

**Charlton County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
Commissioners Conference Room
68 Kingsland Drive, Suite B
Folkston, GA 31537
Wednesday, February 25, 2026
1:30 PM**

2/25/2026 - Minutes

Call to Order

Present from the City of Folkston was Mayor Lee Gowen, Councilman Bruce Young, Councilman Marion Davis, Councilman Rick Carter, Councilman Rob Roberson, City Manager Pender Lloyd, and Deputy City Clerk Lita Carter.

Present from the City of Homeland was Mayor LC Guinn, Councilman Lee Waterfield, Councilman Delbert Shelton, Councilman Brian Lloyd, and City Clerk Nikki Johnson.

Present from the Board of Commissioners was Chairwoman Alphya Benefield, Commissioner James Everett, Commissioner Jesse Crews, County Administrator Becky Harden, County Attorney Joe East, and County Clerk Madeline Nettles.

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 PM.

Chairwoman Benefield presided over the meeting. County Clerk Nettles was the speaker of the agenda.

Invocation and Pledge to the Flag

The invocation was led by Chairwoman Benefield.

2026 SPLOST Project List

Commissioner Crews recommended taking \$150,000 from other areas of the County's project list and adding back to Recreation's allotted portion.

County Administrator Harden recommended taking \$100,000 from the County's Roads and Bridges allotment and \$50,000 from the County's Administration allotment, and reallocating to the County's Recreation Allotment. Commissioner Crews agreed to the recommended changes.

1. Motion by The City of Folkston to Adopt the 2026 SPLOST Project List

Councilman Mark Williams from the City of Homeland entered the meeting at 1:34 PM.

Councilman Rick Carter made a motion to adopt the City of Folkston's portion of project list. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Bruce Young. The motion carried unanimously.,

2. Motion by the City of Homeland to Adopt the 2026 SPLOST Project List

Councilman Lee Waterfield motioned to accept the City of Homeland's portion of the project list. Councilman Brian Lloyd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion by Charlton County to Adopt the 2026 Project List

Commissioner Crews motioned to adopt the County's portion of the project list with the recommended changes to the Recreation, Administration and Roads and Bridges portions. Commissioner Everett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2026 SPLOST Referendum Adoption

The resolution must be edited to correct the County's project list with the recent changes. The resolution must be edited to include "years" where it was previously omitted to ensure clarity of the period of time the SPLOST will run.

4. Motion by Charlton County to Adopt the Resolution for the 2026 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST)

Commissioner Crews motioned to adopt the resolution with the necessary changes as recommended. Commissioner Everett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2026 SPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement

5. Motion by the City of Folkston to Adopt the 2026 SPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement

Councilman Bruce Young motioned to adopt the Intergovernmental Agreement. Councilman Marion Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Motion by the City of Homeland to Adopt the 2026 Intergovernmental Agreement

Councilman Delbert Shelton motioned to adopt Intergovernmental Agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee Waterfield. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Motion by Charlton County to Adopt the Resolution Approving the 2026 SPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement and Authorizing Chairwoman Benefield to Execute the Agreement

Commissioner Everett motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing Chairwoman Benefield to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement on the County's behalf. Commissioner Crews seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

Commissioner Crews motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Everett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Alpha Benefield, Chairman

Madeline Nettles, County Clerk