



**Jan Tankersley
District 160**

Biography

Georgia House of Representatives

- Elected in 2010
- Committees
 - Appropriations
 - Agriculture & Consumer Affairs
 - Health & Human Services
 - Intragovernmental Coordination, chairman
 - Natural Resources & Environment
 - Rules
- House and Senate Rural Caucus, secretary
- Sportsmen Caucus
- Women's Caucus

Bulloch County Board of Commissioners:

- Elected in 2000, 2004 and 2008 for four-year terms
- First woman to serve on this Board
- Key Achievements
 - Completed Phase I of the Agribusiness project, allowing a number of agricultural business entities to locate in one building for convenient “one stop shopping”
 - Purchased additional land to expand the Gateway Industrial Park
 - Completed and later expanded “Splash in the Boro” (Aquatic Center)
 - Expanded the Volunteer Fire Department to include countywide sub-stations. Hired a Chief to ensure training and adequate equipment for volunteers. The resulting lower ISO rating reduced insurance premiums for homes, schools and businesses located within a five-mile radius of a sub-station.
 - Participated with a number of counties in the Coastal Georgia Region to provide transportation services at an affordable rate for citizens to travel to and from appointments in any of the participating counties.
 - Implemented fiscally sound policies and procedures to reduce expenses and avoided furloughing employees.
 - Completed a new building for the Georgia State Patrol Office.

- Approved projects to be funded by SPLOST referendums, such as the new Bulloch County jail, the 911 Public Safety Center, road paving and resurfacing, Statesboro Airport improvements, a new animal shelter and a new Luetta Moore Community Center.

Brooklet City Council

- Elected in 1995 and re-elected in 1999.
- Key Achievements
 - Assisted in writing and coordinating a grant application to secure Department of Community Affairs funding to construct the existing Brooklet Community Recreation Building.
 - Worked with the Mayor and Council to obtain an upgraded water system and water storage tank to accommodate the town, as well as the schools in the surrounding area of Brooklet. The success of this project was due to a collaborative planning and funding effort by the Board of Education, Bulloch County Board of Commissioners and Brooklet City Council.
 - Reduced insurance premiums for the residents, businesses and schools in the Brooklet area due to the improved water system and fire flow protection.
 - Led negotiations with the Board of Education to retain city ownership of the old Brooklet Elementary School cafeteria property and later converted into the current Brooklet City Hall building.

State Organizations and Appointments

- Past president of Association County Commissioners of Georgia
- Past member of ACCG's Board of Managers
- Past 12th District ACCG Representative
- Past chairman and vice-chairman of ACCG's Economic Development and Transportation Committee
- Member of the Savannah and Ogeechee Water Basin Advisory Committee
- Past member of the Local Transportation Strategies Task Force (appointed by Governor Sonny Perdue)
- Past member of the Board of Georgia County Leadership Academy (appointed by Governor Sonny Perdue)
- Past member of the Peace Officers Standards and Training Council
- Member of the Contingency Water Task Force Council (appointed by Governor Sonny Perdue)

Community Organizations

- Brooklet Community Development Association
- Statesboro Kiwanis Club (past member of the Board of Directors)
- Statesboro Bulloch County Chamber of Commerce (past member of the Board of Directors; past chair of the Community Improvement Committee)

- Ogeechee Technical College Foundation Board (*ex-officio*) past member of the Scholarship Committee)
- Board of Education's Public School Foundation Board (*ex-officio*) past member of the Grant Committee, By-laws Committee and Fundraising Committee)
- Volunteer for "A Day for Southern," annual fundraising event for Georgia Southern University

Political Involvement

- Co-chaired Governor Perdue's 2006 re-election campaign in Bulloch County
- Served on Governor Perdue's Inaugural Committee in 2006
- Member of the Bulloch County Republican Party

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Honors/Awards

- Listed as one of the "Top 100 Most Influential Georgians" by Georgia Trend Magazine in January 2010
- Awarded "Woman of Achievement" by the Statesboro Business and Professional Women's Club in 2001

Political Education and Training

- Completed Newly Elected Officials Training through the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia in 2001.
- Graduate of the Georgia Academy for Economic Development in 2001 through the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.
- Graduate of the Certified County Commissioner training program. Completed 48 hours of educational requirements through the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia in 2002.
- Graduate of the Academy for Association County Commissioners of Georgia Leadership program through the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia in 2003.
- Graduate of the Certified Commissioners Advanced Program Leadership Institute, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia in 2006.
- Attended Zoning Administrators training programs in 2001, 2002, and 2003.
- Selected by the American Farmland Trust and the Agribusiness Council in conjunction with ACCG to participate in a pilot training program in techniques to protect farm and forest land.

Personal

- Married to Hughie Akins Tankersley
- Two adult children, son-in-law and daughter-in-law.
- Three grandchildren
- Member of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

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