


Regular Meeting Minutes
Jenkins County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, April 8, 2025
4:00 P.M.

1. The Jenkins County Board of Commissioners met for its Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 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, Pamela Dwight, Tracie Coney, Jonathan Powell and Mike Chance. Others in attendance were County Administrator Grady Saxon, County Attorney Kendall Gross, Mr. Bill Kent, Mrs. Gwen Watson, Mr. Sandy Miller, Mr. Emmanuel Watson, County Field Director Jason Oglesby, Ms. Julia Lassiter, Ms. Deborah Bennett, Mrs. Cheryl Tatum, Clerk of Courts Tracey Herrington, Chief Appraiser Vicky Patrick, and Mrs. Debbie Hearn.
2. Chairman Horace Weathersby III 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 asked if any changes needed to be made to the AGENDA. Mr. Saxon stated that there needed to be one additional personnel matter added to Executive Session, bring the total personnel matters to 5. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Chance to approve the AGENDA as amended. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Chairman Weathersby called for the approval of the Minutes from the March 18, 2025 Regular Meeting and Revised Minutes from the January 14, 2025 Regular Meeting. Mr. Saxon stated that the January 14, 2025 Minutes were incomplete when approved. The revised copy included the additions to Line 26. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to approve the Minutes from the March 18, 2025 Regular Meeting and Revised Minutes from the January 14, 2025 Regular Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Under Personal Appearances, EMS Director Henry Young stated that the AEDs for the volunteer fire departments are now outdated and need to be replaced. He stated that six AEDs are needed. Mr. Young will provide an updated cost on the replacement AEDs. Next, Mr. Young requested a new Ambulance, stating that any new ambulance would not come equipped with a stretcher. Mr. Saxon stated that he has requested a meeting with Senator Ossoff's office regarding a potential grant. Chairman Weathersby inquired about the ambulance that is currently in the shop. The Board should know something by the end of the week regarding the ambulance purchase.
6. Finally under Personal Appearances, Attorney Gross discussed background information regarding Old Aycock Road. Mr. Sandy Miller stated that he was a business owner, producing 450,000 pounds of catfish in the ponds on his farm. He stated that he hoped

the Board would maintain the road and won't hinder his business. Field Director Oglesby stated that ROW would have to be determined, likely needing to review the plats at the Tax Assessor's Office. Mr. Oglesby will visit the site tomorrow. Mr. Miller would like to go with Mr. Oglesby. A motion was made by Commissioner Chance and seconded by Commissioner Coney to maintain Old Aycock Road. The motion carried unanimously. Chairman Weathersby instructed Field Director Oglesby to still visit the site to determine what was necessary to proceed.

7. Under Previous Meeting Inquiries, the Board discussed placing Commission photos on the Chamber's website. A motion was made by Commissioner Dwight and seconded by Commissioner Coney to have a group photo of the Commission taken for placement on the Chamber's website. The motion carried unanimously.
8. Under Old Business, the Board discussed with Clerk of Courts Tracey Herrington the need to restore PlatBook #12 due to the deterioration of some of the plats due to continued folding. She stated the book would be taken offsite and be restored to look brand new. Clerk Herrington discussed a quote from Kofile in the amount of \$18,049.70. Clerk Herrington also stated that Kofile was the company that other Clerks used for document restoration. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to approve the restoration of PlatBook #12. The motion carried unanimously. One-half of the cost will be due when the book is picked up and the remainder upon completion. Clerk Herrington also discussed the need to have some Minute Books scanned. The total cost of this procedure would be \$16,461.00. No action was taken on the Minute Books.
9. Under New Business, Mr. Saxon discussed the recent bid opening for the Grapevine Road Drainage project and the fact that we had been unable to obtain references for qualifications for the low bidder Cline Service Corp. from Manchester, Georgia. Mr. Saxon stated that the options were to accept the low bid from Cline Service Corp. for \$261,790, or accept the next lowest bidder Shockley Plumbing in the amount of \$298,870, or continue to wait and see if we receive qualifications for Cline Service Corp. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Chance to approve the quote from Shockley Plumbing in the amount of \$298,870. The motion carried unanimously.
10. Finally under New Business, Mr. Saxon presented the revised Probation Service Agreements for the Courts from Jenkins County and the City of Millen. He stated under the new agreements, the fees would be updated to \$45. Mr. Saxon has contacted Probation Officer Shannon Turner for clarification on the old fees versus the new fees.
11. There was no Field Director's Report. Chairman Weathersby asked if Parker Engineering had been to work up a plan for Old Garfield Road. Mr. Oglesby stated that due to the work on FEMA projects, Parker has been unable to visit the site. Mr. Oglesby stated that the Road Department had been hauling dirt to various places on the road to try to help with the problem.

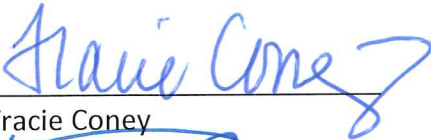
12. Under County Attorney's Report, Attorney Gross discussed the County's Solar Ordinance and recommended strengthening the part regarding decommissioning. He stated that, overall, the ordinance was pretty good. He asked that the Board members obtain a copy of the current ordinance and make suggestions for changes.
13. Under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon reminded the Board of the ACCG Annual Conference to be held on April 24-27 in Savannah. Mr. Saxon will have travel packets ready on or before April 21.
14. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that the Recreation Grant Project is progressing. The light poles are up and the batting cage shelter has been constructed. New scoreboards have been installed, but power for the boards could be 90 days out.
15. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that the BB Lane project is almost complete. He stated that a few pipes need work, silt fence has to be removed, and a drainage easement needs to be finished. He stated that the deadline for closeout is May 31, 2025.
16. Finally under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that the HWY 25 Turn Lane Project at the new industrial park was about 60% complete.
17. Under Chairman's Report, Chairman Weathersby discussed the restroom drainage at the Recreation Department. Field Director Oglesby stated that the drain would rerouted before concrete is poured.
18. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to enter Executive Session at 4:57 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.
19. A motion was made by Commissioner Coney and seconded by Commissioner Dwight to exit Executive Session at 5:09 P.M. The motion carried unanimously. All Commissioners signed an affidavit that only 5 personnel matters and one matter of potential litigation were discussed.
20. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Chance to approve an increase for Jason Oglesby by \$5.28/hr, to employ Judson Zeigler as equipment operator at \$22.50/hr, to promote PT EMT Kindall Hardee to FT at her current rate of \$15/hr, to employ Raymond Marat as FT Paramedic at \$20/hr, and to employ Eli Shuman as FT Grass Cutter at \$15/hr. The motion carried unanimously.
21. Chairman Weathersby adjourned the meeting at 5:15 P.M.



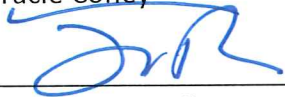
Chairman Horace Weathersby III



Mike Chance




Tracie Coney



Jonathan Powell



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Attest: Grady Saxon, Administrator