MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
BARTOW COUNTY COMMISSIONER
February 25, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.

After calling the Special Called Public Meeting to order, Commissioner Taylor presented the following items of business:

ENGINEERING - MPO - ROADS

- Commissioner Taylor approved and authorized the Cass-White Road Phase II Improvement Project in order to proceed with needed right-of-way acquisition.
- The Cartersville-Bartow Metropolitan Planning Organization (CBMPO) 2055 Transportation Plan Update Funding Application was approved as presented. The County is requesting $300,000 and agrees to provide the required 20% match of $60,000 if the application is approved.
- Commissioner Taylor authorized an agreement with Georgia Power to Relocate Power Lines for the Euharlee Road/Stiles Road Intersection Improvement Project.

FINANCE

- Amendments to the 2025 Operating Budget were approved to reflect the actual revenue and expenditures for the fiscal year.
- The 2026 County Operating Budget was approved and adopted for a total fiscal year budget of $267,641,865.

PROPERTY

- Commissioner Taylor granted an easement to Georgia Power for a Distribution Line related to the Sheriff Training Facility Project on Paga Mine Road.

Having no further business to address, the meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Kathy Gill

Kathy Gill, County Clerk

APPROVED:

Steve Taylor

Steve Taylor, Sole Commissioner

3/11/2026

Date

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF BARTOW COUNTY SITTING FOR COUNTY PURPOSES FOR THE PURPOSE OF **APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS, THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND BUDGETS, THE DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGETS AND THE SOLID WASTE AND WATER DEPARTMENT ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGETS** AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONER OF BARTOW COUNTY HELD ON FEBRUARY 25, 2026.

WHEREAS, Bartow County issued a public notice in the County's legal organ to conduct a hearing on the Proposed 2026 General Fund Budget for Maintenance and Operations, the Special Revenue Fund Budgets, the Debt Service Fund Budgets and the Solid Waste and Water Department Enterprise Fund Budget; and

WHEREAS, said hearing was held on February 17, 2026 to present the proposed budget and allow questions and comments; and

WHEREAS, after careful review and consideration of the proposed budget, the Commissioner deems it to be in the best interest of the citizens of Bartow County to adopt said budgets as proposed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED, by virtue of the authority vested in the Commissioner by law, the Commissioner hereby approves and adopts the 2026 General Fund Budget for County Maintenance and Operations, the Special Revenue Fund Budgets, the Debt Service Fund Budgets and the Solid Waste and Water Department Enterprise Fund Budgets as proposed, said budgets being attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 33-8-8.3 1 (E), the sum of $2,717,100.00, having been determined as the total budget of the Community Development Department, which provides services primarily to the unincorporated areas of Bartow County, shall be utilized from the County's Insurance Premium Tax proceeds to provide said services within the unincorporated areas. The remaining portion of said Insurance Premium Tax shall be used to reduce the property tax millage rate of taxpayers in the unincorporated areas of the County.

SO APPROVED, ADOPTED AND RATIFIED this 25th day of February, 2026.

ATTEST:

Kathy Gill, County Clerk

BARTOW COUNTY, GEORGIA

Steve Taylor, Sole Commissioner

BARTOW COUNTY REVENUES AND TRANSFERS BUDGETED BY FUND 2026		
FUNDS		REVENUES
GENERAL FUND		$156,326,700
INSURANCE RESERVE FUND		$1,100,000
OPIOID FUND		$200,000
E-911 FUND		$4,205,500
RADIO SYSTEM M&O FUND		$635,000
A R P FEDERAL GRANT FUND		$5,000
GRANT FUND		$0
COUNTY JAIL FUND		$300,000
CRIME VICTIM ASST FUND		$150,000
DRUG ABUSE FUND		$105,000
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND		$2,500,000
JUV. SUP. FEES FUND		$17,500
CAPITAL PROJECT FUND		$15,746,300
CAPITAL LEASE FUND		$60,000
GMA LEASE FUND		$20,000
SOLID WASTE FUND		$9,328,000
OPEB TRUST FUND		$1,100,000
BARTOW COUNTY WATER DEPARTMENT REVENUE		$92,050,000
LAW LIBRARY FUND		$98,000
S.O. INMATE WELFARE FUND		$428,200
CLERK OF COURT - TECHNOLOGY FUND		$130,000
D.A. FED. CONDEMNATION FUND		$0
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DTF STATE CONFISCATED FUND		$287,965
S.O. FED CONFISCATED FUND		$400,000
TOTAL ALL FUNDS		$ 285,193,165.00

