

Regular Meeting Minutes
Jenkins County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, July 8, 2025
4:00 P.M.

1. The Jenkins County Board of Commissioners met for its Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 4:00 P.M. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the James L. Henry Administrative Building. Commissioners in attendance were Chairman Horace Weathersby III, Tracie Coney, Jonathan Powell (arrived at 4:03 P.M.) and Mike Chance. Others in attendance were County Administrator Grady Saxon, County Attorney Kendall Gross, Mrs. Gwen Watson, Mr. Sandy Miller, County Field Director Jason Oglesby, Ms. Julia Lassiter, Ms. Deborah Bennett, Mrs. Sherri Chance, Ms. Vivian Johnson, Mr. Eddie Dickey, Ms. Michele Walls, Mr. Willas Ellis, Mr. Bill Kent, Mrs. Debra Hearn, Ms. Diann Roberson, and Mr. Elijah Reese.
2. Chairman Horace Weathersby III called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. Chairman Weathersby gave the Invocation and then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Weathersby welcomed all those in attendance.
3. Chairman Weathersby asked if any changes needed to be made to the AGENDA. Chairman Weathersby stated that he would like to add "ITEM C. SOLAR PANELS" to New Business. Hearing no other changes, a motion was made by Commissioner Chance and seconded by Commissioner Coney to approve the AGENDA as amended. The motion carried with three votes in favor. Commissioner Powell was not present for this vote.
4. Chairman Weathersby called for the approval of the Minutes from the June 10, 2025 Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Coney and seconded by Commissioner Chance to approve the Minutes from the June 10, 2025 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion carried with three votes in favor. Commissioner Powell was not present for this vote.
5. Under Personal Appearances, Ms. Diann Roberson expressed concerns about the condition of Franks Way. She stated that there were numerous holes and no ditches. She states that the condition is awful. She asked for some help in fixing the road. Jason Oglesby will check on this road tomorrow.
6. Finally under Personal Appearances, Mr. Elijah Reese stated Turner Road had been narrowed and that the ditches had only been pulled on one side. He also stated that the trees have grown out at the end of McClung at Elam and drivers have to pull almost out into the road to see past the trees. Mr. Reese also expressed concerns over the length of time that Joe Waters Road had been closed. Mr. Reese also stated that someone had thrown some mattresses out along Joe Waters Road. Chairman Weathersby stated that Joe Waters Road was scheduled to be paved as soon as the repairs were made. Administrator Saxon stated that he had recently signed an approval document with

FEMA, so the repairs were getting closer. Jason Oglesby stated that he would check on these concerns tomorrow.

7. Under Old Business, Mr. Saxon stated that there would be a preconstruction meeting with the contractor and engineer for the resurfacing of Speedy Sapp Road and Gay's Hill Church Road on July 22, 2025 at 11:00 A.M. These roads will be resurfaced using 2024 and 2025 LRA funds and will not require any match from the County. Mr. Saxon stated that the County had already received its 2025 allocation in the amount of \$682,494.59.
8. Under New Business, Mr. Saxon mentioned that the 2026 LMIG Application period was open and that he suggested that the Board members meet and ride all the County Paved Roads and rate them according to need for resurfacing. He stated that the Commissioners had not ridden to assess roads as a group since 2021. Mr. Saxon provided several dates from which to choose. He will schedule a ride soon so the Board members would have time to review the notes before the next Commission meeting.
9. Next under New Business, Mr. Saxon stated that he had received a letter from the CSRA EOA stating that the term for Mrs. Mandy Underwood on the CSRA EOA Board is expiring on August 7, 2025. The Board of Commissioners needs to either reappoint Mrs. Underwood or make a new selection before the term expires. Mr. Saxon asked if the Board members had any recommendations for appointments to that Board. Commissioner Chance recommended reappointing Mandy Underwood. A motion was made by Commissioner Chance and seconded by Commissioner Powell to reappoint Mandy Underwood to the CSRA EOA Board. The motion carried with four votes in favor.
10. Finally under New Business, Commissioner Powell discussed the desire to update ordinances for cell towers and solar farms to provide greater protections for the County long term. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to put a moratorium on Solar Farm Applications until the Ordinance can be reviewed and revised. The motion carried with four votes in favor. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to put a moratorium on Cell Tower Applications until the Ordinance can be reviewed and revised. The motion carried with four votes in favor.
11. Under Field Director's Report, Field Director Jason Oglesby provided updates on work performed on Hurricane Branch Road, Needful Church Road, and Thrift Road. Mr. Oglesby presented pictures of the work that was done on these roads. He stated that the Road Department has hauled over 100 loads of sand to these locations to help improve conditions.
12. Under County Attorney's Report, Attorney Gross discussed the progress of ordering title abstracts for Old Aycok Road. Attorney Gross will send out notices to the property owners affected. He stated that a hearing would likely be two months out. Attorney Gross will send out a draft ordinance for Solar Farms.

13. Under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon reported that all departments have turned in their budget requests and that he is currently working on all the non-departmental budgets. He stated that there would be a need to have a few budget work sessions in August so department heads could come and present their budget requests directly to the Board. Mr. Saxon will schedule a few meetings over the next few weeks. Mr. Saxon also stated that the City of Millen would like to have a joint meeting to discuss funding. Mr. Saxon stated that this could be added to a budget work session day.
14. Finally under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon notified the Board of an upcoming 120th Jenkins County Birthday Celebration and 2nd Annual Watermelon Festival scheduled for Saturday, August 2, 2025 at the Burgess Landrum Campus.
15. Mr. Saxon stated that he put a copy of the June Budget Report in each Commissioners' Packet and that the spending level through June should be around 73%.
16. Chairman Weathersby stated that he had ridden through Carlton Road after the discussion at the last meeting. The only road in the subdivision that is a County Road is Carlton Road.
17. Chairman Weathersby adjourned the meeting at 4:32 P.M.



Chairman Horace Weathersby III



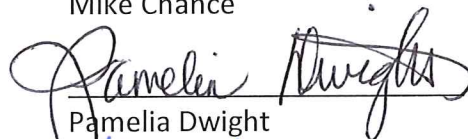
Tracie Coney



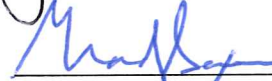
Jonathan Powell



Mike Chance



Pamela Dwight



Attest: Grady Saxon, Administrator