

Regular Meeting Minutes
Jenkins County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, October 10, 2023
4:00 P.M.

1. The Jenkins County Board of Commissioners met for its Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 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, Tracie Coney, Pamela Dwight (arrived at 4:03 P.M.), Hiller Spann and Jonathan Powell. Others in attendance were County Administrator Grady Saxon, County Attorney George Rountree, Ms. Vivian Johnson, Mr. C.J. Green, Mr. Giovanni Shumake, Mr. Bill Kent, Mr. Joe Brady, Recreation Director Wendell Clark, Field Director Jason Oglesby, Ms. Deborah Bennett, Mrs. Cheryl Tatum, Mr. Tom Morris, Mrs. Sandy Morris, County Road Superintendent Chuck Richardson, Ms. Ann P.D. Gleason, Mrs. Gwen Watson, and Mr. Emmanuel Watson II.
2. Chairman Weathersby 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 called for the approval of the Agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Spann to approve the AGENDA as presented. The motion carried with four votes in favor. Commissioner Dwight was not present for this vote.
4. Chairman Weathersby called for the approval of the Minutes from the September 5, 2023 Budget Work Session, the September 12, 2023 Regular Meeting, the September 21, 2023 Public Hearing, and the September 28, 2023 Called Meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Spann to approve the Minutes from the September 5, 2023 Budget Work Session, the September 12, 2023 Regular Meeting, the September 21, 2023 Public Hearing, and the September 28, 2023 Called Meeting as presented. The motion carried 4 votes in favor. Commissioner Dwight was not present for this vote.
5. Under Personal Appearances, Ms. Ann P.D. Gleason with the Jenkins County Democratic Committee made a request that the Ag Building be made available for a City Council Debate on October 26, 2023 from 6:30 P.M. -9 P.M. She stated that the debate would be open to the public. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to approve the request by Ms. Ann Gleason for the use of the Ag Building on October 26, 2023 from 6:30 P.M. to 9 P.M. for the purpose of holding a debate for the Millen City Council. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Next under Personal Appearances, Mrs. Sandy Morris expressed concerns regarding the condition of Gip Road. She stated that portions of the road become impassable during rains. She expressed that she would like to have a road engineer review the road and make recommendations. She also requested that the culvert at the creek near her house be replaced. She expressed concerns that an ambulance would not be able to traverse the road if it was needed. Mrs. Morris stated that the County graders cut their phone line and water line when ditching. Mr. Saxon will contact Parker Engineering for site review.
7. Under New Business, Mr. Saxon presented a request from the MLK, Jr. Scholarship Committee for the use of the Senior Center in order to hold its scholarship banquet on January 13, 2024. A motion was made by Commissioner Spann and seconded by Commissioner Coney to approve a request by the Jenkins County MLK Jr. Committee to be able to use the Senior Center for its scholarship banquet to be held on January 13, 2024. The use will be allowed at no charge and will allow the committee to award an additional scholarship to a deserving student of Jenkins County High School. The motion carried unanimously.
8. Next under New Business, Mr. Saxon presented a Mental Health Resolution from ACCG. ACCG is requesting that all Georgia Counties adopt the resolution in order to urge the Governor and General Assembly to provide additional focus and resources with regard to Mental Health Reform in the State of Georgia. Chairman Weathersby read aloud the Resolution. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to adopt the Mental Health Resolution. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Saxon will disseminate copies to the Board of Commissioners, to ACCG, and to the State Legislators.
9. Next under New Business, Chairman Weathersby presented a request from the Development Authority to increase the annual supplement from \$80,000 to \$120,000. The Board agreed by consent to table any action until additional information could be obtained.
10. Finally under New Business, Mr. Saxon stated that six companies had submitted qualifications and proposals for the Recreation Grant Project. He stated that he, Recreation Director Wendell Clark, and two members of the CSRA Regional Commission recently met to score the proposals based on several criteria. He stated that Studio 3 from Augusta scored the highest and that was his recommendation. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Spann to select Studio 3 as the architect for the Recreation Grant Project. The motion carried unanimously.
11. Under Field Director's Report, County Field Director Jason Oglesby provided an update on road department activities since the last meeting. He also stated that the

new tractor and side mower should arrive in December and the dump truck should arrive in January 2024. He stated that the grass cutting is on its 5th round.

12. County Attorney George Rountree had no report.
13. Under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that the Board of Assessors was still looking to add one additional member to that Board. He stated that Mr. Donnie Swinson had expressed interest and willingness to serve. Mr. Saxon will contact folks on the list provided by the Board of Assessors and see if any of them are willing to serve.
14. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that resurfacing has begun on Highway 25 South, and will run from Highway 23 to the Bulloch County Line. He did not have an estimated date of completion.
15. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that the County had received its annual LMIG allocation for 2024 in the amount of \$544,936.02. These funds, in conjunction with T-SPLOST funds, will be used to resurface Lane Road and L.B. Hall road. He stated that the bid opening would occur sometime in mid to late November.
16. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that the contractor at the airport had completed the hangar slab and should begin installing the drainage this week. Paving will follow the drainage install, and should be complete within the next 30 days. This project is for the concrete slab and asphalt taxiway only. The hangar building will likely be included in the FY 2025 funding.
17. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that there has been a delay in the BB Lane project due to the need for a drainage easement from one of the property owners. He stated that Parker Engineering has met with the property owner and the information has been sent to the Regional Commission for review and next steps.
18. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon reported that it would soon be time to apply for the 2024 CDBG. He asked that the Board approve a letter of agreement with the CSRA Regional Commission for the preparation of the application. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to approve the letter of agreement with the CSRA Regional Commission. The motion carried unanimously.
19. Finally under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon discussed an inquiry by a citizen about a refund of all-star fees. Refunding of all-star fees was approved by the Board several years ago as a way of rewarding kids for being all-stars and being model representatives of the department. After a discussion between the Board and the Recreation Director, the Board decided that it would not continue the process at this

time. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Spann to discontinue this process and not provide refunds this year. The motion carried with three votes in favor. Commissioner Coney stated that the parents may be expecting this refund. Commissioners Dwight and Coney abstained.

20. Under Chairman's Report, Chairman Weathersby discussed the services provided by Technical Appraisal Services. Commissioner Spann stated that the Board needed to meet with the Board of Assessors regarding these services.

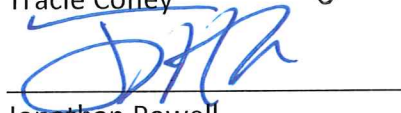
21. Chairman Weathersby adjourned the meeting at 4:48 P.M.



Chairman Horace Weathersby III



Tracie Coney



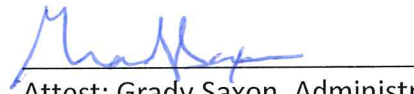
Jonathan Powell



Hiller Spann



Pamela Dwight



Attest: Grady Saxon, Administrator