

Regular Meeting Minutes
Jenkins County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, January 13, 2026
4:00 P.M.

1. The Jenkins County Board of Commissioners met for its Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 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, Mike Chance, Jonathan Powell and Pamela Dwight. Others in attendance were County Administrator Grady Saxon, County Attorney Kendall Gross, Attorney Cindy Ballew, Ms. Deborah Bennett, Mrs. Gwen Watson, Mr. Emmanuel Watson, Mrs. Debra Hearn, Ms. Julia Lassiter, Mr. Bill Kent, Ms. Vivian Johnson, Mr. Eddie Dickey, Sheriff Robert Oglesby, Mrs. Cheryl Tatum, Mr. Charlie Walker, Jr., Mrs. Hilda Walker, Mrs. Shanelle Carr, and Ms. Martha Sea.
2. Chairman Horace Weathersby III called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. Chairman Weathersby gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He then welcomed all those in attendance.
3. Chairman Weathersby asked if any changes needed to be made to the AGENDA. Commissioner Powell stated that under Executive Session, Personnel needed to be changed from 3 to 4, and then add Item C: Real Estate-1 matter. Hearing no other changes, 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 December 9, 2025 Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Chance to approve the Minutes from the December 9, 2025 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Under Personal Appearances, Matthew Rocker was not present for his appearance to discuss Fields Road.
6. Finally under Personal Appearances, Commissioner Dwight stated that she wanted the Board to review the county's current 5 year plan with focus on leading into the next decade. Commissioner Dwight asked if one of her constituents (Mrs. Gwen Watson) could address concerns about possibly adding members to the Hospital Board. Chairman stated that she was not on the AGENDA. He did state that he had inquired that it would have to be presented to the State Legislature to make changes.
7. Under Old Business, Mr. Saxon inquired about the consideration to take Jaxson Mason Lane into the County's Road System. This matter had been proposed by Hiller Spann. Mr. Saxon stated that the lane is 0.1 miles in length. Field Director Oglesby presented plats and pics of the lane. Mr. Oglesby stated that it would not be a benefit for the County to take it in. He also stated that one of the property owners along the lane

thought he already owned it. That property owner did not want it scraped. Attorney Gross stated that the Board could vote to remove it from the AGENDA if the County did not want to accept the property. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Chance to remove the item from the AGENDA. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Next under Old Business, Mr. Saxon inquired about the consideration of the Community Playground Project. He stated that Ms. Shanelle Carr had sent the request last month. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to table this matter until additional information (costs and detailed plan) could be obtained. The motion carried unanimously.
9. Next under Old Business, Mr. Saxon and Chairman Weathersby discussed concerns presented to the County by the City of Millen. These items included the proposed FLOST, Blight Tax, Building Inspections, Fire Service, and SDS. Regarding FLOST, Attorney Gross stated that the County and City needed to meet again very soon to discuss the split and these other items. He stated that the deadline for the FLOST Referendum is February 20, 2026. Regarding the Blight Tax, Commissioner Powell requested additional information on the uniform application of the policy and procedures. He stated that there seems to be a lot of "gray area" in the way the tax has been presented. Mr. Saxon stated that the Blight Tax would be applied using the County's Millage rate and it would be applied at 7 times the normal tax rate. Attorney Gross stated that the criteria needed to be objective so it could be supported and documented. Regarding building inspections, the City had requested that Jason provide building inspections in the City and the County could keep the revenue. After a discussion, the Board did not agree to that request. Regarding fire service, Mr. Saxon stated that the current fire agreement (automatic aid) expires on March 31, 2026. The City has requested that the County pay the City \$50,000 annually instead of \$40,000 annually for the provision of automatic aid. There was also a discussion of the Service Delivery Strategy and some possible revisions to several sections of the SDS that need to be made to ensure compliance. Attorney Gross stated that the County and City need to discuss this matter during their next meeting. Mr. Saxon will schedule the meeting.
10. Next under Old Business was the Consideration to proceed with the request to close a portion of Fields Road. Since Mr. Rocker was not in attendance to present the request, a motion was made by Commissioner Coney and seconded by Commissioner Chance to remove the item from the AGENDA. The motion carried unanimously.
11. Finally under Old Business, Chairman Weathersby provided the First Reading of the Solar Ordinance (would replace the previous Solar Ordinance). A motion was made by Commissioner Chance and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve the First Reading of the new Solar Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously. Attorney Gross stated that the New Ordinance was modeled after the previous Ordinance. Commissioner Powell wanted to ensure that the fees are updated with current trends.

