

Regular Meeting Minutes
Jenkins County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, May 13, 2025
4:00 P.M.

1. The Jenkins County Board of Commissioners met for its Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 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, County Field Director Jason Oglesby, Ms. Julia Lassiter, Ms. Deborah Bennett, Clerk of Courts Tracey Herrington, Chief Appraiser Vicky Patrick, Ms. Jacquelyn Rigsbee, Mr. C.J. Green, Mrs. Sherri Chance, Ms. Vivian Johnson, Chief Deputy Wesley Aaron, Mr. Eddie Dickey, Mrs. Debbie Hearn and Sheriff Robert Oglesby.
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. 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 one additional personnel matter need to be added to Executive Session, changing the total from two to three. Hearing no other changes, a motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to approve the AGENDA as amended. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Chairman Weathersby called for the approval of the minutes from the April 8, 2025 Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to approve the Minutes from the April 8, 2025 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Under Personal Appearances, Chief Deputy Wesley Aaron presented an impending need for the replacement of the County's E-911 Hardware. He stated that the current hardware is obsolete; one station is currently out of service and the other two are subject to go down at any time. He presented a quote from MCA (Motorola) in the amount of \$122,296.16, an amount that could be financed for 60 months at \$2,534.74 per month with the County being able to purchase the hardware for \$1.00 at the end of the term. The Board will try to acquire additional quotes. Sheriff Oglesby stated that the AT&T portion of the system is obsolete as well but is still currently functioning. Sheriff Oglesby also stated that the quoted system would be compatible with our current radios would also be compliant with Next Gen 911.
6. Next under Personal Appearances, Mr. Sandy Miller stated that he was disappointed that no work had been done on Old Aycock Road. Chairman Weathersby stated that there were concerns regarding the ROW. Mr. Miller stated the road was being

maintained by the County when he purchased his property in 1998. He also stated that he was told by a County Worker in 2001 that the road had been abandoned and that he would have to go and talk to the Board. Chairman Weathersby recognized Jacquelyn Rigsbee, who stated that she has lived on the property of Mr. Gideon Haymaker for 8 years and has maintained the road herself. She was at the meeting representing Mr. Haymaker, who owns approximately 85% of the land on both sides of Old Aycock Road. She stated that keeping the road as it was would be beneficial to all the property owners. Mr. Miller asked the Board to develop a strategy to fix the road, making it passable for a car. Chairman Weathersby asked Attorney Gross what the County's options were. Attorney Gross stated that the County could fix it or abandon it and have the property owners maintain it themselves. Chairman Weathersby asked Attorney Gross to facilitate meetings with the landowners.


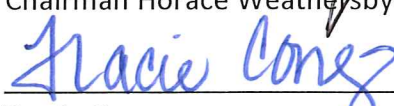
7. Finally under Personal Appearances, Mr. Saxon reported that Mr. Andy Brinson had requested that the Board have the striping redone on North Jones Plantation Road and South Herndon Road, as drivers cannot see the lines at night.
8. Under Old Business, Mr. Saxon presented updated information regarding the proposed change to the County's Probation Service Agreements with Superior Court, State Court, Magistrate Court, and Millen Municipal Court. The proposed change would increase the supervision fees from \$35 to \$45 and would align Jenkins County's fee schedule with those of surrounding counties. A motion was made by Commissioner Chance and seconded by Commissioner Coney to approve the increase in supervision fees to \$45. The motion carried unanimously.
9. Finally under Old Business, Mr. Saxon stated that he has still been unable to reach Senator Ossoff's office regarding the recent grant application. Mr. Saxon stated that he had sent out an email poll to the Board members and had received four responses from the members approving the order of the new ambulance in the amount of \$319,850. He stated that today's action would be an official vote for the Minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to proceed with the order of the new ambulance in the amount of \$319,850. The motion carried unanimously.
10. Under New Business, Mr. Saxon stated that since Elections are now the responsibility of the Board of Elections and Registration, a new Intergovernmental Agreement is necessary for the City of Millen to be able to use the County's voting equipment for City Elections. He stated that the City would be responsible for all costs associated with the City's use of the County's voting equipment. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Dwight to authorize Chairman Weathersby to execute the agreement, which has already been approved by the City of Millen. The motion carried unanimously.
11. Next under New Business, Mr. Saxon discussed a new ADA plan that has been adopted by GDOT that is required for all Counties participating in the Federal Transit


