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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meetings

Jan. 22nd, 2019 6:30 p.m.
(Note: Date change due to holiday)

Feb. 5th, 2019 9:00 a.m.

Meetings held at:

Administration Building
Community Room
140 Henry Parkway
McDonough, GA 30253
Regular Commission meetings air daily on
Henry TV
Charter Channel 180
and
AT&T U-Verse
Channel 99,
at 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.



Henry County Employees Receive Years of Service Awards



The Henry County Board of Commissioners recognized Bobby Elrod with a plaque for 35 years of service to the county. Pictured in the first row (l. to r.) District IV Commissioner Vivian Thomas, Bobby Elrod and Chair June Wood; Second row (l. to r.) District II Commissioner Dee Clemmons, District I Commissioner Johnny Wilson, District III Commissioner Gary Barham and District V Commissioner Bruce Holmes.

Long time Henry County employees were recognized and received 'Years of Service' Awards at the Board of Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

Employees who were recognized for 20 years of service include Audrey Thomas, Isaiah Harmon, Jonathan Burnette, Michael Hicks, Wendy McClain, Steven Frugoli, Susan Harris, Sharon Gronau, Michael Corley, James Keck, Carolyn Morgan, Michael Black, Michael Bryant, Shane Harrison, Hubert Osborne, Kenny Morris, Deric Jordan, Kimberly Maddox, Keith Shumate, Joy Bridges, Benjamin Studdard, Rhonda Ricci, and Kenneth Kemple.

Employees who were recognized for 25 years include William Wickson, Ronnie Hector, Brian Dunn, Glenn Viveiros, Jason Bolton, Dale Hutchison, Stacey Ponder and John Turner.

Employees recognized for 30 years of service include Thomas Scott, Robert



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Henry County Police Captain Randall McGlamery. “I can tell you we have achieved both of those goals and with those achievements in mind, we want to extend this contract for three more years.”

The total amount of this purchase is \$252,240 and the money for the contract with Visual Labs will be allocated from the Henry County Police Department Communications General Fund account.

Board members also approved a resolution to purchase five Apple iPads and five Samsung Galaxy Android tablets for the police department’s on-call Focalpoint warrant process with the Magistrate Court.

The tablets will allow officers to speak to judges through virtual face-time with the electronic warrant writing program, Focalpoint and will also allow detectives and officers to expedite the warrant process while remaining on the scene.

Each Android tablet will cost \$250 and each Apple iPad will cost \$350 with the total purchase price of \$3000. Funds for the tablets will be taken from the Federal Seized Funds account.

For more information about Henry County Public Safety, please visit henrycounty-ga.org.

Board Approves Three-Year Contract for HCPD Body Cameras

The Henry County Board of Commissioners approved to extend the Visual Labs’ Body Cameras contract for a three-year period for the Henry County Police Department. The action came at the January 8 Commission meeting.

Approximately a year ago, the Board approved the purchase of 180 cellular smartphones equipped with digital body cameras. Since its inception, the body cameras have been a reliable tool for Henry County public safety.

“I can tell you it has been a great success. Our goals were to increase transparency within the police department and to improve training and services,” said



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Savage, Bobby Sloan, Gamalier Brownlee, James Johnson, Marty Miller, Donald Scarbrough and Jerome Thrash, and Bobby Elrod was recognized for 35 years of service to the county.

The Board of Commissioners along with County Manager Cheri Matthews and Deputy County Manager Brad Johnson thanked each employee for their service with the Hank Stewart Foundation





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HCWA Celebrates the New Year with Industry Awards for its Water and Sewer Systems

Both the Collection and Water Distribution Systems receive highest grades for excellence

The Henry County Water Authority (HCWA) celebrated the New Year in fine fashion with industry awards for operating the highest graded water and wastewater systems in Georgia. Those were the highlights of the awards the Authority brought home from the year-end Fall Conference of the Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP).

During this most recent GAWP Conference, the state's water professionals recognized the HCWA with the Collection System of Excellence Platinum Award and the Water Distribution System Gold Award. In addition, the Authority's Mandy Gatewood received the GAWP Customer Service Award.

