

Regular Meeting Minutes
Jenkins County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, April 11, 2023
4:00 P.M.

1. The Jenkins County Board of Commissioners met for its Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 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, Hiller Spann, Pamela Dwight (arrived at 4:11 P.M.), Tracie Coney and Jonathan Powell (arrived at 4:25 P.M.). Others in attendance were County Administrator Grady Saxon, County Attorney George Rountree, Mr. Bill Kent, Ms. Hannah Derriso, Mr. Steve Rathbun, Mr. Ricky Lane, Mr. James Saxon, and Ms. Ann Gleason.
2. Chairman Horace Weathersby III called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. He gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Weathersby then welcomed all those in attendance.
3. Chairman Weathersby called for approval of the AGENDA and asked if any changes needed to be made. Mr. Saxon stated that the Solid Waste Ordinance listed under Old Business had been revised, so the process would have to start over. Today's presentation of the revised Ordinance would qualify as the 1st Reading. Hearing no further changes, a motion was made by Commissioner Spann and seconded by Commissioner Coney to approve the AGENDA as amended. The motion carried with three votes in favor. Commissioners Dwight and Powell were not present for this vote.
4. Chairman Weathersby called for the approval of the Minutes from the March 14, 2023 Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Spann and seconded by Commissioner Coney to approve the Minutes from the March 14, 2023 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion carried with three votes in favor. Commissioners Dwight and Powell were not present for this vote.
5. Under Personal Appearances, Mr. Steve Rathbun with SCV presented a request to conduct a short service and place a wreath at the Confederate Memorial on April 26, 2023.
6. Finally under Personal Appearances, Ms. Ann Gleason with the Democratic Party requested the use of a facility to hold party meetings for all political parties. Commissioner Spann stated guidelines would need to be established if the Board decided to proceed.
7. Under Old Business, County Attorney George Rountree presented a revised Solid Waste Management Act Ordinance for review. Chairman Weathersby gave the first reading of the revised Ordinance. A copy will be attached to the Minutes. The draft Ordinance from the March meeting is considered VOID.

8. Finally under Old Business, Commissioner Spann provided an update on Broadband. He stated that there had been conversations with Windstream, Planters Communications, and the FCC. There would be more information forthcoming.
9. Under New Business, Mr. Saxon presented a copy of the original and proposed amendments for the ACCG Bylaws. Commissioner Dwight is the County's voting delegate for ACCG. She will need to vote on the proposed amendments during the ACCG Annual Conference.
10. There was no Field Director's Report.
11. Under County Attorney's Report, Attorney Rountree discussed a potential bond refund in the amount of approximately \$67,000 from a former drug case. Attorney Rountree will confirm the bonds with Sheriff Oglesby and Mr. Saxon.
12. Commissioner Dwight discussed the proposal for having the County provide a location for political parties to conduct their meetings. After a discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Spann and seconded by Commissioner Coney to allow political parties to conduct their political meetings at the senior center at no charge on one Saturday each month. The motion carried with four votes in favor. Commissioner Powell was not present for this vote. The Senior Center Director will set the Saturday and the times, so as to minimize interference with building rentals.
13. A motion was made by Commissioner Spann and seconded by Commissioner Coney to allow the SCV to place a wreath at the Confederate Monument and hold a brief service on April 26, 2023. The motion carried with four in favor. Commissioner Powell was not present for this vote.
14. Under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that the recently updated Jenkins County-City of Millen Comprehensive Plan had been approved by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and that Jenkins County had received a letter stating that the County is classified as a Qualified Local Government. This status allows Jenkins County to obtain funding through the State.
15. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon announced that Jenkins Correctional Center will be holding its Community Relations Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 11:30 A.M. at Rounds on Winthroe II. He announced that all Commissioners had been invited to attend and requested a head count as soon as possible. Commissioners Weathersby, Dwight, and Coney stated that they would be attending.
16. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that he had requested demos with two credit card providers.
17. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that the dumpster cameras on Elam Road were active and that one ticket was currently pending.

18. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon provided an update on Outstanding Taxes. They are as follows:

2020	\$5020.15 Taxes	\$677.82 Solid Waste	\$144.00 Emergency Fees
2021	\$24,965.24 Taxes	\$2669.37 Solid Waste	\$874.73 Emergency Fees
2022	\$346618.18 Taxes	\$11218.40 Solid Waste	\$7916.80 Emergency Fees

He stated that most of these amounts were under appeal and were not considered delinquent. A few parcels were involved in bankruptcy as well. Commissioner Spann inquired how long the waiting period was before a delinquent property could be sold.

19. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon reported that the Harrison Bridge Project was scheduled to bid out in May, 2023.

20. Finally under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that he would be attending the EMAG Conference in Savannah for the remainder of the week and would not be back in the office until Monday, April 17, 2023.

21. Chairman Weathersby had no report.

22. A motion was made by Commissioner Spann and seconded by Commissioner Coney to enter Executive Session at 4:25 P.M. The motion carried with four votes in favor. Commissioner Powell was not present for this vote.

23. A motion was made by Commissioner Spann and seconded by Commissioner Coney to exit Executive Session at 4:29 P.M. The motion carried unanimously. All Commissioner signed an affidavit stating that only ONE personnel matter was discussed.

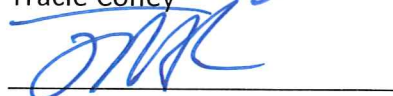
24. A motion was made by Commissioner Spann and seconded by Commissioner Powell to promote Matt Bazemore to Full Time. Matt had been previously hired as a temporary employee for the Road Department. The motion carried unanimously.

25. The Board members signed all necessary meeting paperwork.

26. Chairman Weathersby adjourned the meeting at 4:30 P.M.


Chairman Horace Weathersby III


Tracie Coney


Jonathan Powell


Hiller Spann


Pamela Dwight


Attest: Grady Saxon, Administrator