion/Rust: ☐ None ☐ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant	Damage: ☒ None ☐ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant
Siren Head/Speakers/Horns: ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor	Wiring/Controls: ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor	Notes: Class 3-45, 1991 year, good condition.

Site & Safety Notes	Assessment Summary
Access Issues: ☒ None ☐ Terrain ☐ Vegetation ☐ Private Property	Retest Needed: ☒ Yes ☐ No
Safety Concerns: ☐ Yes ☒ No Notes:	Initial Category: ☐ Viable w/ Investment ☐ Limited Value ☐ Not Recommended ☒ Further Evaluation Needed

Documentation

Photos Taken: ☒ Yes ☐ No Video Taken: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Notes: Needs new controller box, screen missing from bottom of siren head, siren is stuck – potential for motor capacitor issue—may need to be removed for further assessment. Bucket/Utility truck needed for further assessment.



Branch	Savannah	Created Date	1/27/2026
Company Address	1200 Bluegrass Lakes Parkway Alpharetta, GA 30004 United States	Quote Number	00014637
Reference	Charlton County ROW Trash Pick Up (Off Season)		
Prepared By	Lindy Blount	Contact Name	Ronnie Pollock
Bill To Name	Charlton County	Ship To Name	Charlton County

Product	Line Item Description	Quantity	UOM	Unit Price	TSI Total Price
ENH Lump Sum	Collection One	1.00	LS	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
ENH Lump Sum	Collection Two	1.00	LS	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00

Total Price	\$15,000.00
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Proposal Notes

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The above quote is for Charlton County and includes pricing for two off-season litter pick-ups across approximately 75 miles of county ROW (to coincide with the ROW currently maintained by Tri Scapes).

These trash collections should occur outside of the mowing season:

1. First Collection: Prior to April 1
2. Second Collection: After October 31

Price is for both visits.

*****NOTE: Prices good for 30 Days*****

PROCLAMATION

Designating March 16-20, 2026 as

Government Finance Professionals Week

COUNTY OF CHARLTON

STATE OF GEORGIA

WHEREAS, government finance professionals perform essential services that ensure the effective, transparent, and responsible management of public funds for the benefits of residents throughout the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, government finance professionals serve their communities through their expertise in budgeting, accounting, treasury management, procurement, debt administration, auditing, fiscal reporting, and long-range financial planning, thereby supporting the lawful and efficient operation of state, county, and municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated professionals uphold the highest standards of ethics, integrity, accuracy, and accountability, fostering public trust and safeguarding the fiscal health of local government institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Government Finance Officers Association (GGFOA) represents finance professionals statewide and advances excellence in government financial management through education, training, and leadership development; and

WHEREAS, GGFOA and its member jurisdictions have established and sponsored Government Finance Professionals Week to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of public finance professionals, and to increase awareness of the vital financial services they provide that benefits all Georgians; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to recognize, honor, and express appreciation for the dedication, professionalism, and public service of government finance professionals whose expertise supports the fiscal stability and long-term success of Georgia's local governments;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the **Charlton County Board of Commissioners**, do hereby proclaim the **third week of March** as: **GOVERNMENT FINANCE PROFESSIONALS WEEK** in the County of Charlton, and encourage all residents, elected officials, and community organizations to join in recognizing and expressing appreciation for the dedicated government finance professionals across our community and the state of Georgia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Charlton County to be affixed this 5th day of February, 2026.

Alpha Benefield, Chairwoman

Luke Gowen, Vice-Chairman

James Everett, Commissioner

Jesse Crews, Commissioner

Drew Jones, Commissioner

Attest: Madeline Nettles, County Clerk