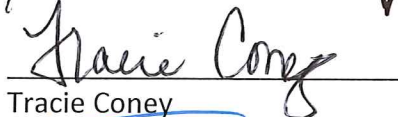


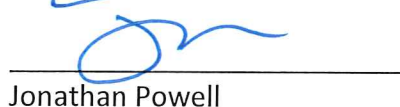
Public Hearing Minutes
Jenkins County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, September 9, 2025
3:00 P.M.

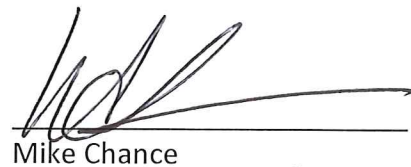
1. The Jenkins County Board of Commissioners met for a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 3:00 P.M. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the James L. Henry Administrative Building. Commissioners in attendance were Horace Weathersby III, Jonathan Powell, Mike Chance, Tracie Coney, and Pamela Dwight (arrived at 3:15 P.M.). Others in attendance were County Administrator Grady Saxon, County Attorney Kendall Gross, Mrs. Deborah Bennett with the Millen News, Mr. Sandy Miller, Mr. George Wright, Mr. Jimmy Huff, Mr. Jimmy Huff, Jr., Ms. Ida Rose, Ms. Jackie Rigsbee, Mr. Eddie Dickey, County Field Director Jason Oglesby, Mr. Charles B. Reynolds, Mrs. Gwen Watson, Mr. Emmanuel Watson, Mr. Charlie Walker, Jr., Mrs. Hilda Walker, Ms. Martha Sea, Ms. Mae Harris, Dr. Giovanni Shumake, and Ms. Vivian Johnson.
2. Chairman Weathersby called the Public Hearing to order at 3:00 P.M. He stated that the purpose of this Hearing was to allow the Public to express concerns regarding the proposed abandonment of Old Aycock Road. Chairman asked that individuals be recognized before speaking. He then opened the floor for comments and questions.
3. Mr. Sandy Miller inquired about the status of Old Aycock Road. Attorney Gross stated that notices had been sent out by mail to owners or those with interest in the property and that an ad had run in the Millen News on August 27 and September 3 as required by law. Attorney Gross stated that the Board could vote to abandon it, abandon it as of a certain date, or leave it as it is. Mr. Miller asked other questions about the status of the road. "Is it a County Road?" Attorney Gross stated that a former County Road employee stated that the County had stopped maintaining the road in the late 1970's. Mr. Miller stated that he had acquired his property in 1998 and had come to the County Commission in 2001 to inquire about the road maintenance being discontinued. Attorney Gross stated that the records were not as clear as we would have liked. He stated that Old Aycock may or may not be a Public Road. Attorney Gross stated that the County's abandonment of the road would not limit anyone's access to their property. It would only mean that the County would relinquish its control of the road.
4. Mr. Jimmy Huff stated he wanted the County to maintain the road, which was the opposite of what he had originally stated to Attorney Gross.
5. Dr. Giovanni Shumake inquired about the County's responsibility to bring the road up to code. He stated that Mr. Miller had been dealing with this matter for 24 years.
6. Another citizen asked that the road be fixed for Mr. Miller.
7. Mr. George Wright stated that if this road is abandoned, the County may abandon other roads, too.

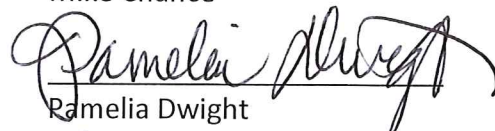
8. Mr. Miller said that if it was a public road, he deserved for it to be maintained.
9. Attorney Gross and Field Director Oglesby stated that it would cost up to a million dollars to bring the road up to code.
10. Mrs. Gwen Watson stressed Old Aycock Road was a County Road. She stated that Mr. Miller has paid taxes for 21 years and the County has not provided the services.
11. Ms. Jackie Rigsbee, representative of the owner of 6 of the parcels on Old Aycock Road, stated that she had maintained the road for several years. She stated she was not in favor of the County maintaining the road.
12. Mr. Miller stated that he had paid for surfacing of the road with soil cement from Big Pine Road back to his property and his neighbor has destroyed the road. He stated he can't see any reason to abandon the road. He wants the County to show concern for him.
13. Dr. Shumake asked that if the County were to abandon the road, what would be done before that takes effect. Field Director Oglesby stated that the County would haul dirt in and build up any low lying areas and possibly install a new culvert in one area. The Road Department would ensure that the road was passable. Dr. Shumake then asked the Commissioners how they felt about Old Aycock Road. Chairman Weathersby stated he was in favor of abandonment. Commissioner Chance stated that County thought the road had been abandoned since the 80's, so the Board was trying to clean up something that the Board in the 80's thought they did. Commissioner Coney was neutral. Commissioner Powell stated that the law was there to protect both the County and the citizens. He stated we need to come to a compromise. Commissioner Dwight was in favor of bringing the road up to passable and help constituents.
14. Chairman Weathersby adjourned the Public Hearing at 4:00 P.M. He announced that there would be a short recess before the start of the Regular Monthly Meeting.


Chairman Horace Weathersby III


Tracie Coney


Jonathan Powell


Mike Chance


Pamela Dwight


Attest: Grady Saxon, Administrator