This marks the third consecutive year the HCWA has received the GAWP Collection System of Excellence Platinum Award, which recognizes those utilities in Georgia that strive to continually improve their systems through proper management, maintenance and operations.

The criteria for the award follow the practices set forth in the utility's Capacity, Management, Operation, and Maintenance (CMOM) Program to reduce and prevent sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs). That criteria includes preventative maintenance, system evaluation, rehabilitation programs, and training, among many other checklist items. To obtain the Platinum Award, a utility must receive the highest possible range of scores – 95 percent or higher – on its annual system reviewed by industry judges, and for at least five consecutive years. This is the seventh consecutive year the HCWA Collection System has received the highest possible grades for operational excellence.

In addition to reaching Platinum status through the evaluation of its sewer system, the HCWA also received the Water Distribution System Gold Award for

“operating in an outstanding manner.” This is the fourth straight year the HCWA has received the Gold Award for its Water Distribution System.

The HCWA Water Distribution System is categorized as a “Large” System in Georgia, with more than 50,000 customer accounts, according to the classification used by the state industry association. Once again, the HCWA Distribution System scored higher than 95 percent on its most recent annual system review this past year.

The Authority's Mandy Gatewood received the GAWP's annual Customer Service Award as a result of distinguished service herself. More specifically, the Customer Service Award recognizes a water professional who demonstrates excellence in service as well as one who utilizes innovation to develop an efficient operational process that results in a positive and memorable experience for HCWA customers.

“These most recent system awards of excellence and Mandy's Customer Service Award represent our investment in the very best people and processes in our industry,” says Lindy Farmer, HCWA General Manager. “I am so proud of our employees who go to great lengths to make sure our customers are provided with the very best water and sewer services possible. These water professionals work well together as a team, and every day they continue to impress me with their professionalism and dedication to our utility, our customers, and our community.”

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Commissioners Make Board Appointments

During the first meeting of the New Year, Commissioners made several reappointments including the appointment of both the Vice Chair and the County Clerk.

Commissioners approved the appointment of District I Commissioner Johnny Wilson as the Vice-Chair of the Board of Commissioners. They also approved the reappointment of Stephanie Braun as the County Clerk and Consuelo Connor as the Deputy County Clerk.

Board members also approved the appointments of Willie Brown (At-Large), Michael Barr (District I), Jim Risher (District III), James Carmichael (District IV) and Delander Nelson (District V) as members of the Zoning Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2020; Warren Holder (District I), Jimmy Carter (District III), Zuwena Poole (District IV) and Carlotta Harrell (District V) as members of the Water Authority Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2020; Reggie Sylvain (District IV) and Pierre O. Clements (District V) as members of the

Development Authority and Jonathan F. Buck (District V) as a member of the Recreation Board with term to expire on December 31, 2022.

Commissioners approved the appointments of Rita Bailey (District V) as a member of the Library Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2022; Lorraine Lindsey (District I), Ramona Hailey (District IV), Dr. Paulette Bragg, Joni McRae and Mildred Schmelz (District V) as members of the Council on Aging Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2022; Shirley Holloway (District III), Thomas White (District IV) and

John Pearson (District V) as members of the Henry First Board for a term to expire December 31, 2022 and Stephanie Bradly (District IV) as a member of the Connecting Henry Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

For a complete list of all Boards and Authorities, please visit www.co.henry.ga.us/Departments/A-C/County-Clerk.



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**Dr. Gregory Daniel, CEO of Nidus will, give an
 update on the Fairview medical development**

JANUARY 12, 2019 • 10:00 a.m.

TOPICS:

- Exercise & Healthy Living
- Stress & Disease Management
- How to talk to your doctor

GUEST SPEAKERS:

- Dr. Victoria H. Thedford
- LaTasha Lewis

Hidden Valley Senior Center
 600 Spraggins Memorial Pkwy,
 Stockbridge, GA 30281



District IV Commissioner to Hold Community Meeting This Saturday

District IV Commissioner Vivian Thomas will host a Community Meeting on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Life Center at Grace Baptist Church in Stockbridge.