12. Under New Business, Mr. Saxon discussed an anonymous letter listing concerns with activities at the Recreation Department. Mr. Saxon will address the letter with the Recreation Director and will report back to the Board.
13. Next under New Business, Mr. Saxon stated that the terms for Ms. Julia Lassiter and Ms. Vivian Johnson on the Board of Assessors had expired on December 31, 2025. Both had expressed a willingness to continue to serve. A motion was made by Commissioner Coney and seconded by Commissioner Dwight to re-appoint Julia Lassiter and Vivian Johnson to the Board of Assessors for 6 year terms. The motion carried unanimously.
14. Next under New Business, Mr. Saxon explained the process for approving qualifying fees for each election cycle. Mr. Saxon presented the schedule of the qualifying fees for the 2026 Election Year. Those positions and fees are as follows:

County Commissioner, Districts #2 and #5	\$ 126.00
Board of Education, Districts #2 and #5	\$ 120.00
State Court Judge	\$1,017.00
State Court Solicitor General	\$ 990.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to approve the qualifying fees for the 2026 Election Year. The motion carried unanimously.

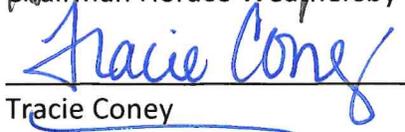
15. Next under New Business, Mr. Saxon presented a request from the MLK/Charles Beale Scholarship Committee to allow the Committee to use the Senior Center to hold its annual banquet at no charge in exchange for the Committee awarding one additional scholarship to a deserving Senior of Jenkins County High School. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to approve the use of the Senior Center by the MLK/Charles Beale Scholarship Committee for its annual banquet. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Saxon stated that each Board member had received an invitation to attend the banquet, which is scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.
16. Next under New Business, Field Director Jason Oglesby presented information on HB 493, which would allow property owners to contract with an Engineer or Architect to conduct a plan review and inspection(s) without involving the County government. The County would still collect the customary fee for the permit. Attorney Gross will draft a Resolution that would be provided to the property owner, along with the current fee schedule.
17. Finally under New Business, Mr. Saxon briefly discussed a sample of an Intergovernmental Agreement for a FLOST and its distribution.
18. Under Field Director's Report, Jason Oglesby discussed the flood lights at the Courthouse. He stated that the transformers and wiring are burned up in the lights and he recommended changing them out to LED lights. Mr. Oglesby will get quotes on the replacement of the lights. Next, Mr. Oglesby discussed dumpster site cameras. He stated

that Emanuel County installed a system that will cost between \$7,000 and \$10,000 per site, plus the cost of electricity and internet (\$100). He also discussed the system that is used by Screven County, which costs an average of \$1,800 per site plus data storage for the cameras. The Board discussed the possibility of consolidating dumpster sites. Mr. Oglesby also discussed the new site on Perkins Road. He has requested quotes for fencing (with the green mesh) at the new site. Mr. Oglesby also stated that the Joe Waters Road and Harriet Miller Road culverts were complete, and that the Rabitsch Road project had begun.

19. Under County Attorney's Report, Attorney Gross stated that he had a discussion for Executive Session. Chairman Weathersby asked if the County could possibly be reimbursed for representation in a lawsuit that was quickly dropped by the plaintiff. Attorney Gross will look into the matter.
20. Under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that the actual amount of the budget amendment for the Sheriff's body cameras was \$22,119.00, and that the amendment had been included in the Budget.
21. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon presented a quote for a new power stretcher for the recently ordered ambulance. The quote is from Stryker Medical in the amount of \$35,804.82. No action was taken today.
22. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that the generator for the Annex is scheduled for delivery on February 22, 2026 with the installation occurring during the first week of February.
23. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon presented three quotes for the County's Worker's Comp insurance: Encova-\$84,244, Berkshire-\$66,813, Bitco-\$74,463. Mr. Saxon had polled the Board members in December and the majority had approved the quote from Bitco, a company with an A+ rating on Standard and Poor's. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Dwight to approve the quote from Bitco in the amount of \$74,463. The motion carried unanimously.
24. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that he had instructed the Elections Supervisor to run some numbers regarding potential cost savings by consolidating polling locations. He stated that there could potentially be a savings of \$726,892.69 over four years. The Board will review this information and consider consolidation.
25. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that Harriet Miller Road was complete the final bill would be paid this week and that the reimbursement request would be submitted to GEMA as soon as the check clears the bank.

