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WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
MAY 19, 2026

The Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia, Mr. Damon Rahn, Mr. Forrest Floyd, Mr. Roger Burdette, Mr. Jamie Deloach, Ms. Elizabeth Helmly and Mr. Phil Kieffer, met in work session 4:00pm on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 in the Commissioners Meeting Chambers at the Effingham County Administrative Complex located at 804 South Laurel Street Springfield, Georgia 31329.

STAFF PARTICIPATION

Mr. Tim Callanan – County Manager, Mr. Edward Newberry – County Attorney, Ms. Tasheena Shiggs – Deputy County Clerk, Ms. Marie Todd – Executive Assistant, Ms. Pamela Melser – Director of Development Services, Ms. Akela Wright – Planning Manager, Ms. Kimberly Barlett – Senior Planner, Mr. Josh Moody – Building Official and Ms. Maraya Durham – I.T. Specialist

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None announced.

I - CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rahn called the session to order at 4:11pm

II- WORK SESSION TOPICS

DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL ROAD RESURFACING PROJECTS FOR FUTURE LRA GRANT FUNDING
CONSIDERATION (1):

County Engineer Hulme prepared a tentative list of county road projects based on the latest revenue survey data. The projects are organized geographically to optimize construction logistics and reduce mobilization staging costs. The county is prioritizing the repair of critical road drainage infrastructure on certain routes before resurfacing them and adheres to a strict protocol against paving over recently chip-sealed roads. Budget constraints have led to an operational trade-off for Stillwell Road, which will retain its current width but receive a significantly thicker and reinforced pavement. Additionally, intergovernmental cooperation is underway, with a contractor currently working on roads off Goshen. A finalized project list will be presented at the next Board of Commissioners' meeting.

DISCUSSION OF AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT ROADWAY MODIFICATIONS AS THEY RELATE TO THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE (2):

County Engineer Hulme explained that a key focus was placed on a recommendation to remove the requirement for on-street parking on both sides of the road within agricultural residential (AR) districts. The board debated whether on-street parking remains necessary or if it detracts from the intended rural feel.

To enhance neighborhood connectivity to local schools and parks, the board agreed to add the broader term "walkway" to the requirements for all subdivisions but expressed concerns that it would push developers away from AR-1 districts toward denser AR-2 districts.

III – ADJOURNMENT

At 4:42 pm, being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Damon Rahn, Chairman

Stephanie D. Johnson, County Clerk

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 2, 2026