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Eye On



Telfair

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A called meeting of the Telfair County Board Of Commissioners was announced for Monday, August 4, at 5 p.m. in the commission office conference room. A bid opening on the remodeling work at the Community Development Center Building and an executive session were the only items on the agenda. The commission was expected to come back into open session to make motions about items discussed in executive session.

The Telfair County Board Of Education during its June 9 meeting approved Supt. Len Harrelson’s recommendation to adopt a budget spending resolution authorizing the superintendent to continue operations for July 2025 pending final approval of a budget for FY26.

A recommendation by Supt. Harrelson was presented to the board. Supt. Harrelson, who recommended approval of Student Evidentiary Hearing Committees for the 2025-26 school year. The names on the committees were not included in the minutes.

School safety plans were discussed during an executive session of the Telfair County Board Of Education during the June 9 meeting.

Two resignations were approved following the executive session of the Board of Education. Janci Harrell and Jana Nobles were released from their contracts at the June 9 meeting after they submitted resignation letters.

Merle Holland was approved for retirement after she submitted a letter to the Telfair County Board Of Education.

The resignation of Susie Fields was approved by the Telfair County Board Of Education at the June meeting.

New teachers were approved for Telfair County Elementary School at the June meeting. They include Mary Fields and Sandra Mullis.

Jordan Thomas was approved as a new teacher for Telfair County High School.

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Successful Fundraiser Held for SORT Team

A successful Boston Butt fundraiser was held on July 26 at the local Telfair County Emergency Management Agency (TCMA) for the Special Operations Radio Team, Inc (SORT). Mr. Jimmy Joines, Director, TCMA, hosted the SORT team lead by Cmdt. Rick Wolverton, 4-Star General/CEO, in partnership with local Modern Woodmen Fraternal Financial representatives, Mr. Marty Thompson, District Agent, and his wife, Mrs. Tammy Thompson, Fraternal Chapter Coordinator - #17061. On hand are Capt. Gary Baker, Chaplain, SORT Team; TSgt. Bill Lively, Transportation Officer, SORT Team; Comdt. Richard Wolverton, 4-Star General/CEO, SORT Team; Col. Russell Stewart, Commander, SORT Team; Wade Purvis, Jr.; Don McDuffie, Smokes My Butt BBQ; Jimmy Joines, Director, Telfair County Emergency Management Agency; Ltc. Robert Garza, Vice Commander, SORT Team; Tammy Thompson, Activities Coordinator, Modern Woodmen Fraternal Financial; Ralph Walker, Volunteer, Telfair County Emergency Management Agency; Capt. Charlie Coyner, ARES Division Commander, SORT Team; Marty D. Thompson, District Financial Agent, Modern Woodmen Financial; Lt. Billy Walker, Weather Interoperability, SORT Team. SORT is a nonprofit comprised of current and former first responders specializing in public safety and amateur radio communications. SORT exists to rapidly respond and deploy skilled personnel and advanced communications infrastructure during natural disasters, missing persons incidents, and severe weather emergencies. For example, SORT provided radio communications for our local emergency and first responders during the September 2024 Hurricane Helene which was essential to our community during a time of weather devastation and loss of electricity. SORT continues it’s mission to work in concert with all local community emergency management agencies in time of need. Through the successful fundraiser and support from Modern Woodmen Fraternal, local community ties are strengthened for emergency services. The TCMA office is greatly appreciative of the local financial support of the fundraiser and raising awareness for strong emergency preparedness and was honored to host the many members of the SORT team who traveled from all over the State of Georgia to attend. We would also like to acknowledge and thank Mr. Randy Widener, Piggly Wiggly, McRae, for their support along with several members of their team who assisted with the overall success. Special mention to the grill master himself, Mr. Don McDuffie, who contributed his skills and time to preparing some tasty Boston Butts!

Final Comprehensive Plan Meeting Slated

This is a reminder about the upcoming Telfair County Joint Comprehensive Plan Final Steering Committee Meeting scheduled for Friday, August 15, at 3 p.m. to be located at Telfair County Board of Commissioners Meeting Room, 91 Telfair Avenue, Suite A, McRae-Helena, GA 31055.

Anna Weaver reminds everyone of the Final Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Meeting.



First Steps Taken To Establish County Fire Station At Workmore

A loan closing has been held on the new fire station that Telfair County plans to open at Workmore. A map of the service area is included at a meeting at the site. On hand are (L-R) Sheriff’s Deputy Scott Hooks, McRae-Helena Fire Chief Greg Young, Ben Davis (Telfair EMS), Telfair EMS Director Steve Thornton, Commissioner Christy Purvis, Commissioner Doug Perkins, Sheriff Sim Davidson, and Commissioner Mike Cravey.

SPECIAL PHOTO TO ENTERPRISE

Chamber Sets Golf Tourney

The Telfair County Chamber of Commerce is excited to announced the 2nd Annual Telfair County Chamber Golf Tournament to be held on Saturday, October 25, 2025 at the Wallace Adams Golf Course located at Little Ocmulgee State Park.

“We appreciate all the support that we received last year with team entries and sponsors. We had 20 teams register, 18 hole sponsors and 2 meal sponsors, which was great participation for our first tournament,” said Paula Anderson, executive director of the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce.

“This year our 4-man team registration is \$400, which includes breakfast/lunch, water/sodas, green fees and cart with 1st place winner receiving \$500 and 2nd place winner receiving \$300,” she said.

“This year we are again offering Hole Sponsorships (\$100 per sign) and Meal Sponsorships (\$1000) both of which you will give your business recognition at the golf tournament, and on the Chamber’s Facebook page and website. See the attached attached for more information on sponsorships.”

“We hope you will be able to either enter a team or be a sponsor or even better- do both! she added. “As always, your continued support is greatly appreciated.”