

Regular Meeting Minutes
Jenkins County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, January 13, 2026
4:00 P.M.

1. The Jenkins County Board of Commissioners met for its Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 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, Mike Chance, Jonathan Powell and Pamela Dwight. Others in attendance were County Administrator Grady Saxon, County Attorney Kendall Gross, Attorney Cindy Ballew, Ms. Deborah Bennett, Mrs. Gwen Watson, Mr. Emmanuel Watson, Mrs. Debra Hearn, Ms. Julia Lassiter, Mr. Bill Kent, Ms. Vivian Johnson, Mr. Eddie Dickey, Sheriff Robert Oglesby, Mrs. Cheryl Tatum, Mr. Charlie Walker, Jr., Mrs. Hilda Walker, Mrs. Shanelle Carr, and Ms. Martha Sea.
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. Commissioner Powell stated that under Executive Session, Personnel needed to be changed from 3 to 4, and then add Item C: Real Estate-1 matter. 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 December 9, 2025 Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Chance to approve the Minutes from the December 9, 2025 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Under Personal Appearances, Matthew Rucker was not present for his appearance to discuss Fields Road.
6. Finally under Personal Appearances, Commissioner Dwight stated that she wanted the Board to review the county's current 5 year plan with focus on leading into the next decade. Commissioner Dwight asked if one of her constituents (Mrs. Gwen Watson) could address concerns about possibly adding members to the Hospital Board. Chairman stated that she was not on the AGENDA. He did state that he had inquired that it would have to be presented to the State Legislature to make changes.
7. Under Old Business, Mr. Saxon inquired about the consideration to take Jaxson Mason Lane into the County's Road System. This matter had been proposed by Hiller Spann. Mr. Saxon stated that the lane is 0.1 miles in length. Field Director Oglesby presented plats and pics of the lane. Mr. Oglesby stated that it would not be a benefit for the County to take it in. He also stated that one of the property owners along the lane

thought he already owned it. That property owner did not want it scraped. Attorney Gross stated that the Board could vote to remove it from the AGENDA if the County did not want to accept the property. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Chance to remove the item from the AGENDA. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Next under Old Business, Mr. Saxon inquired about the consideration of the Community Playground Project. He stated that Ms. Shanelle Carr had sent the request last month. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to table this matter until additional information (costs and detailed plan) could be obtained. The motion carried unanimously.
9. Next under Old Business, Mr. Saxon and Chairman Weathersby discussed concerns presented to the County by the City of Millen. These items included the proposed FLOST, Blight Tax, Building Inspections, Fire Service, and SDS. Regarding FLOST, Attorney Gross stated that the County and City needed to meet again very soon to discuss the split and these other items. He stated that the deadline for the FLOST Referendum is February 20, 2026. Regarding the Blight Tax, Commissioner Powell requested additional information on the uniform application of the policy and procedures. He stated that there seems to be a lot of "gray area" in the way the tax has been presented. Mr. Saxon stated that the Blight Tax would be applied using the County's Millage rate and it would be applied at 7 times the normal tax rate. Attorney Gross stated that the criteria needed to be objective so it could be supported and documented. Regarding building inspections, the City had requested that Jason provide building inspections in the City and the County could keep the revenue. After a discussion, the Board did not agree to that request. Regarding fire service, Mr. Saxon stated that the current fire agreement (automatic aid) expires on March 31, 2026. The City has requested that the County pay the City \$50,000 annually instead of \$40,000 annually for the provision of automatic aid. There was also a discussion of the Service Delivery Strategy and some possible revisions to several sections of the SDS that need to be made to ensure compliance. Attorney Gross stated that the County and City need to discuss this matter during their next meeting. Mr. Saxon will schedule the meeting.
10. Next under Old Business was the Consideration to proceed with the request to close a portion of Fields Road. Since Mr. Rocker was not in attendance to present the request, a motion was made by Commissioner Coney and seconded by Commissioner Chance to remove the item from the AGENDA. The motion carried unanimously.
11. Finally under Old Business, Chairman Weathersby provided the First Reading of the Solar Ordinance (would replace the previous Solar Ordinance). A motion was made by Commissioner Chance and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve the First Reading of the new Solar Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously. Attorney Gross stated that the New Ordinance was modeled after the previous Ordinance. Commissioner Powell wanted to ensure that the fees are updated with current trends.

12. Under New Business, Mr. Saxon discussed an anonymous letter listing concerns with activities at the Recreation Department. Mr. Saxon will address the letter with the Recreation Director and will report back to the Board.
13. Next under New Business, Mr. Saxon stated that the terms for Ms. Julia Lassiter and Ms. Vivian Johnson on the Board of Assessors had expired on December 31, 2025. Both had expressed a willingness to continue to serve. A motion was made by Commissioner Coney and seconded by Commissioner Dwight to re-appoint Julia Lassiter and Vivian Johnson to the Board of Assessors for 6 year terms. The motion carried unanimously.
14. Next under New Business, Mr. Saxon explained the process for approving qualifying fees for each election cycle. Mr. Saxon presented the schedule of the qualifying fees for the 2026 Election Year. Those positions and fees are as follows:

County Commissioner, Districts #2 and #5	\$ 126.00
Board of Education, Districts #2 and #5	\$ 120.00
State Court Judge	\$1,017.00
State Court Solicitor General	\$ 990.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to approve the qualifying fees for the 2026 Election Year. The motion carried unanimously.