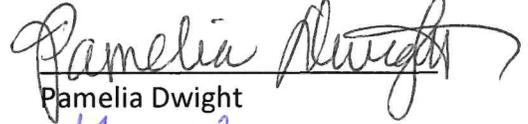
26. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that the Board would need to file for an extension on the BB Lane project in order for DCA to process the final draw before the project closeout.
27. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon reported that the bid opening for Mays Road was held on January 7, 2026 with eight bidders on the project. He stated that Parker Engineering had recommended SA Brown Enterprises of Vidalia, GA for the job with a low bid of \$156,780.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Chance to approve the low bid from SA Brown Enterprises in the amount of \$156,780.00. The motion carried unanimously.
28. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that he had visited Rabitsch Road and the crew was pumping water out of the stream. The crew was waiting on the pipe, but they were going to level the stream bed and install a rock base in the meantime.
29. Finally under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that there had been a grass fire on the north end of the airport property that had started at Highway 25 and proceeded toward the runway. The fire had burned approximately two acres of grass, but no visible property damage had occurred.
30. Under Chairman's Report, Chairman Weathersby inquired about the hangar project at the airport. Mr. Saxon reported that we had to make a consultant selection before any projects were started in 2026. Mr. Saxon stated that he was currently reviewing consultant proposals.
31. Commissioner Dwight announced that former County Commissioner Domingo Green turns 99 years old this year and citizens want to recognize him for his service and longevity. Ms. Shanelle Carr will coordinate with Commissioner Dwight on plans for the recognition.
32. A motion was made by Commissioner Coney and seconded by Commissioner Powell to enter Executive Session at 5:27 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.
33. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to exit Executive Session at 6:19 P.M. All Commissioners signed an affidavit stating that only four personnel matters, one potential litigation matter, and one real estate matter were discussed.
34. A motion was made by Commissioner Coney and seconded by Commissioner Powell to promote Jacqueline Jimenez to full time in the Clerk's Office at a rate of \$15/hour, effective January 2, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.
35. The Board members signed all necessary documents.
36. Chairman Weathersby adjourned the meeting at 6:25 P.M.


Chairman Horace Weathersby III


Tracie Coney


Jonathan Powell


Mike Chance


Pamela Dwight


Attest: Grady Saxon, Administrator

JENKINS COUNTY SOLAR COLLECTION FACILITY ORDINANCE

ARTICLE ONE GENERAL

1.1 TITLE.

This ordinance shall be known as and may be cited as the “Jenkins County Solar Collection Facility Ordinance.”

1.2 PURPOSE.

To promote the creation of solar collection and installation systems by providing standards for the placement, design, construction, operation, monitoring, modification and removal of such systems that address public safety and minimize impacts on scenic, natural and cultural/historic resources.

1.3 AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION.

Whereas, consistent with Georgia Law, the Jenkins County Board of Commissioners has the authority to establish by ordinance or resolution such local rules and regulations, not in conflict with existing State or Federal Law, relating to the health, safety and welfare of the public;

Now therefore be it resolved that the following rules and regulations are hereby adopted. These regulations shall apply to all unincorporated land located within the boundaries of Jenkins County, Georgia.

ARTICLE TWO GENERAL PROVISIONS

2.1 DEFINITION.

Solar Electric Power Generation. Comprises non-residential establishments primarily engaged in operating solar electric power generation facilities. These facilities use energy from the sun to produce electric energy. The electric energy produced in these establishments is provided to electric power transmission systems or to electric power distribution systems and shall be subject to the following conditions, which may not preclude the imposition of additional conditions.

2.2 LIABILITY.

This Ordinance shall not be construed as imposing upon the county any liability or responsibility for damages to any person or property caused by defect in any wiring or appliance or installation of any products. Nor shall the county or any official employee be held as

assuming any such liability or responsibility by means of the inspection authorized under this Ordinance.

