

**MINUTES OF THE CRISP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 2025**

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chairman James Dowdy, III, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in Room 305 of the Crisp County Government Center with Commissioners James Nance, Sam Farrow, Larry Felton and Mark Crenshaw in attendance. Others present were County Administrator Mickey Dunnivant, County Attorney Rick Lawson, Finance Director Sherrie Leverett and County Clerk Monica Irwin. Rick Smarr gave the invocation and County Administrator Mickey Dunnivant led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Chairman Dowdy welcomed all in attendance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to adopt the December 9, 2025 Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2025, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC REQUEST:

Doris Jackson and Willie Mayo addressed the Board regarding the road conditions of Lilliston Road and Rock Road. Their main concern is the five families that live off of Lilliston Road. Due to the treacherous road conditions, it is hard for any of them to travel down Rock Road or Lilliston Road, and now that the Railroad Crossing has been closed the families have no option available to travel around the two roads. Mrs. Jackson and Mr. Mayo asked the Board if anything will be done about the dangers of these roads. Chairman Dowdy stated, Georgia Department of Transportation has agreed to resurface Rock Road but will not take place until sometime in 2027.

NEW BUSINESS

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnivant, advised the Commissioners of several items under new business needing their consideration:

SPEED LIMIT

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnivant, stated, the Georgia Department of Transportation has conducted an Engineering Traffic Investigation on US 280/SR 30. As a result of the study, the speed limit on US 280/SR 30 from milepost 0.82 to milepost 1.45 will be changed from 55 MPH to 45 MPH. In order for Crisp County to enforce the newly revised speed limit, an application must be submitted to the Georgia Permit Application System (GPAS) to update the County's List of Roads and radar permits.

Motion was made by Commissioner Farrow to enforce the new speed limit of 45 MPH on US280/SR 30 from milepost 0.82 to milepost 1.45 and to approve the submission of the Georgia Permit Application to update Crisp County's List of Roads and radar permits, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.

2026 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, the 2026 Holiday Schedule will be the same recognized County Holidays, no changes. **Motion was made by Commissioner Farrow to approve the 2026 Holiday Schedule, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) CONTRACT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULTING SERVICES

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, approval is needed for the 2026 Community Development Block Grant Contract with Sunbelt Consulting, if funded. The bid was approved during last month's meeting. Today a motion is needed to authorize Crisp County to enter into the agreement with Sunbelt Consulting for the provision of administrative services related to the filing of a CDBG26 grant application and project, if funded. **Motion was made by Commissioner Farrow to enter into the contract agreement for administrative consulting services between Sunbelt Consulting and Crisp County for the 2026 Community Development Block Grant Project, if funded, seconded by Commissioner Nance, motion carried unanimously.**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, approval is needed for the 2026 Community Development Block Grant Contract with J.B. Faircloth and Linear Engineering, if funded. Today a motion is needed to authorize Crisp County to enter into the agreement with Lanier Engineering, Inc. & J.B. Faircloth & Associates, PC for the provision of engineering services related to the filing of CDBG26 grant application and project, if funded. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to enter into the contract agreement for engineering services between J.B. Faircloth & Associates, PC & Linear Engineering, Inc. and Crisp County for the 2026 Community Development Block Grant Project, if funded; seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.**

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Director, Sherrie Leverett, stated, the financial report today is a preliminary report for the period of July through November, 2025. Revenues and expenditures for the County's General & three major Special Revenue Funds combined, are reporting YTD revenues received of \$7.6 million and expenditures at \$10.4 million leaving a negative -10% expenditure over revenue shortfall position at November 30th of -\$2.7 million. Reserves are sufficient to support cash flow until these numbers begin to even up. The Water Fund is reporting YTD net profit of \$71,525. Water consumption billed for the month was 5,867,000 gallons to 1,552 customers and the USDA Bonds principal balance is current at \$984,514. The Landfill Fund, accrued YTD revenues less expenses leave this fund with net income of \$251,729. The total tonnage received for the month of November was 4,597.54 tons. Of the total tonnage received, 26% was received from Waste Management and Express Disposal commercial contracts, 11% under the city's residential contracts and 5% under the county's curbside contract. The principal balance on the GEFA loans is current at \$258,134. The General and special revenue funds combined ended the month with \$13.6 million; The proprietary funds at \$13.0 million and the SPLOST & TSPLOST funds at \$18.5 million. SPLOST Report Summaries: Expenditures from the 2017 SPLOST Issue as of Nov. 30th totaled \$21.8 million. Distribution #22 under the 2023 Issue came in at \$527,605, which is up around 3% over this same reporting