Administration's 5311 Rural Transit Program. It is also required that the Counties post the plan on the Transit Bus and on the County website. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to adopt the ADA Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Next under New Business, County Field Director Oglesby presented a request to purchase 2 used motor graders from Yancey Brothers. He stated that we have currently 2 graders that are 36 years old and they are almost worn out. He stated that both graders have had an inspection and have been certified by Yancey. The cost of the two is \$385,000, which is less than the cost of one new machine. Both machines have a warranty (24 month/2000 hours) and low hours. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Chance to purchase the two used motor graders from Yancey in the amount of \$385,000. The motion carried unanimously.
13. Next under New Business, Mr. Saxon stated that the governor had made available some Local Road Administration funds for the state. Jenkins County's portion is \$682,494.59 and would require no match. He stated that the County would have to apply for funds by June 15, 2025. A motion was made by Commissioner Coney and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve the submission of the application for LRA with Gay's Hill being the anticipated project. The motion carried unanimously.
14. Finally under New Business, the Board discussed property assessment notices. The Tax Assessor's Office stated that there would be an estimated 20% increase in residential property assessments. He stated that the Board would need to provide an estimated rollback rate before assessment notices could be sent out. Chief Appraiser Vicky Patrick stated that the Board had three options for that estimate. Chairman Weathersby asked her to figure all three and report back to the Board, to which she replied "not my job".
15. Under Field Director's Report, Jason Oglesby stated that no roads were blown out during the 7.5" flood. He stated that he had authorized some overtime so the guys can attempt to improve the current road conditions by straight blading, filling in ruts and washes as best as they can.
16. Attorney Gross has no additional report this month.
17. Under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon presented a quote for the cost of replacing AEDs for the volunteer fire departments. The cost of the six replacements will be \$13,817.70. Chairman Weathersby will ask Mandy Underwood if a grant may be available.
18. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon presented a flyer from Krystal Coney with ROX Foundation, announcing a school supply drive planned for this summer.
19. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon presented information on a new health insurance program called ICHRA (Individual Coverage Health Reimbursement


Arrangement), anticipating that employee premiums could be reduced by 40-60%. Madison Street Agency Representative Scott Higginbotham would like to present the proposal to the Chairman and myself, and possibly to the entire Board. Mr. Saxon will set up the initial meeting.

20. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that the Hwy 25 Turn Lane Project and Access Road is approximately 95% complete. He expects that the final pay request for this project to be received within the next 30-45 days, depending on grassing and shoulder repairs.
21. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that there would be a bid opening tomorrow for Gay's Hill Road and Speedy Sapp Road. He stated that Speedy Sapp was the LRA project for 2024. Gay's Hill was an add-on to see what the project would come in at, since it's only 2.8 miles.
22. Finally under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that we are nearing the final payment to Pineland Communications for the Broadband Project. The final amount will be \$937,530.00. We currently have \$596,516.93 in ARPA funds, which leaves \$341,013.07 to be expended from County funds. Mr. Saxon stated that the County could use SPLOST funds or the account set aside for the hospital (\$319,128.90) to pay the remainder. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Chance to pay \$319,000 from the Hospital Account and the remainder through SPLOST 7. The motion carried unanimously.
23. A motion was made by Commissioner Coney and seconded by Commissioner Chance to enter Executive Session at 5:23 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.
24. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to exit Executive Session at 5:31 P.M. The motion carried unanimously. All Commissioners signed an affidavit stating that only three personnel matters were discussed.
25. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to increase the pay of Will Tyler and Vance Garvin by \$1.00 per hour and to promote Randy Pryor to FT with no change in pay. The motion carried unanimously.
26. Chairman Weathersby adjourned the meeting at 5:32 P.M.



Chairman Horace Weathersby III

Tracie Coney


Mike Chance

Pamela Dwight



Jonathan Powell



Attest: Grady Saxon, Administrator