ARTICLE THREE
SOLAR COLLECTION SYSTEMS (COMMERCIAL AND UTILITY SCALE)

3.1 SITE CONSIDERATIONS.

- (a) Lot Size. The minimum lot size required for a solar collection facility shall be ten (10) acres. This excludes any proposed solar collection facility to be installed on an existing or a proposed building.
- (b) Glint and Glare. Solar components must have a UL listing and must be designed with anti-reflective coating(s). All construction shall be in compliance with the National Electric Code and the Georgia State Minimum Standard Building Code (IBC). The developer shall graphically demonstrate to the Jenkins County Board of Commissioners through the use of renderings, photographs or similar credible media that the proposed solar collection device or combination of devices shall be designed and located to avoid glare or reflection onto adjacent properties and adjacent roadways and shall not interfere with traffic or create a safety hazard. Screening, using fencing and/or vegetative buffers, shall be provided along all sides that do not collect energy to limit the visual impact of the site and minimize glare issues. Panels are to be located and situated so that glare does not create a distraction or nuisance to traffic or adjacent residential properties. An engineer or qualified consultant statement that glint and glare will not be offensive to residents and traffic must be submitted.
- (c) Screening. The solar energy facility shall be fully screened from adjoining properties and adjacent roads by installation of a earthen berm which shall have a minimum height of eight (8) feet and evergreen buffer within 300 feet of the solar energy system. The evergreen buffer shall consist of two (2) rows capable of reaching a height of fifty (50) feet, with at least 75 percent opacity at the time of planting. Within all required buffers, equipment shall also be screened fenced with opaque screening to restrict unauthorized access for added security. Screening shall consist of a minimum of ten-foot opaque fence (color chosen by staff) around the perimeter of the solar energy facility with the addition of shrubbery, or trees. Landscaping and buffers must be routinely maintained. A berm shall be defined as an earthen mound or embankment designed to provide visual interest, screen views, reduce noise or fulfill other such purposes.
- (d) Setbacks. A minimum building setback of 500 feet measured from the nearest point of the property line of the parcel upon which the solar collection system is to be located to the nearest point of the property line upon which is located to the nearest residence, where abutting residential property and 65 feet from the public right-of-way is required for ground-mounted systems. This excludes any proposed solar collection facility to be installed on an existing or a proposed building. An evergreen buffer of 50' shall be required and maintained to limit the visual impact of the project/site from adjoining residential properties. The specific type of vegetation will be common for the area and be

of a height at maturity to obscure the fence. In the event any portion of the buffer dies or is destroyed, it shall be replaced using comparable species and height of the existing buffer.

- (e) Height Limitations. Freestanding solar panels that are ground-mounted shall not exceed 10' feet in height above the ground. No structure shall exceed a height greater than 25' feet, except for existing poles and overhead wiring. This is measured from the finished grade at the base of the structure to its highest point.
- (f) Storm Water and Sedimentation Control Requirements. All solar collection systems shall comply with storm water and erosion and sedimentation control plan requirements in accordance with Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division (DNR-EPD) general construction storm water National Pollution Discharge and Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements.
- (g) Wetlands and Stream Buffer Considerations. If applicable, all solar collection systems shall comply with setback requirements for wetlands in accordance with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and stream buffers in accordance with Georgia DNR-EPD requirements.
- (h) Interconnection Lines. All power lines from a ground-mounted solar collection system shall be located underground, excluding existing utilities.
- (i) Noise Level Limitations. Inverter noise shall not exceed **30 decibels** at the property line.
- (j) Airport. Solar panels shall not be placed in the vicinity of any airport in a manner that would interfere with airport flight patterns.
- (k) Other. Other conditions that provide adequate protection for adjacent residential properties may be deemed reasonable and appropriate for the type of system, and may be added by the Jenkins County Board of Commissioners from time to time as the Board deems fit.

