

Regular Meeting Minutes
Jenkins County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, August 12, 2025
4:00 P.M.

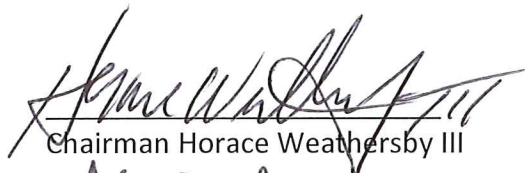
1. The Jenkins County Board of Commissioners met for its Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 4:00 P.M. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the James L. Henry Administrative Building. Commissioners in attendance were Chairman Horace Weathersby III, Tracie Coney, Pamela Dwight, Jonathan Powell 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. Deborah Bennett, Mrs. Sherri Chance, Ms. Vivian Johnson, Mr. Eddie Dickey, Mr. Bill Kent, Mrs. Debra Hearn, Ms. Sharon Johnson, Mr. Charlie Walker, Jr., Mrs. Hilda Walker, Mr. Robert A. Reeves III, Mrs. Cheryl Tatum, Mr. Emmanuel Watson, Mrs. Lauren Johnson, and Ms. Jackie Rigsbee.
2. Chairman Weathersby called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. Commissioner Pamela Dwight gave the invocation and 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. Mr. Saxon stated that under Executive Session, Personnel needed to be changed from 1 to 2 matters. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to approve the AGENDA as amended. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Chairman Weathersby called for the approval of the Minutes from the July 8, 2025 Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Chance to approve the Minutes from the July 8, 2025 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Under Personal Appearances, Chairman Weathersby introduced Lauren Johnson as the new County Executive Extension Coordinator. She thanked the County Commissioners for the support.
6. Next under Personal Appearances, Mr. Sandy Miller inquired about the status of Old Aycock Road. He stated he was aware that the County Attorney had been instructed as to what to do regarding Old Aycock Road and he inquired if the process would be documented and would it be public. Attorney Gross stated it would. Next, Mr. Miller was concerned about the way the EOA Board appointment was made and asked consideration for the appointment to be rescinded. He requested that upcoming appointments be publicized in advance so the public would have an opportunity to participate. Chairman Weathersby stated that the appointment would not be rescinded. Chairman also stated that the Board members were elected by the public to act on the public's behalf and they do that to the best of their abilities. Finally, Mr. Miller would also like for the Public to be involved in the selection process of determining which

roads receive LMIG funding. Chairman Weathersby explained how the County handles the LMIG process. He stated that the Board members recently traveled on every County paved road except the ones that had been recently resurfaced, listing and ranking those roads that needed to be added to the LMIG list. Chairman Weathersby also stated that LMIG funds are used to maintain the pavement that is currently in place.

7. Next under Personal Appearances, Mrs. Gwen Watson gave props to Lauren Johnson for the good job she does. She then gave props to Mr. Saxon for the work he does for the Board. She then stated Jenkins County citizens need opportunities and she is looking for a standardized appointment process for various Boards. Next, Mrs. Watson inquired about the possibility of using LMIG funding to replace the Masonic Street sign at the intersection of Masonic and Winthrope, stating that the sign is not readable. Mr. Saxon stated that he had spoken to Clay Boulineau about the sign, and Mr. Boulineau was going to report it to Bill Johnson with GDOT. Finally, Mrs. Watson stated that Senator Ossoff had sent a letter congratulating it on its 120th Birthday Celebration. She thanked the Board for its consideration.
8. Finally under Personal Appearances, Mrs. Sharon Johnson expressed concerns about the condition of Johnson Road South, stating that the “rock hill” section has been an ongoing problem for years. Field Director Jason Oglesby stated that the Road Department has hauled 136 loads of dirt to that road in the last year and described some of the work that had been done during that time. He presented pictures that were taken on the road last Friday at 3 P.M. Mr. Oglesby stated that more work was needed to build the road up.
9. Under Old Business, Mr. Saxon discussed the 2026 LMIG Application Process. He stated that the Commissioners traveled on all the County’s paved roads (except those recently resurfaced) on July 21, 2025. Board members took notes and discussed road conditions. He discussed the current LMIG list that was being worked on presently. He suggested that the Board make a decision soon on which road it wishes to include in the 2026 application. He stated that the sooner we apply, the sooner the funds will be available and the County could be earning interest to make the LMIG funds go a little further.
10. Under New Business, Mr. Saxon requested that the Board renew a \$1 million line of credit with Queensborough in order to complete the Recreation Grant Project. He explained that the Board had opened the original line of credit in 2024 to handle operating expenses for the grant. He also explained that the \$2.2 million grant was reimbursable, in that the County has to pay the bills up front and then request reimbursement from the State. He stated that the balance outstanding at this time was the original loan fee of \$750 plus accrued interest of around \$8,000. He stated that the contractor should be complete before the end of the year. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Chance to renew the line of credit in the amount of \$1 million. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Saxon presented a Resolution and Letter to be presented to Queensborough, authorizing the renewal.

11. There was no Field Director's Report.
12. Under County Attorney's Report, Attorney Gross has run all the title abstracts for Old Aycock Road and was prepared to schedule the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing has to be advertised once per week for two weeks prior to the hearing. The Board needed to decide on the date of the hearing through a vote. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Chance to hold the meeting at 3 P.M. on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, immediately before the Regular Commission Meeting that will be held at 4 P.M. The motion carried unanimously. Attorney Gross then discussed possible revisions for the County's Cell Tower Ordinance and the Solar Ordinance. He also discussed proposed changes to the County's Travel Policy. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Chance to authorize Attorney Gross to make the changes that were discussed. The motion carried unanimously. Attorney Gross then discussed a few other County ordinances and policies.
13. Under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that Budget Preparation is moving forward, with the Board meeting with four departments so far and another four scheduled for this Friday. He stated that the departmental budget meetings could likely be finished within the next two weeks. The new budget will need to be approved by September 30, 2025.
14. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that there would be a bid opening for the Joe Waters Road repairs on September 3, 2025 and the bid opening for the Harriet Miller Road repairs is scheduled for September 10, 2025. Both will be at 11 A.M. at the Commissioners' Office.
15. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that the Lawn Care bids were due this Friday. He stated that Lawn Care would be added to next week's budget meeting. Two bids have been received thus far.
16. Finally under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that there was a problem with the lightning detection system at the High School. The system failed last Tuesday due to a bad battery and a blown fuse. All the batteries in the unit and the fuse were replaced on Wednesday and the system was tested. He has checked the other three sirens in the County as well. Mr. Saxon stated that lightning detectors were located at the Recreation Department and at the High School.
17. There was no Chairman's Report.
18. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Chance to enter Executive Session at 5:01 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.


19. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to exit Executive Session at 5:33 P.M. The motion carried unanimously. All Commissioners signed an affidavit stating that only two personnel matters were discussed.
20. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Chance to reject the payment request from the Tax Assessors office for the Board members' attendance at the County's Budget meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
21. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to approve the promotion of James Oglesby to full time at a rate of \$20.00 per hour, effective August 15, 2025. The motion carried unanimously.
22. Chairman Weathersby adjourned the meeting at 5:35 P.M.



Chairman Horace Weathersby III



Tracie Coney



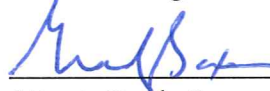
Jonathan Powell



Mike Chance



Pamela Dwight



Attest: Grady Saxon, Administrator