Regular Meeting Minutes
Jenkins County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, June 9, 2026
4:00 P.M.

1. The Jenkins County Board of Commissioners met for its Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 4:00 P.M. at the Jenkins County Senior Citizens Center (due to early voting being held at the Commissioners' Office). Commissioners in attendance were Horace Weathersby III, Tracie Coney, Mike Chance, and Pamelia 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. Debbie Hearn, Mr. Bill Kent, Ms. Myrtis Reese, County Field Director Jason Oglesby, Ms. Julia Lassiter, Ms. Vivian Johnson, and Mr. Sylvester Middleton.

2. Chairman Weathersby 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 called for the approval of the AGENDA. The Board members added three Personnel Matters and two Real Estate Matters to Executive Session. A motion was made by Commissioner Chance and seconded by Commissioner Coney to approve the AGENDA as amended. The motion carried with four votes in favor.

4. Chairman Weathersby called for the approval of the Minutes from the May 12, 2026 Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Coney and seconded by Commissioner Chance to approve the Minutes from the May 12, 2026 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion carried with four votes in favor.

5. Under Old Business, Attorney Cindy Ballew discussed the abandonment of the road through River Oaks Subdivision on Old Eighty Road. She stated that the County was gifted the road, but it had not been maintained by the County. She stated that the notice had run in the Millen News and there had been no objections to the abandonment. A motion was made by Commissioner Chance and seconded by Commissioner Coney to abandon the Road in River Oaks Subdivision. The motion carried with four votes in favor.

6. Finally under Old Business, Mr. Saxon mentioned the ongoing problems on Fields Road. He stated that Parker Engineering had performed an analysis and had provided cost estimates for the Board's review. Mr. Saxon stated that a copy of the proposal was in each member's packet. Mr. Saxon stated that the proposal would cost approximately $650,000. Mr. Saxon also mentioned that Tony Felix had sent several text messages to Field Director Oglesby regarding the motor graders and replacing the rock that he had put on the road. Mr. Oglesby stated that the road had washed out during a recent storm and the grader operators went in to make the road passable. He stated that Mr. Felix was unhappy with the repair and was insistent that the County replace the rock that he

had put down. Attorney Gross stated that the action of placing rock on the County road was a crime. Commissioner Chance wanted an opportunity to review the proposal. A motion was made by Commissioner Dwight and seconded by Commissioner Coney to table any action on Fields Road until the Board has an opportunity to review the proposal from Parker Engineering. The motion carried with four votes in favor.

7. Under Field Director's Report, Jason Oglesby stated that there had been considerable rain over the last couple weeks, but no major road damage occurred. The washes were made passable within four days of the storm. Mr. Saxon stated that he had received a "COMPLIMENT" from a citizen on Mockingbird Road, stating that the Road Department had done a fine job.

8. Under County Attorney's Report, Attorney Gross stated that he had no report, but he did have a presentation for Executive Session.

9. Under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that repairs for Old Louisville Road had been scheduled to begin on June 8, but the contractor did not receive his forms in time. Therefore, the new start date is now scheduled for June 15, 2026.

10. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated the County had received the funding for the 2026 LMIG LRA project (Elam Road) from GDOT. Mr. Saxon stated that Board needed to be thinking about the 2027 LMIG, which will be available in July, 2026.

11. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that he had put budget summaries through May in the Commissioners' packets. He stated that the percent of budget (spent or collected) should average 67.92% through this time frame. He stated that most departments are doing a good job at managing expenses.

12. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that he didn't receive the Blight Tax information in time to prepare it for the meeting, so he will send the information to the Board members to be prepared for the discussion during the July meeting.

13. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that he had sent out bid requests for Pest Control, Property and Liability Insurance, and Banking. Regarding Property and Liability Insurance, Mr. Saxon stated that the current agent had the market blocked, so it may be difficult to get quotes from multiple agents.

14. Finally under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon requested a vote to memorialize a recent email poll regarding funding of $3,000 for Main Street Millen's Patriotic Celebration. A motion was made by Commissioner Dwight and seconded by Commissioner Coney to approve the $3,000 sponsorship to the annual Patriotic Celebration. The motion carried with four votes in favor.

15. Under Chairman's Report, Chairman Weathersby inquired about the Public Defender Contract. Mr. Saxon stated that he had not been able to procure the requested budget

information from the Public Defender's Office and asked that Attorney Gross provide assistance to find out the distribution between State Court and Superior Court. Attorney Gross stated that if the County wanted to have its own Public Defender, the position for Public Defender would need to be advertised. Next, Chairman Weathersby inquired about the progress of the CDBG-DR grant. Mr. Saxon stated that the Regional Commission had put out an RFQ for architects, but he did not have the due date. Chairman Weathersby then inquired about the smoke detectors at the Courthouse. Mr. Saxon stated that Jeff Joyner will be meeting with Chief Herrington later this week to discuss placement of the detectors.

16. A motion was made by Commissioner Coney and seconded by Commissioner Chance to enter Executive Session at 4:21 P.M. The motion carried with four votes in favor.

17. A motion was made by Commissioner Chance and seconded by Commissioner Coney to exit Executive Session at 5:04 P.M. The motion carried with four votes in favor. All Commissioners present signed an affidavit stating that only four personnel matters, one litigation matter, and two real estate matters were discussed.

18. A motion was made by Commissioner Chance and seconded by Commissioner Coney to promote Timothy Steptoe to full time equipment operator at a rate of $18 per hour. The motion carried with four votes in favor. He will replace Elijah Shuman whose last day was on May 22, 2026.

19. Chairman Weathersby adjourned the meeting at 5:05 P.M.

Chairman Horace Weathersby III

Mike Chance

Tracie Coney

Pamelia Dwight

Jonathan Powell

Attest: Grady Saxon, Administrator