ARTICLE FOUR SOLAR COLLECTION SYSTEMS (RESIDENTIAL SOLAR SYSTEMS)

4.1 SITE CONSIDERATIONS

- (a) Height and Coverage Limitations. Freestanding solar panels located on the ground shall not exceed 10' feet in height above the ground. Roof-mounted panels shall not extend beyond the perimeter of the building on which the system is mounted or constructed. Roof- or building- mounted solar systems shall not cover more than eighty (80) percent of the roof area. The panels shall not be located within three (3) feet of any peak, eave, or valley of the roof to maintain pathways of accessibility. Elevation drawings must be submitted to show:

- (1) The highest finished slope of the solar collector and the slope of the finished roof surface on which it is mounted.
 - (2) The overall layout of the panels with the distance to the roof edge and any parapets on the building.
- (a) Design Review and Certification. Systems located on the roof shall provide, as part of their permit application, evidence of design review and structural certification if the slope of the panel differs from the roof pitch. All panels on commercial roofs shall provide this information regardless of slopes, as well as any residential roof with greater than fifty (50) percent coverage.
 - (b) Warning Signage. The manufacturers' or installers' identification and appropriate warning signage shall be posted on or near the panels in a clearly visible manner.
 - (c) Notification to Electric Company. No solar energy system shall be installed until evidence has been given to the Jenkins County Board of Commissioners that the electric company has been informed of the customers' intent to install an interconnected customer-owned generator. Off grid systems shall be exempt from this requirement.
 - (d) Panels Used by Someone Other Than Owner of Real Property. Any panels installed to be used by someone other than the owner of the real property shall provide a notarized affidavit or evidence of agreement between the lot owner and facility's owner or operator confirming that the facility owner or operator has permission of the property owner to install and utilize solar panels.

ARTICLE FIVE OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 ELECTRICAL DISCONNECT.

The electrical disconnect switch shall be clearly identified and accessible at all times to emergency personnel. The owner must file a map with the Jenkins County Emergency Management Agency depicting where the disconnect switch is located. The owner shall supply all emergency contact information to emergency personnel to have on file.

5.2 COMPLIANCE.

The developer/owner shall at all times construct and operate the facility in compliance with local, state, and federal requirements as to soil erosion and sedimentation, stormwater management, and all other environmental, cultural, and historic resources regulations. The owner shall operate the facility in compliance with any interconnection requirements from appropriate public utilities or public utility regulatory agencies.

5.3 FAILURE TO PROCEED AND ABANDONMENT.

The developer shall submit a decommission plan to the Jenkins County Board of Commissioners for approval. In the event the developer/owner ceases operation of the solar collection facility, or begins but does not complete construction of the project, the developer/owner shall restore the site to as natural a condition as possible within six (6) months of the removal. Any solar collection device or combination of devices that is not operated for a continuous period of six (6) months and for which there are no applications pending for permitted use of the structure at the end of such 6-month period, shall be considered abandoned, whether or not the owner or operator intends to make use of the device(s). The developer/owner of an abandoned solar collection device shall be under a duty to remove such device under the decommission plan. If such device(s) is not removed within a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed three months after receipt of notice from the county notifying the developer/owner of such abandonment, the county may, at its discretion, pursue all legal remedies available to it to insure that the abandoned device(s) is removed. Delay by the county in taking action shall not in any way waive the county's right to take action.

In addition to the decommission plan, the developer/owner shall submit a bond issued by an insurance carrier bearing a A.M. Best insurance rating of A+ or higher renewing annually until the solar project is decommissioned or a irrevocable letter of credit and agreement, so as to ensure the property is returned to its natural, pre-solar panel state. The amount of the bond shall be 125% of the estimated decommissioning cost minus the salvageable value, or \$50,000, whichever is greater. Estimates shall be determined by an engineer licensed to practice in Georgia.

Every five (5) years a new engineer's estimate of probable cost of decommissioning shall be submitted for approval in the same manner as the initial submission, and the bond, letter of credit, or other financial security acceptable to the county, shall be adjusted upward or downward as necessary to reflect the then current cost of the decommissioning and return the property to its pre-solar panel state.

ARTICLE SIX APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- (a) The developer must submit a descriptive plot plan/design, including setbacks, panel sizes, location of property lines, buildings, and road rights-of-way.
- (b) No solar collection system, residential or commercial/utility, shall be installed until evidence has been presented to the Jenkins County Board of Commissioners that the appropriate electric utility company has been informed of the customer's intent to install a solar farm, or solar collection system.
- (c) An affidavit or other documentation of agreement between the property owner and the facility's owner or operator confirming that the owner or operator has the permission of the property owner to apply for necessary permits for construction and operation of the solar collection facility.