Thomas won the District IV seat this past November and officially took office this month.

In what will be her first Community Meeting as commissioner, Thomas will discuss various topics of interest to residents and hopes that citizens from all over the district will be in attendance to hear more about her vision for not only for District IV but the county as well. She will also introduce various board appointees including appointees to the Zoning Advisory Board, the Development Authority Board, the Water Authority and

the Council on Aging, just to name a few.

Topics of discussion will include possible future SPLOST projects, District 4 initiatives and proposed infrastructure projects. In addition to the discussion, Thomas will answer citizens' questions and looks forward to meeting constituents from all over the district. District IV encompasses a wide swath, including Eagles Landing, Kelleytown and additional areas in both McDonough and Stockbridge.

The meeting is open to the public and all are invited.

Grace Baptist Church is located at 2178 Hwy. 138 in Stockbridge, GA.

Saturday,
JANUARY 12, 2019
10:00 a.m.

MEET & GREET:

- Commissioner Thomas
- County Officials
- District 4 Appointed Board Members

DISTRICT 4 COMMUNITY MEETING

District 4 Commissioner
Vivian Thomas



Topics of Discussion:

- District 4 Assets
- SPLOST Projects
- Infrastructure Improvements

Commissioner Thomas will share her vision for District 4 and Henry County.

Q&A Session

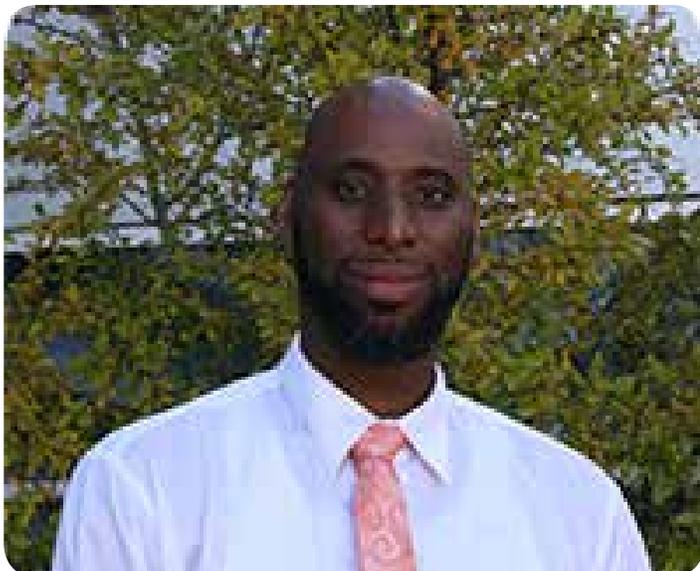


Grace Baptist Church
Community Life Center
2178 Hwy. 138, Stockbridge



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HC Transit Director Elected to GTA Board



Henry County Transit Director Taleim "Tye" Salters has been elected to serve on the Georgia Transit Association's Board of Directors for a two-year term that began on December 7, 2018.

Salters was elected by his peers during the GTA's annual conference held in Jekyll Island earlier this month. He joins other transit and transportation professionals in helping to find solutions to transportation challenges throughout the state, as well as to develop initiatives to enhance services to citizens.

Salters joined Henry County Government in 2014, and as Transit Director, manages a staff of 31 and a fleet of 26 transit vehicles, in a department that

provides daily, on-demand transit service throughout the county.

He said he is grateful for the vote of confidence from his peers to serve on the GTA board.

"This is a great opportunity for Henry County to have a seat at the table and strong voice in helping to create transit initiatives that will benefit citizens," said Salters.

The Georgia Transit Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving public transportation in the state of Georgia. The organization works with state legislators to obtain stable transit funding throughout the state, and exchanges information, ideas and experiences to better serve the public.

Henry County Transit is an on-demand service that provides safe, reliable, accessible and affordable transportation for the citizens of Henry County. Transportation is provided for medical appointments, shopping, social activities, employment and many other destinations.

Scheduling transportation is provided by means of a Demand-Response system. Reservations may be made up to seven days in advance. To schedule a ride or learn more about Henry County Transit, please call 770-288-7433 or visit www.henrycounty-ga.com/transit.

