

Regular Meeting Minutes
Jenkins County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, September 12, 2023
4:00 P.M.


1. The Jenkins County Board of Commissioners met for its Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 4:00 P.M. in the Courtroom at the Jenkins County Courthouse. Commissioners in attendance were Chairman Horace Weathersby III, Tracie Coney, Pamela Dwight, and Jonathan Powell. Others in attendance were County Administrator Grady Saxon, County Attorney George Rountree (arrived at 4:05 P.M.), Ms. Vivian Johnson, Mr. C.J. Green, Mr. Giovanni Shumake, Mrs. Sherri Chance, Mr. Bill Kent, Mr. Joe Brady, Tax Commissioner Tina Burke, Clerk of Courts Tracey Herrington, Recreation Director Wendell Clark, Field Director Jason Oglesby, Mrs. Cindy Harris, Ms. Deborah Bennett, Mr. Dean Oglesby, Mr. George Hall, Mrs. Christa Hendrix, Mrs. Cheryl Tatum, and Mrs. Karen Johnson.
2. Chairman Horace Weathersby III gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Weathersby welcomed all those in attendance.
3. Chairman Weathersby asked if any changes needed to be made to the AGENDA. Mr. Saxon stated that Recreation Director Wendell Clark wanted to make a short presentation under Personal Appearances. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell 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 August 8, 2023 Public Hearing and the August 8, 2023 Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Dwight to approve the Minutes from the August 8, 2023 Public Hearing and the August 8, 2023 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion carried with four votes in favor.
5. Under Personal Appearances, Recreation Director Wendell Clark provided an update on fall activities at the Recreation Department, including football, cheering, and baseball. He stated that the Recreation Department was planning a float in the Fair on the Square Parade and a booth at the Fair on the Square. He then gave a brief description of the grant that the County has received for Recreation Improvements. Mr. Clark then presented an information packet to each Commissioner. He stated that the fee for renting the Recreation
6. Under New Business, Mr. Saxon stated that the Board of Assessors has requested that the Board of Commissioners appoint Ms. Vivian Johnson to the Board of Assessors to fill the unexpired term of Jeremy Lindsey, who recently resigned. Mr. Saxon also stated Mr. Glen Mays and Mrs. Emma Whitters terms on the Board of Assessors had expired and they both had agreed to serve additional 6 year terms. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to

appoint Ms. Vivian Johnson to the Board of Assessors to fill the unexpired term of Jeremy Lindsey. The motion carried with four votes in favor. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to reappoint Mr. Glen Mays and Mrs. Emma Whitters to the Board of Assessors for additional 6 year terms. The motion carried with four votes in favor.

7. Finally under New Business, Mr. Saxon stated that as a participant in the ACCG Worker's Compensation Insurance Program, Jenkins County is eligible for a 7.5% discount on Worker's Compensation premiums if the County decides to stay with ACCG. A motion was made by Commissioner Dwight and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve the submission of the Discount Request Forms. The motion carried with four votes in favor.
8. Under Field Director's Report, County Field Director Jason Oglesby provided an update on road conditions after Hurricane Idalia. He stated that the Road Department had removed 38 trees that were down due to the storm. Mr. Oglesby also stated that only one road was completely washed out during the storm. Mr. Oglesby stated that the grass cutting was on its fifth round this season. He then thanked the Board for all that they do.
9. Under County Attorney's Report, County Attorney George Rountree stated that he had met with a group of citizens regarding the Solid Waste Management Plan and that he was working to incorporate the citizens' ideas into the proposed plan.
10. Under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that the slab for the new hangars at the airport had been poured and that we were awaiting the laying of asphalt for the taxiway to the slab. He stated that the new hangar building was scheduled for state FY 2025.
11. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that it was time to apply for the FY 2025 5311 transit Grant. He stated that this was a 50/50 reimbursible program in which the County is reimbursed for 50% of the costs associated with operating the transit program. In a typical year, the transit budget averages \$79,000, so the average reimbursement is \$39,500. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to proceed with the application and have Chairman Weathersby sign the Authorizing Resolution. The motion carried with four votes in favor.
12. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon presented to the Board the proposed County Budget for FY 2023-2024. He stated that that a Budget ad will run in the Millen News on September 13, 2023, announcing that the proposed budget is available for public review, that there would be a Budget Public Hearing at 6 p.m. on September 21, 2023 at the Commissioners' Office, and that the proposed budget would be adopted at a Called Meeting on September 28, 2023 at 6 p.m. at the Commissioners' Office.

13. Finally under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that the 5 Year History of Tax Levy is scheduled to run in the Millen News on September 13, 2023. He stated that the County will plan to adopt its Millage Rate at 6 p.m. on September 28, 2023. The Board will then adopt the Combined Millage, which included County and School Board.
14. There was no Chairman's Report.
15. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to enter Executive Session at 4:16 P.M. The motion carried with four votes in favor.
16. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to exit Executive Session at 4:22 P.M. The motion carried with four votes in favor. All Commissioners present signed an affidavit stating that only three personnel matters were discussed.
17. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to promote Cole Thurston, Daniel White, and Joshua Graham to full time. The motion carried with four votes in favor.
18. Chairman Weathersby adjourned the meeting at 4:23 P.M.


Chairman Horace Weathersby III


Tracie Coney


Jonathan Powell


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Attest: Grady Saxon, Administrator