- (d) All solar collection facilities must utilize approved solar components. Electric solar system components must have a UL listing.
- (e) All active solar collection facilities and systems shall meet all requirements of the Georgia State Minimum Standard Building Code.

**ARTICLE SEVEN
DECOMMISSIONING**

- (a) Solar systems which have not been in continuous service for a period of at least six (6) months, excluding periods of force majeure (acts of God, storms, etc.) or when a system is under repair or maintenance, shall be removed at the system owner's expense in accordance with applicable laws (environmental, health, safety, etc.) and a decommission plan submitted by the owner to the county.
- (b) The site shall be restored to as natural a condition as possible within six (6) months of the removal.
- (c) Disposal of any solid or hazardous waste must be performed by the system's owner at their expense and in accordance with local, state, and federal waste disposal regulations.
- (d) Documentation of any and all disposal of materials will be provided to the Jenkins County Board of Commissioners upon completion of restoration.
- (e) In addition to the decommission plan, the developer/owner shall submit a bond issued by an insurance carrier bearing an A.M. Best insurance rating of A+ or higher renewing annually until the solar project is decommissioned or a irrevocable letter of credit and agreement, so as to ensure the property is returned to its natural, pre-solar panel state. The amount of the bond shall be 125% of the estimated decommissioning cost minus the salvageable value, or \$50,000, whichever is greater. Estimates shall be determined by an engineer licensed to practice in the state of Georgia.

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**ARTICLE EIGHT
ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES**

8.1 ENFORCEMENT.

The sheriff of the county, the deputies thereof, constables, and all other law enforcement officers shall be authorized to issue citations to violators of any provisions of this Ordinance. Such citation shall state the time and place at which the accused is to appear for trial; shall identify the offense with which the accused is charged; shall have an identifying number by which it shall be filed with the court; shall indicate the identity of the accused and the date of service; and shall be signed by the officer who completes and serves it. In addition to or in lieu of the foregoing, the governing authority may, whether by legal process or otherwise, seek to enjoin, correct, and/or abate any violations of this Ordinance.

8.2 PENALTY AND COURT PROCEEDINGS

- (a) Any person violating this Ordinance, or any provision hereof, upon conviction, may be punished by imposition of a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00, by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed 60 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, or up to the limits of any penalty provided by state law.
- (b) No person accused of violating this Ordinance shall be arrested prior to trial, but any defendant who fails to appear for trial shall be arrested thereafter on a warrant of the court, and required to post a bond for his future appearance.
- (c) Violations of this Ordinance shall be tried either by citation as described in Section 8.1 or by accusations. Such proceedings may be tried with or without a prosecuting attorney. The county attorney shall serve as prosecuting attorney.
- (d) Violations of this Ordinance shall be tried in the magistrate court of Jenkins County.
- (e) Each day any violation of this Ordinance shall continue shall constitute a separate offense. Each violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a separate offense.

**ARTICLE NINE
LEGAL STATUS PROVISIONS**

9.1 INTERPRETATION.

The regulations expressed in this ordinance shall be considered as the minimum provisions for the protection of the health, safety, economy, appearance, convenience, and welfare of the general public.

9.2 CONFLICT WITH OTHER LAWS, ORDINANCES, AND REGULATIONS.

Except as provided in this section, whenever the requirements made under authority of this Ordinance impose higher standards than are required in any other statute of local ordinance or regulation, provisions of this Ordinance shall govern.

9.3 SEPARABILITY.

Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such a declaration shall not affect the Ordinance as a whole, or any other part thereof other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

9.4 EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force on and after the date that it is enacted by the governing authority.

Adopted, approved and enacted this _____ day of March, 2026 at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Jenkins County.

JENKINS COUNTY, GEORGIA

By: _____
Horace Weathersby, Chair
Jenkins County Board of Commissioners

By: _____
Jonathan Powell, Vice Chair
Jenkins County Board of Commissioners

By: _____
Mike Chance, Member
Jenkins County Board of Commissioners

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Tracey Coney, Member
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