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EMA Looking for Volunteers to Join Community Emergency Response Team

The Henry County Emergency Management Agency is pleased to offer the next Community Emergency Response Team Training Course which will be starting next year and is looking for volunteers who want to assist with emergency management efforts. There are three sessions in 2019 with the first one starting on January 15. Two additional sessions are set for March 26 and June 4, all lasting for eight weeks.

The Community Emergency Response Team, also known as the CERT program, educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, which in turn, allows Emergency Responders to focus on more complex tasks. Through CERT, the capabilities to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters are built and enhanced.

Henry County's Community Emergency Response Team Program trains volunteers to prepare for the types of disasters that their community may face. Through hands-on practice and realistic exercises CERT members:

Learn how to safely respond to man-made and natural hazards, Help organize basic disaster response, Promote preparedness by hosting and participating in community events

For more information or to register for the class, please contact Robert Swanson, Henry County Emergency Management Specialist, at RSwanson@co.henry.ga.us or call 770-288-7890.



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June 4

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- MEDICAL OPERATIONS — PART II
- LIGHT SEARCH & RESCUE OPERATIONS
- DISASTER PSYCHOLOGY
- TEAM ORGANIZATION
- BASIC FIRE SUPPRESSION
- TERRORISM

For more information or to obtain an application contact:
Emergency Management Specialist Robert Swanson at 770-288-7890
E-Mail: rswanson@co.henry.ga.us
(Background Check is Required)



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Henry County Veterans Museum to Launch Mobile Museum



The Henry County Heritage Park Veterans Museum will be taking the “show on the road” thanks to donations for a new trailer that will allow a mobile display from the museum to visit schools, senior centers, hospices, nursing homes and the like.

Jim Joyce, museum curator and facilities coordinator for Henry County Parks and Recreation, said the trailer was made possible through generous donations from visitors to the museum and a sizable donation from McDonough Tourism.

Joyce said the trailer will enable him to take the museum to people who would otherwise not be able to travel to Heritage Park to see it.

“This is a way for us to give back to the community that supports us, and this community truly supports its veterans,” said Joyce. “It means that the museum is not just located in one place, but that we can bring history to those who might not be able to visit, like people in nursing homes or hospices, in addition to schools and other organizations.”

He said the next step is to build out the interior with shelving to house the displays, which can be rotated from time to time, just as the museum’s displays are rotated.

The Veterans Museum opened in the red barn at Heritage Park in 2010 and over the years has expanded to include memorabilia from every war from