period from one year ago, it exceeds the six-year average for retail sales during the month of October from the 2017 issue as well. Issue to date collections are up to \$10.3 million while expenditures & encumbrances are just under \$6.1 million. We spent \$287,410 in Special Local Option Sales Tax pennies during the month of November. Projects benefiting were County Buildings, Fire & Rescue, E911, EMS, the Detention Center, County Roads, and the Cities of Cordele and Arabi. In summary, we have collected \$3,158,924 since January of 2023 under this TSPLOST Issue. Combining that with other State and Local Revenue Sources, we currently have \$10.3 million programmed for local roads capital and maintenance projects. The Local Option Sales Tax: this month's distribution of \$258,526 represents an increase over last year of 2.6%. The CDBG Revolving Loan Fund: we have five outstanding loans with a total balance due of \$1.4 million. The last report included is the revenue by fund and expenditures by department report. The summary report shows the expended percentage of appropriations for each individual department and the total for each fund. Because this report is preliminary, expenditures should be below 42%. As of this report, the General & Special Revenue Funds Combined along with the Water Fund both finished the month at 38%; the Landfill came in at 29%.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, he has completed the ACCG New Commissioner courses over the Thanksgiving Holidays. Mr. Dunnavant also stated, he and Finance Director, Sherrie Leverett, have addressed the issues with Express Disposal regarding billing fees that were sent to some Crisp County residents by mistake. These fees should have been sent to Dougherty County residents. Maintenance Director, Toby Coleman, advised the interior work at the Reginald Barry Center is being completed and senior activities should be able to move back into the building tomorrow. County Attorney, Rick Lawson and the Sheriff have both read through the Mass Gathering Ordinance I have been working towards. The purpose of this Ordinance is to help out the County when someone has a large party. This Ordinance pertains to a gathering of 250 or more people. This Ordinance gives the Sheriff and the Board of Commissioners authority to regulate or manage situations that may arise. Mr. Dunnavant also attended several meetings and classes last month.

Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to go into Executive Session at 9:47 am for Personnel, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to come out of Executive Session at 10:30 am, seconded by Commissioner Nance, motion carried unanimously.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to reappoint Jeffrey Hester to serve on the Industrial Development Council Board, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.

INTERIM FIRE CHIEF

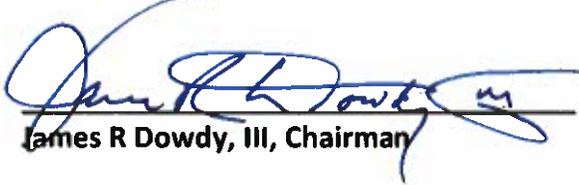
Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to appoint Assistant Fire Chief, Russell Ayotte, as Interim Fire Chief, motion seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.

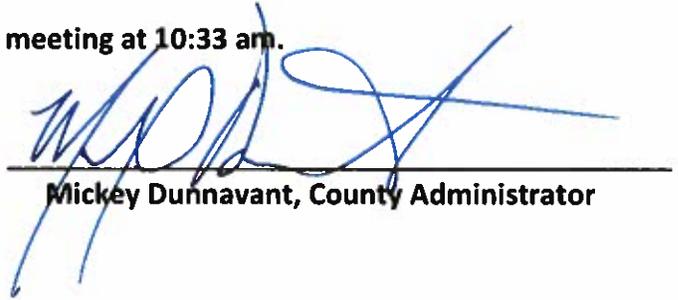
NEW MAINTENANCE POSITION

Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to allow the Crisp County Maintenance Department to create another position for Maintenance Technician, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN MEETING

By common consent, Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 10:33 am.


James R Dowdy, III, Chairman


Mickey Dunnavant, County Administrator