Regular Meeting Minutes
Jenkins County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, September 15, 2026
4:00 P.M.

1. The Jenkins County Board of Commissioners met for its Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 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, Pamelia Dwight (arrived at 4:06 P.M.), and Jonathan Powell. Others in attendance were County Administrator Grady Saxon, County Attorney Kendall Gross, Ms. Deborah Bennett, Mrs. Gwen Watson, Mr. Emmanuel Watson, Mrs. Debbie Hearn, County Field Director Jason Oglesby, Ms. Vivian Johnson, Mr. Bill Kent, Clerk of Courts Tracey Herrington, Mr. Sylvester Middleton, Mr. Harry Joyner, Mrs. Jennifer Blackburn, Mr. Gray Blackburn, and Mr. Jeff Adams.

2. Chairman Horace Weathersby III called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. Chairman Weathersby gave the Invocation and then led the Pledge of Allegiance. He then welcomed all those in attendance.

3. Chairman Weathersby called for the approval of the AGENDA. Hearing no changes, a motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to approve the AGENDA as presented. The motion carried with three votes in favor. Commissioner Dwight was not present for this vote.

4. Chairman Weathersby called for the approval of the Minutes from the August 11, 2026 Regular Meeting, the August 17, 2026 Budget Work Session, and the August 24, 2026 Budget Work Session. Hearing no changes, a motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to approve the Minutes from the August 11, 2026 Regular Meeting, the August 17, 2026 Budget Work Session, and the August 24, 2026 Budget Work Session as presented. The motion carried with three votes in favor. Commissioner Dwight was not present for this vote.

5. Under Personal Appearances, Mrs. Jennifer Blackburn requested a follow-up on a previous request to have some flooding addressed. Field Director Jason Oglesby stated that he and Wesley Parker have developed a plan to install pipes to help with the water flow. Jeff Adams spoke of a run along Matt Boulineau's property with a small pipe that is causing water to back up.

6. Finally under Personal Appearances, Mrs. Gwen Watson stated that she was not pleased with the lack of communication of the change in the Commission Meeting date. She stated that Facebook could be delayed up to 3 days, so your followers may not see the posts immediately. She mentioned that the school system has text message alerts for anything that would affect the school. She stated that the County citizens needed to be informed.

7. Under New Business, Mr. Saxon presented pest control bids from Delta ($760 per month), I SPY ($400 per month), and Econ ($730 per month). There were additional charges for annual termite treatments. After a discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Dwight and seconded by Commissioner Coney to approve the proposal from I SPY. The motion carried with four votes in favor.

8. Next under New Business, Mr. Saxon presented LMIG project bids that were opened on September 8, 2026. There were only two bidders for the project, which included North Herndon Road, Elam Road, and a portion of Birdsville Road. However, Parker Engineering stated that the bid information went out to 426 contractors through the Georgia Procurement Registry. The Reeves bid was $2,075,480.90 for all or $1,061,220.40 excluding Elam. The Sikes bid was $2,132,983.30 for all or 1,069,311.80 excluding Elam. Mr. Saxon stated that there were some additional funds available through LMIG due to under spending on previous LMIG projects. Total LMIG funding available was $1,504,179.89. The remainder would be paid through TSPLOST. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to accept the Bid from Reeves in the amount of $2,075,480.90. The motion carried with four votes in favor.

9. Finally under New Business, Mr. Saxon stated that it was time to submit the application for the 2028 FTA 5311 Rural Transportation Program. The program expenditures will be 50% reimbursable through the FTA and the total program will be an estimated $83,000 per year, with the County to receive an estimated $41,500 in reimbursements. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney proceed with the 2028 FTA 5311 application and to authorize Chairman Weathersby to sign the application documentation. The motion carried with four votes in favor.

10. Under Field Director's Report, Field Director Jason Oglesby stated that the State DOT provided asphalt millings for Cypress Creek Road due to Cypress Creek being used as a detour while the Deep Creek Bridge is being replaced. County workers hauled and spread the millings. Next, Mr. Oglesby stated that a Kubota tractor is still in the shop in Waynesboro. Finally, Mr. Oglesby stated that the grass cutters are about to start the sixth round of mowing along the county paved roads.

11. Under County Attorney's Report, Attorney Gross stated that he, Commissioner Powell, and Commissioner Chance had met with a citizen on Fields Road. He stated that there was definitely a drainage problem, and it would be a good idea to have the engineer and Jason to visit the site and see if there is a way to re-route some of the water. He stated that we will need an engineer's report on GIP Road and Leroy Road as well.

12. Mr. Saxon introduced the newly appointed District Attorney Catherine Sumner. The Board thanked her for coming.

13. Under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that he had included in the Board Members' packets the monthly budget summary through August. He stated that there was no analysis due to the work on the new budget for FY 2026-2027.

14. Next Under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that the Board would need to have 1-2 more Budget Work Sessions this week in order to complete the review of the proposed budget. Then, there would be a very short presentation of the proposed budget to the Board. He stated that the advertisement for the required Budget Public Hearing would run in the Millen News on September 23, with the actual Public Hearing being scheduled for September 30 at 6 P.M., and followed by the Budget adoption on October 7 at 6 P.M. Mr. Saxon will advertise the 5 Year History of Tax Levy and will likely schedule the Millage adoption for October 7 as well.

15. Finally under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon presented an inquiry from Sam at the Jenkins County Times, asking if the Board would be willing to sponsor the "Players of the Game" for Lady Eagles Softball at a cost of $500 per year. Attorney Gross said that it would likely be considered a gratuity and would violate State law.

16. There was no Chairman's Report.

17. A motion was made by Commissioner Coney and seconded by Commissioner Powell to enter Executive Session at 4:38 P.M. The motion carried with four votes in favor.

18. A motion was made by Commissioner Coney and seconded by Commissioner Powell to exit Executive Session at 5:19 P.M. The motion carried with four votes in favor. All Commissioners signed an affidavit stating that only two personnel matters were discussed.

19. The Board members signed all necessary meeting documents. The Board scheduled a Budget Work Session for tomorrow at 4:00 P.M.

20. Chairman Weathersby adjourned the meeting at 5:22 P.M.

Chairman Horace Weathersby III

Tracie Coney

Jonathan Powell

Mike Chance

Pamelia Dwight

Attest: Grady Saxon, Administrator