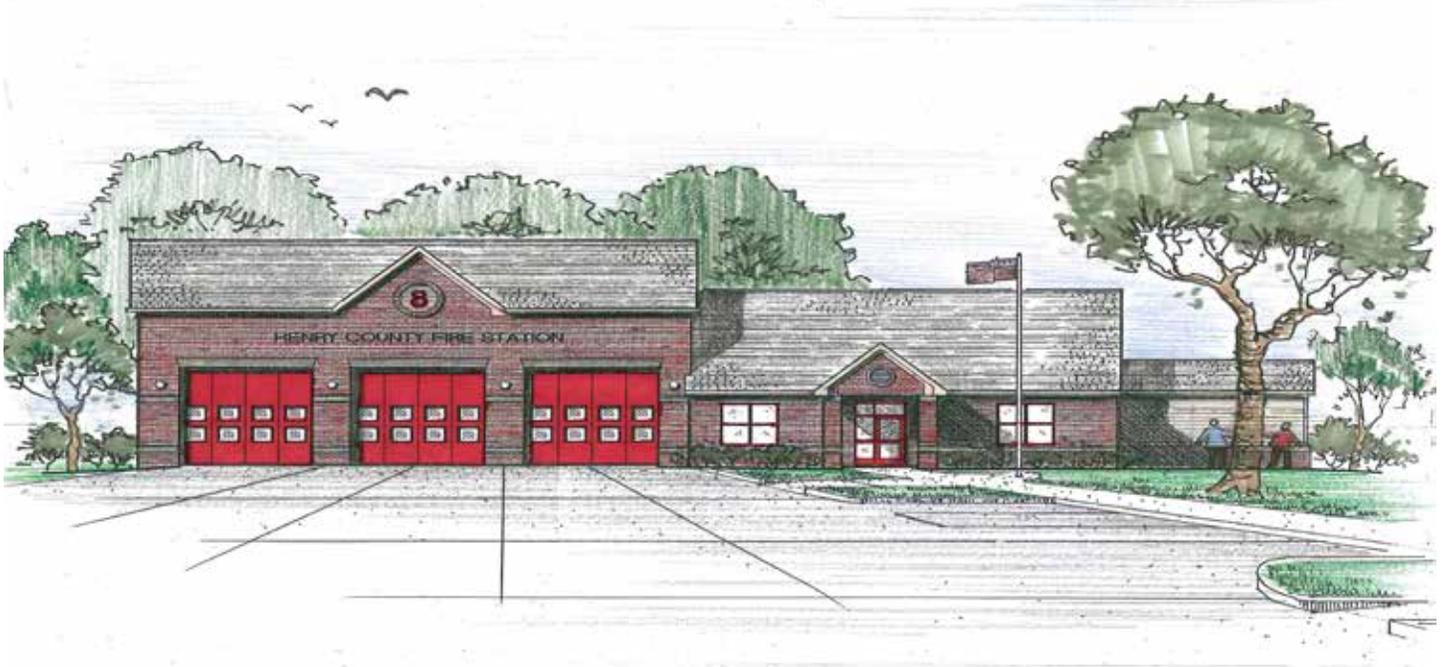
World War I to the present. It is staffed by veteran volunteers who do everything from creating the displays to cataloging the donations to leading visitors on tours. Nearly everything on display at the museum has been donated by veterans or their families, and according to Joyce, it is the only installation of its kind not located on a military base.

Heritage Park Veterans Museum is dedicated to all veterans and their families. The museum features vehicles, uniforms, and artifacts, a lasting display of the two Henry County Medal of Honor recipients, and a Henry County Fallen Hero area. As veterans, the staff of the museum is knowledgeable in the history of all the uniforms and artifacts and give tours of the museum. The museum also features a library room where visitors are welcome to sit, reflect and learn about our nation’s history.

The Heritage Park Veterans Museum is free and open to the public Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donations are accepted. The museum is adjacent to the Veterans Wall of Honor and is located at 101 Lake Dow Rd., McDonough, GA. For more information visit www.heritageparkveteransmuseum.com or see them on Facebook. If you are a veteran who would like to volunteer at the museum, contact Jim Joyce at 404-831-9740.

New Fire Station Slated for District II

New station will replace Station No. 8



District II will soon be getting a new fire station, replacing fire Station No. 8, after the Henry County Board of Commissioners awarded the contract at the January 7 regular meeting.

Six responsive proposals were received and Commissioners approved a resolution awarding the contract for design/build services for the replacement of Fire Station No. 8 to J.R. Bowman Construction Co., Inc. of McDonough in the amount of \$2,691,000. Commissioners also approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$1,216,000 from Fund Balance to the Capital Asset Fund to meet the bid amount.

District II Commissioner Dee Clemmons gave a brief history of efforts to replace Fire Station No. 8 after it was closed in 2016 due to structural issues. Fire personnel have been working in a temporary fire station since that time and Clemmons was instrumental in closing the former station for the safety of personnel and making the new station a priority for the busy service area.

“If we are going to give the citizens what they

need and if public safety is at the forefront, this is what they are bringing to us today. That station is needed and we need a permanent fire station,” said Clemmons.

Chair June Wood commended Clemmons for her efforts and said she was pleased with the new location.

“I want to commend the staff and Commissioner Clemmons for getting engaged. I am glad to hear that we are being proactive knowing the growth that we are having. I am also very glad that we moving locations because the current location on Flippen Road is not good for citizens and neither is it good for the safety of our staff and fire equipment entering and exiting out of the complex,” said Wood.

Fire Station No. 8 will be located at 975 Jodeco Road, Stockbridge.