



## MURRAY COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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### MURRAY COUNTY CALLED PUBLIC HEARING OFFICIAL MINUTES

**Date:** December 4, 2025

**Location:** Murray County Recreation Center/Veteran's Park: Gym 1

**Address:** 651 Hyden Tyler Road

**City:** Chatsworth      **State:** GA      **Zip:** 30705

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#### Call to Order

The meeting of the Murray County Commissioner was called to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. by Sole Commissioner Noah Bishop on December 4, 2025.

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#### Opening Statement

The Sole Commissioner stated that the hearing was convened in accordance with requirements of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GA EPD). He advised all attendees that questions and public comments would be accepted once the designated portion of the hearing was opened. The Commissioner further noted that Vanguard had approximately eight representatives present to deliver their presentations, and he then recognized the Vanguard representatives to proceed.

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#### New Business

A public hearing was held for the purpose of allowing Vanguard to provide information to the public regarding the proposed construction and operation of a Bioenergy Processing Facility in Murray County. The hearing also served as an opportunity for citizens to speak in support of or in opposition to the proposed facility, and for representatives of Vanguard and/or the Sole Commissioner, Noah Bishop, to receive public comments and questions from Murray County Citizens and other interested parties.

The hearing was conducted as a formal requirement of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GA EPD). All members of the public were invited and encouraged to attend.

Approximately 800 to 1,000 citizens were present at the hearing. Of those in attendance, more than 700 citizens expressed opposition to the proposed Bioenergy Processing Facility. Approximately 30 citizens indicated a neutral position or requested additional information regarding the project. Fewer than 10 citizens, including the landowner, expressed support for the facility being located in Murray County.

Approximately 100-150 citizens signed up to speak during the hearing. Due to time constraints, many individuals elected not to speak or were redirected in order to avoid repetition of topics that had already been discussed.



Public comments were received and acknowledged by representatives of Vanguard and/or Sole Commissioner Noah Bishop. The hearing concluded after the allotted time and upon completion of the public comment period.

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### Announcement

The Sole Commissioner announced that the December 4, 2025 Bio-Energy Processing Facility Public Hearing is being officially transcribed by the Superior Court transcriptionist. Upon completion, the full transcript will be made available for public inspection during normal business hours in the Office of the County Clerk located at 121 N. 4th Avenue, Chatsworth, Georgia 30705. Copies of the transcript may also be requested pursuant to the Georgia Open Records Act by calling 706-517-1400 or by submitting a request via email to [tdavis@murraycountyga.gov](mailto:tdavis@murraycountyga.gov).

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### Adjournment

There being no further business, Commissioner Bishop adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:45 P.M.

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### Meeting Attendees

Murray County (M.C.)

In attendance: Noah Bishop: M.C. Sole Commissioner, Tommy Parker: M.C. County Manager, Dick Barnes: M.C. Land Use & Development Administrator, Kyle Presley with The Chatsworth Times, and Tina Davis, County Clerk. 800-1000 Murray County Citizens and other interested parties. The sign in sheets are available in the auxiliary files of the Hearing.

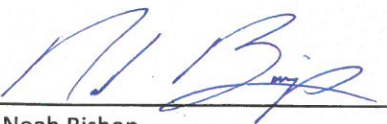
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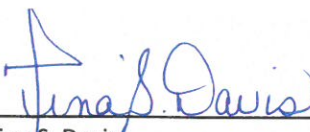
### Documents

All supporting Documents are in Minutes Book #13

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**Minutes Prepared By:** Tina S. Davis

By:   
Noah Bishop  
Sole Commissioner  
Murray County, Georgia

Attest:   
Tina S. Davis  
County Clerk  
Murray County, Georgia

Date: 01/06/2026  
Date Approved