

Regular Meeting Minutes
Jenkins County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, October 7, 2025
4:00 P.M.

1. The Jenkins County Board of Commissioners met for its Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 4:00 P.M. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the James L. Henry Administrative Building. This meeting had been originally scheduled for October 14, 2025 but the date had to be changed due to a schedule conflict with early voting. The change was advertised in the Millen News and on Facebook. Commissioners in attendance were Chairman Horace Weathersby III, Tracie Coney, Mike Chance, Jonathan Powell and Pamela Dwight. Others in attendance were County Administrator Grady Saxon, County Attorney Kendall Gross, Ms. Deborah Bennett, Mrs. Gwen Watson, Mr. Emmanuel Watson, Mrs. Debra Hearn, Mrs. Cheryl Tatum, Mr. Sandy Miller, Mr. George Wright, Ms. Julia Lassiter, Mr. Bill Kent, Ms. Vivian Johnson, Mrs. Sherri Chance, County Field Director Jason Oglesby, Ms. Shanelle Carr, Ms. Mabell Johnson, Ms. Ida Rose, and Ms. Mary Ruffin.
2. Chairman Horace Weathersby III called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. He then 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. Hearing none, a motion was made by Commissioner Chance and seconded by Commissioner Coney to approve the AGENDA as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Chairman Weathersby called for the approval of the Minutes from the September 9, 2025 Public Hearing, the September 9, 2025 Regular Meeting, and the September 16, 2025 Budget Work Session. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Chance to approve the Minutes from the September 9, 2025 Public Hearing, the September 9, 2025 Regular Meeting, and the September 16, 2025 Budget Work Session as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
5. There were no Personal Appearances. One had been scheduled, but that one did not attend the meeting.
6. Under Old Business, Mr. Saxon reminded the Board of the dire straits that the County was in following Hurricane Helene. No power meant no access to computers/internet/telephones, which made it very difficult to access state resources. Mr. Saxon presented three quotes for an Emergency Generator for the Commissioners' Office/EOC. Gresco quoted \$77,153.00, C&R Industrial quoted \$51,158.88, and Hi-Tech quoted \$42,952.90. This would be for a 60KW, 3 phase generator with 400 amp transfer switch installed. Mr. Saxon stated that the generator would be purchased through SPLOST #7 funds. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by

Commissioner Coney to approve the quote from Hi-Tech in the amount of \$42,952.90. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Under New Business, the Board discussed nominations for expiring terms of Alvin Burke and John Newton for the Hospital Authority Board. The Board of Commissioners is required to submit 3 names for each position. The Hospital Authority Board will then make the final selections. The Board of Commissioners agreed that the positions will be advertised on Facebook.
8. Finally under New Business, Mr. Saxon discussed training as it was presented during the budgeting process. He presented a proposed policy for Training and Accreditation. It will include a \$2000 annual limit per official/employee. A copy of the policy will be attached to these Minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Chance and seconded by Commissioner Coney to adopt the Training and Accreditation Policy. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Chance to authorize Chairman Weathersby to sign the adopted policy. The motion carried unanimously.
9. Under Field Director's Report, Jason Oglesby stated that work has started on Joe Waters Road. Work will be starting soon on Harriet Miller Road. He stated that Grapevine Road was complete except for a little bit of finish work. Mr. Oglesby also stated that the dumpsters had been removed from the site on Perkins Road. Some of the dumpsters had been moved to Jimmy Pye's shop. The remaining dumpsters were moved to the old "sawmill" on Highway 23.
10. Under County Attorney's Report, County Attorney Kendall Gross provided updates on Fields Road. He stated that there is other access to the cemetery, so the road could be closed through the normal procedures should the Board choose to go that route. Next, Attorney Gross discussed the proposed revisions to the County's Solar Ordinance. He recommended that the ordinance be revised as soon as possible. Finally, Attorney Gross discussed the need for fireproof records storage at the Courthouse.
11. Under County Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon notified the Board that Mrs. Marilyn Knight had resigned from the Library Board. He stated that the Board of Commissioners is charged with the task of appointing members to that Board. The Board asked Mr. Saxon to place the notice on Facebook so the Board could vote on the appointment at the November meeting.
12. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon provided reminders for the week's remaining activities:

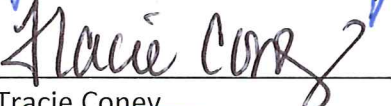
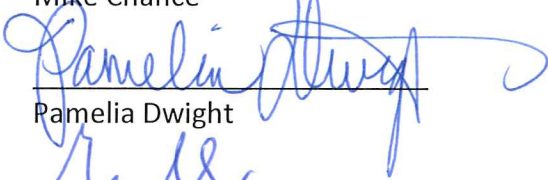
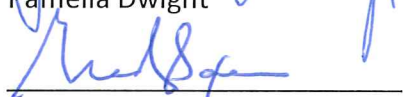
Thursday, October 9, 2025 @ 10:30 A.M.---Public Hearing #2 for proposed tax increase

Thursday, October 9, 2025@ 6:00 P.M.---Budget Adoption

Thursday, October 9, 2025@ 6:30 P.M.---Public Hearing #3 for proposed tax increase

Friday, October 10, 2025@ 11:00 A.M.---Millage rate adoption

13. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that he had placed a budget report in each Commissioner's packet. He will provide a final analysis soon and discuss corrective action plans for those departments that went over budget.
14. Finally under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon informed the Board that Krystal Coney was sponsoring a Veteran's Day event on November 11, 2025 from 10am-noon on Cotton Avenue.
15. There was no Chairman's Report.
16. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to enter Executive Session at 4:24 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.
17. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Chance to exit Executive Session at 5:22 P.M. The motion carried unanimously. All Commissioners signed an affidavit stating that only one personnel matter was discussed.
18. The Commissioners signed all necessary documents.
19. Chairman Weathersby adjourned the meeting at 5:25 P.M.


Chairman Horace Weathersby III
Tracie Coney
Jonathan Powell
Mike Chance
Pamela Dwight
Attest: Grady Saxon, Administrator