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

1. The Jenkins County Board of Commissioners met for its Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 4:00 P.M. at the Jenkins County Senior Center (due to early voting being conducted at the Commissioners' Office). Commissioners in attendance were Chairman Horace Weathersby III, Jonathan Powell, Pamelia Dwight, Tracie Coney, and Mike Chance (arrived at 4:36 P.M.). Others in attendance were County Administrator Grady Saxon, County Attorney Kendall Gross, Attorney Cindy Ballew, Mrs. Debbie Hearn, Ms. Julia Lassiter, Ms. Deborah Bennett, Ms. Tami Kicklighter, Ms. Kim Billings, Mr. Bill Kent, Mr. Eddie Dickey, Ms. Vivian Johnson, Ms. Shanelle Carr, County Field Director Jason Oglesby, Ms. Gwen Watson, Mr. Emmanuel Watson, and Mr. Sylvester Middleton.

2. Chairman Horace Weathersby III called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Chairman Weathersby gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Weathersby welcomed all those in attendance.

3. Chairman Weathersby called for the approval of the AGENDA. Commissioner Powell asked to add a section for Old Business to discuss a request to have the Minutes from a previous meeting amended. 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 with four votes in favor.

4. Chairman Weathersby called for the approval of the Minutes from the September 15, 2026 Regular Meeting, the September 16, 2026 Budget Work Session, and the September 30, 2026 Public Hearing. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to approve the Minutes from the September 15, 2026 Regular Meeting, the September 16, 2026 Budget Work Session, and the September 30, 2026 Public Hearing as presented. The motion carried with four votes in favor.

5. Under Personal Appearances, Ms. Kim Billings from Safe Haven made a presentation on Safe Haven's outreach programs and the level of services provided. She asked the Board to consider issuing a Proclamation. Ms. Billings invited the Board members to a luncheon on October 29, 2026 at 11:30 A.M. at the Holiday Inn in Statesboro.

6. Under New Business, Chairman Weathersby read aloud a Proclamation honoring October 2026 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Jenkins County. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to approve the Proclamation and authorize Chairman Weathersby to sign it on behalf of the Board. The motion carried with four votes in favor.

7. Finally under New Business, Mr. Saxon presented a letter from the Jenkins County Medical Center, stating that Jeff Brantley's term on the Hospital Authority is expiring on December 31, 2026 and asking the Board of Commissioners to present three nominees to succeed Mr. Brantley. The letter stated that Mr. Brantley was willing to continue to serve on the Hospital Authority, so Mr. Brantley could be one of the nominees chosen. The Board will decide on their respective nominations and will present them at the November meeting.

8. Under Old Business, Commissioner Powell discussed the possibility of amending the Minutes from the June, 2026 meeting. The referenced item was that improvements to a road without permission was considered a crime. The Board agreed and Mr. Saxon will amend the Minutes and will present the amended version for approval at the November meeting.

9. Under Field Director's Report, Jason Oglesby reported that the Kubota tractor was back from the shop. He stated that the grass cutters would likely make one more round this season. Mr. Oglesby stated that the County fared pretty well from last weekend's storm. He stated that the roads seem to have held up pretty well. Finally, Mr. Oglesby stated that he is awaiting a report from Parker Engineering so that the pipe work on Clifford Drive can begin.

10. Under County Attorney's report, Attorney Gross stated that his report would be discussed in Executive Session.

11. Under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that we have received 4 project reimbursements from FEMA for Hurricane Helene. He stated that 5 projects were still outstanding, but they were in the "pipeline" to be paid. He stated that the fifth project will be a "true-up", where FEMA will reimburse 85% of the overruns based on the budgeted expenses since these were considered small projects. He stated this final true-up amount will be approximately $70,000.

12. Next, Mr. Saxon stated that the new 2026 ambulance was involved in an accident in Statesboro last week. Mr. Saxon has reported the claim to the insurer and is waiting to hear from an adjustor. The employees involved were not injured. Mr. Saxon feels that the ambulance will be a total loss.

13. Next, Mr. Saxon inquired if the Board wanted to schedule any budget meetings with the department heads and elected officials since the new budget had been adopted. The Board agreed to let Mr. Saxon answer questions as they come in and the Board will have meetings with them if necessary. He will send out Budget copies to each department/official this week.

14. Finally, Mr. Saxon stated that he was planning to take a vacation next week, returning on October 26. He stated he will still come in next week to help process payroll.

Commissioner Powell agreed to sign payables this week and Commissioner Coney agreed to sign them next week.

15. Under Chairman's Report, Chairman Weathersby inquired if the LMIG projects had started yet. Mr. Saxon stated that the preconstruction meeting hadn't been held yet so the start date had not been set. Mr. Saxon stated that all County documents had been submitted to Parker Engineering so the preconstruction meeting could be scheduled.

16. A motion was made by Commissioner Coney and seconded by Commissioner Powell to enter Executive Session at 4:22 P.M. The motion carried with four votes in favor.

17. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to exit Executive Session at 5:03 P.M. The motion carried unanimously (Commissioner Chance arrived during Executive Session). The Board members signed an affidavit stating that only one personnel matter and two potential litigation matters were discussed.

18. A motion was made by Commissioner Chance and seconded by Commissioner Powell to contract with TEMS Billing Company for EMS billing. The motion carried unanimously.

19. Chairman Weathersby adjourned the meeting at 5:24 P.M.

Chairman Horace Weathersby III

Mike Chance

Tracie Coney

Pamelia Dwight

Jonathan Powell

Attest: Grady Saxon, Administrator

PROCLAMATION OF JENKINS COUNTY, GEORGIA
HONORING OCTOBER 2026
AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence leaves an imprint of fear and hostility; and

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people but cross all economic, racial, affectional preference, and social barriers, thereby affecting society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, in Jenkins County, adults and children are victims of violence each year; and

WHEREAS, the Jenkins County Board of Commissioners is committed to restoring the right to freedom from fear in our own homes; and

WHEREAS, the Jenkins County Board of Commissioners is committed to restoring the right to freedom from fear in our communities: and

WHEREAS, in our quest to impose sanctions on those who break the law by perpetrating violence, we must also meet the needs of victims of domestic violence and their children who often suffer grave financial, physical, and psychological losses; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs, in cooperation with Safe Haven, I, Horace Weathersby III, Chairman of the Jenkins County Board of Commissioners and on behalf of the entire Board, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2026 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We urge all citizens, agencies, and businesses to **WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM IN OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH PREVENTION, INTERVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS,** to eliminate domestic violence and become a violence free community.

Horace Weathersby III, Chairman