

Regular Meeting Minutes
Jenkins County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, July 14, 2026
4:00 P.M.

1. The Jenkins County Board of Commissioners met for its Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 4:00 P.M. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the James L. Henry Administrative Building. Commissioners in attendance were Horace Weathersby III, Tracie Coney, Mike Chance, Pamela Dwight and Jonathan Powell. 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, County Field Director Jason Oglesby, Ms. Julia Lassiter, Ms. Vivian Johnson, and Mr. Wesley Parker.
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 there were any changes to the AGENDA. Hearing none, a motion was made by Commissioner Powell 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 June 9, 2026 Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Chance and seconded by Commissioner Coney to approve the Minutes from the June 9, 2026 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Mr. Elijah Reese was not present for his Personal Appearance.
6. Under Old Business, Mr. Saxon stated that he had presented a proposal from Parker Engineering for repairing Fields Road, and that Mr. Parker was here today to answer any questions that the Board may have. Mr. Parker presented copies of the soil test that was performed by Whitaker Lab and reviewed the options detailed. Mr. Parker stated that equipment and trucks are much heavier now. Mr. Parker stated that the Board could scale back the project and do a smaller portion to see how it would work and how long it would last. Mr. Saxon reminded the Board that the Road Department had put down geotextile fabric and rock in one area of the road. The heavy trucks and equipment had completely destroyed the fabric and made a mess. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Chance to remove Fields Road from the AGENDA. The motion carried unanimously. The County will continue maintaining it as normal.
7. Next under Old Business, Mr. Saxon stated that he had put a copy of the proposed Blighted Property Ordinance in the Board's packets. Attorney Gross stated that the Board would not be able to implement the tax for the City only; it would have to be

County-wide. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to remove the Blighted Property Ordinance from the AGENDA. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Finally under Old Business, Mr. Saxon inquired if there had been any updated regarding the Public Defender Contract. Attorney Gross stated that he would present that in Executive Session.
9. Under New Business, Mr. Saxon discussed the 2027 LMIG Application. He stated that the formula amount for 2027 is \$667,370.77 and that the Board needed to decide on a road for the project. The application period opened on July 1, 2026. He stated that the remaining roads on the current LMIG list were Big Buckhead Church Road (4.7 miles), Mount Olive Road (1.8 miles), and South Herndon Road. Mr. Saxon stated that it would require a combination of LMIG funding and TSPLOST funding to complete the project. Wesley Parker estimated that resurfacing would cost \$150,000 per mile. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Chance to select Big Buckhead Church Road for the 2027 LMIG project. The motion carried unanimously.
10. Next under New Business, Mr. Saxon presented a request from the Jenkins County Memorial Library Board of Trustees asking that the Board re-appoint Mrs. Pam Brown and Mr. Emmanuel Watson to the Library Board for July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029. Mr. Watson was previously appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Marilyn Knight. Both individuals have agreed to continue to serve. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Chance to re-appoint Mrs. Pam Brown and Mr. Emmanuel Watson to the Jenkins County Memorial Library Board of Trustees. The motion carried unanimously.
11. Next under New Business, Mr. Saxon presented a temporary construction easement from GDOT for the TIA project on Recreation Drive which includes widening, curb, gutter, and the realigning the end of Virginia Avenue to intersect Recreation Drive at a 90 degree angle. The construction easements would revert back to the County when construction is complete and is accepted by GDOT. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Chance to approve the temporary construction easement with GDOT. The motion carried unanimously.
12. Finally under New Business, Mr. Saxon stated that he, Hester, and Henry had met with representatives from TEMS (Trinity EMS Consulting Services) to discuss the performance of an audit of EMS billing since Henry will be retiring in August. If approved, the Board would receive the results of the audit when it is completed. Attorney Gross reviewed the contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Chance to approve the EMS billing audit through TEMS at a cost of \$5,000 plus 7% of any funds recovered.
13. Under Field Director's Report, Field Director Oglesby discussed the Old Louisville Road repairs, stating that the project was nearing completion. He stated that the project

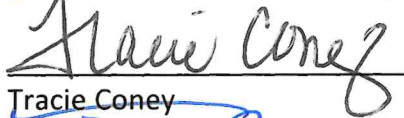
should be complete within a couple weeks. Next, Mr. Oglesby discussed the repairs on one of the Kubota tractors, stating that it was back together and ready to go. Mr. Oglesby stated that he now had a full crew.

14. Attorney Gross did not have an Attorney's Report, but he stated that he did have some information for Executive Session. Attorney Ballew did pass out a proposed ordinance against Jake Brakes for the Board's review.
15. Under Administrator's Report, County Administrator Grady Saxon stated that he had included budget reports in the Commissioners' packets and that the average percent spent/received should be close to 73.08%, based on the number of pay dates in the current year.
16. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon reported that he had sent out budget request letters and forms on June 25 to all Departments and Elected Officials and they are due back by July 16.
17. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon presented a thank you note from Samantha Coker for allowing them to use the airport for her son's care flight to Boston a couple months ago.
18. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that GEMA representatives would be performing a site visit on July 28 so we can begin the project closeouts for Hurricanes Debby and Helene.
19. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon presented some documents from Mr. Perry Lane who had previously stated that he wanted to add additional mobile homes to an existing mobile home park. Commissioner Powell will get in touch with Mr. Lane to have him sign up for a future Commission meeting.
20. Finally under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that he needed each Board member to endorse the bank's signature card for the new FLOST bank account. Mr. Saxon stated that FLOST money had to be maintained in a separate bank account with no comingling of funds.
21. There was no Chairman's Report.
22. A motion was made by Commissioner Chance and seconded by Commissioner Coney to enter Executive Session at 4:44 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.
23. A motion was made by Commissioner Chance and seconded by Commissioner Powell to exit Executive Session at 5:35 P.M. The motion carried unanimously. All Commissioners signed an affidavit stating that only five personnel matters were discussed.

24. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to deny paying the BOA members for their attendance at the DOR audit. The motion carried unanimously.
25. A motion was made by Commissioner Chance and seconded by Commissioner Powell to deny paying for Vicky Patrick's conference attendance next week and to deactivate the Tax Assessor's County credit card. The motion carried unanimously.
26. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to employ Simon Peed as interim Public Defender for Jenkins County State Court. The motion carried unanimously.
27. The Board members signed all necessary meeting documents.
28. Chairman Weathersby adjourned the meeting at 5:38 P.M.



Chairman Horace Weathersby III



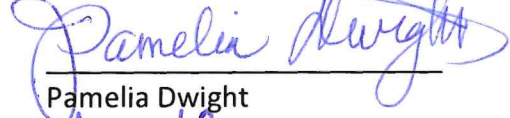
Tracie Coney



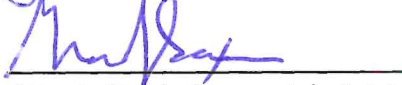
Jonathan Powell



Mike Chance



Pamela Dwight



Attest: Grady Saxon, Administrator