2026 SPLOST CAPITAL PROJECT LENGTH BUDGET		$308,000,000

BARTOW COUNTY EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR 2026
GENERAL FUND, ENTERPRISE, SPECIAL REVENUE AND DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

GENERAL FUND		2026 BUDGETS
DEPARTMENTS		
COUNTY COMMISSIONER		$2,025,000
DATA PROCESSING/IT		$2,443,400
PURCHASING		$532,200
ELECTIONS/REGISTRAR		$3,026,700
MAGISTRATE COURT		$1,478,500
SUPERIOR COURT		$1,520,500
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT		$2,424,500
JUVENILE COURT		$2,479,500
PROBATE COURT		$1,664,500
SHERIFF		$46,377,500
CORONER		$362,500
DISTRICT ATTORNEY		$1,925,000
VICTIM ASSISTANCE		$556,500
PUBLIC DEFENDER		$1,312,100
BOARD OF EQUILIZATION/COSC		$112,000
TAX ASSESSORS		$1,969,000
TAX COMMISSIONER		$2,359,000
FACILITIES		$4,114,500
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT		$2,717,100
ENGINEERING		$1,992,400
ROAD DEPARTMENT		$17,152,500
ANIMAL CONTROL		$1,764,500
TRANSIT		$1,610,900
PARKS/RECREATION/SENIOR SERVICES		$9,180,000
INDIGENT SERVICES		$1,401,000
FIRE		$24,818,000
AGRICULTURE EXT. SERVICE		$665,500
HUMAN RESOURCES		$834,400
NON-DEPARTMENTAL		$17,507,500
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		$156,326,700

ENTERPRISE FUNDS		2026 BUDGETS
SOLID WASTE FUND		$9,328,000
BARTOW COUNTY WATER DEPARTMENT EXPENSES		$92,050,000
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS		$101,378,000

BARTOW COUNTY EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR 2026
GENERAL FUND, ENTERPRISE, SPECIAL REVENUE AND DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		2026 BUDGETS
INSURANCE RESERVE FUND		$0
OPIOD FUND		$200,000
E-911 FUND		$4,205,500
RADIO SYSTEM M&O FUND		$635,000
A R P FEDERAL GRANT FUND		$400,000
GRANT FUND		$0
COUNTY JAIL FUND		$300,000
CRIME VICTIMS ASSIST. FUND		$150,000
DRUG ABUSE TR.&ED. FUND		$105,000
HOTEL-MOTEL TAX FUND		$2,500,000
JUVENILE SUPERV. FEES FUND		$17,500
TOTAL SPECIAL REV. FUNDS		$8,513,000

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS UNDER CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES OTHER THAN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER		2026 BUDGETS
LAW LIBRARY FUND		$98,000
INMATE WELFARE FUND		$428,200
CLERK OF COURT-TECHNOLOGY FUND		$130,000
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S FED. COND. FUND		$0
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S CONDMN. FUND		$0
DTF STATE CONFISCATED FUND		$287,965
S.O. FED CONFISCATED FUND		$400,000
TOTAL OTHER SP. REV. FUNDS		$1,344,165

CAPITAL PROJECTS		2026 BUDGETS
CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS		$0

DEBT SERVICE FUNDS		2026 BUDGETS
CAPITAL LEASE FUND		$60,000
GMA LEASE FUND		$20,000
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUNDS		$80,000

TRUST AND CUSTODIAL FUNDS		2026 BUDGETS
OPEB TRUST FUND		$0
TOTAL TRUST AND CUSTODIAL FUNDS		$0

TOTAL ALL FUNDS		$267,641,865

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