15. Next under New Business, Mr. Saxon presented a request from the MLK/Charles Beale Scholarship Committee to allow the Committee to use the Senior Center to hold its annual banquet at no charge in exchange for the Committee awarding one additional scholarship to a deserving Senior of Jenkins County High School. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to approve the use of the Senior Center by the MLK/Charles Beale Scholarship Committee for its annual banquet. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Saxon stated that each Board member had received an invitation to attend the banquet, which is scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.
16. Next under New Business, Field Director Jason Oglesby presented information on HB 493, which would allow property owners to contract with an Engineer or Architect to conduct a plan review and inspection(s) without involving the County government. The County would still collect the customary fee for the permit. Attorney Gross will draft a Resolution that would be provided to the property owner, along with the current fee schedule.
17. Finally under New Business, Mr. Saxon briefly discussed a sample of an Intergovernmental Agreement for a FLOST and its distribution.
18. Under Field Director's Report, Jason Oglesby discussed the flood lights at the Courthouse. He stated that the transformers and wiring are burned up in the lights and he recommended changing them out to LED lights. Mr. Oglesby will get quotes on the replacement of the lights. Next, Mr. Oglesby discussed dumpster site cameras. He stated

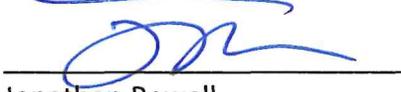
that Emanuel County installed a system that will cost between \$7,000 and \$10,000 per site, plus the cost of electricity and internet (\$100). He also discussed the system that is used by Screven County, which costs an average of \$1,800 per site plus data storage for the cameras. The Board discussed the possibility of consolidating dumpster sites. Mr. Oglesby also discussed the new site on Perkins Road. He has requested quotes for fencing (with the green mesh) at the new site. Mr. Oglesby also stated that the Joe Waters Road and Harriet Miller Road culverts were complete, and that the Rabitsch Road project had begun.

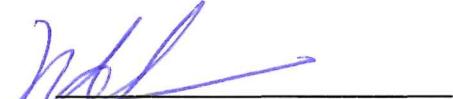
19. Under County Attorney's Report, Attorney Gross stated that he had a discussion for Executive Session. Chairman Weathersby asked if the County could possibly be reimbursed for representation in a lawsuit that was quickly dropped by the plaintiff. Attorney Gross will look into the matter.
20. Under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that the actual amount of the budget amendment for the Sheriff's body cameras was \$22,119.00, and that the amendment had been included in the Budget.
21. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon presented a quote for a new power stretcher for the recently ordered ambulance. The quote is from Stryker Medical in the amount of \$35,804.82. No action was taken today.
22. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that the generator for the Annex is scheduled for delivery on February 22, 2026 with the installation occurring during the first week of February.
23. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon presented three quotes for the County's Worker's Comp insurance: Encova-\$84,244, Berkshire-\$66,813, Bitco-\$74,463. Mr. Saxon had polled the Board members in December and the majority had approved the quote from Bitco, a company with an A+ rating on Standard and Poor's. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Dwight to approve the quote from Bitco in the amount of \$74,463. The motion carried unanimously.
24. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that he had instructed the Elections Supervisor to run some numbers regarding potential cost savings by consolidating polling locations. He stated that there could potentially be a savings of \$726,892.69 over four years. The Board will review this information and consider consolidation.
25. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that Harriet Miller Road was complete the final bill would be paid this week and that the reimbursement request would be submitted to GEMA as soon as the check clears the bank.

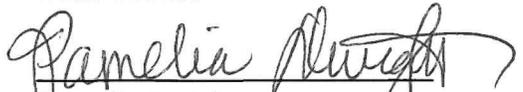
26. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that the Board would need to file for an extension on the BB Lane project in order for DCA to process the final draw before the project closeout.
27. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon reported that the bid opening for Mays Road was held on January 7, 2026 with eight bidders on the project. He stated that Parker Engineering had recommended SA Brown Enterprises of Vidalia, GA for the job with a low bid of \$156,780.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Chance to approve the low bid from SA Brown Enterprises in the amount of \$156,780.00. The motion carried unanimously.
28. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that he had visited Rabitsch Road and the crew was pumping water out of the stream. The crew was waiting on the pipe, but they were going to level the stream bed and install a rock base in the meantime.
29. Finally under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that there had been a grass fire on the north end of the airport property that had started at Highway 25 and proceeded toward the runway. The fire had burned approximately two acres of grass, but no visible property damage had occurred.
30. Under Chairman's Report, Chairman Weathersby inquired about the hangar project at the airport. Mr. Saxon reported that we had to make a consultant selection before any projects were started in 2026. Mr. Saxon stated that he was currently reviewing consultant proposals.
31. Commissioner Dwight announced that former County Commissioner Domingo Green turns 99 years old this year and citizens want to recognize him for his service and longevity. Ms. Shanelle Carr will coordinate with Commissioner Dwight on plans for the recognition.
32. A motion was made by Commissioner Coney and seconded by Commissioner Powell to enter Executive Session at 5:27 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.
33. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to exit Executive Session at 6:19 P.M. All Commissioners signed an affidavit stating that only four personnel matters, one potential litigation matter, and one real estate matter were discussed.
34. A motion was made by Commissioner Coney and seconded by Commissioner Powell to promote Jacqueline Jimenez to full time in the Clerk's Office at a rate of \$15/hour, effective January 2, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.
35. The Board members signed all necessary documents.
36. Chairman Weathersby adjourned the meeting at 6:25 P.M.

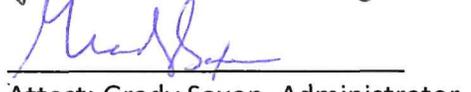

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Attest: Grady Saxon, Administrator