

**MINUTES OF THE CRISP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 10, 2026**

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chairman James R 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. Reverend Mark Jones 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 February 10, 2026 Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Farrow to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Nance, motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF REPORT

Sheriff Hancock was unable to attend the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

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

RESOLUTION 2026-004

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnivant, stated, Commissioner James Nance has a Resolution he would like to read recognizing and commending the Crisp County Middle School Lady Cougars Basketball Team for their undefeated season and South Regional Conference Championship. Commissioner Nance stated, as a former Cougar basketball player, he was honored to be able to write the Resolution and recognize the Lady Cougars on behalf of the Crisp County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Nance read the Resolution. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to adopt the Resolution recognizing and commending the Crisp County Middle School Lady Cougars Championship, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion Crenshaw, motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION 2026-003

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, the Resolution is authorizing bank signatures of certain employees and officials so that business of the County may be conducted in an efficient manner. The Resolution authorizes signatories of Chairman James R Dowdy, Vice Chairman Larry Felton, County Administrator Mickey Dunnavant, and Finance Director Sherrie Leverett and that all other authorizations of other employees and officials be rescinded. Mr. Dunnavant read the Resolution. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to adopt the Resolution authorizing signatories of the named officials and employees, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION 2026-005

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, the Resolution is authorizing the lease purchase for landfill equipment. This lease will be for a 2026 Caterpillar 725 Articulating Dump Truck that was previously budgeted in the 2023 SPLOST at a cost of \$226,216.56. Mr. Dunnavant read the Resolution. **Motion was made by Commissioner Farrow to adopt the Resolution for landfill equipment lease purchase of the 2026 Caterpillar 725 Articulating Dump Truck, seconded by Commissioner Nance, motion carried unanimously.**

5311 Transit

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, the 5311 Transit Procurement Policy needs to be updated. This update does not affect the County but does require your authorization of the update which consists of the new FTA guidelines allowing micro purchases from \$0 - \$15,000, small purchases from \$15,000 - \$350,000, and larger purchases from \$350,000 – and up. Again, this is just a pass-through of an update to the 5311 Transit. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to approve the 5311 Transit Procurement Policy update acknowledging the new FTA guidelines for purchases, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.**

GRANT AWARDS

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council has approved the grant continuation for the Victim Witness Assistance Program through the Crisp County Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney's Office. The Board will need to approve the acceptance of the 2026 VOCA Grant Awards; Award Number AW-VOCA-25-343-150 for \$80,014.00 and Award Number AW-VOCA-25-071-012 for \$124,700.00. The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council has also approved continuation funding for the 2026 Accountability Court Funding Program. The Board will need to approve acceptance of the award for the Adult Felony Drug Court; Award Number AW-ACFP-26-339-162 for \$286,809.04. **Motion was made by Commissioner Crenshaw to accept the 2026 VOCA Grant Awards (AW-VOCA-25-343-150; AW-VOCA-25-071-012) and the 2026 Accountability Court Funding Program Grant (AW-ACFP-26-339-162), seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.**

FINANCE REPORT

The preliminary report of revenues and expenditures for the County's General & three major Special Revenue Fund YTD Revenues exceeded expenses at January 31st by 6% leaving a positive revenue over expenditure balance of \$1,759,323. The proprietary funds, monthly activity for the Water Fund dropped the Fiscal YTD net income for this fund by -\$3,549 slightly; down to \$70,320. Water consumption billed for the month was 6,759,000 gallons to a total of 1,551 customers and The USDA Bonds are current at \$975,128. (Matures 10/39) The Landfill Fund, monthly revenues less expenses reduced the YTD net gain slightly, down to \$364,607 at 1/31/26. Total tonnage for January was 5,147.19 tons. Approximately 29% of that was received under the local commercial contracts, 7% under the City's residential contracts and 5% under the County's residential curbside service contract. The GEFA loans are current at \$249,016. (Matures 12/26) The Cash report: General Fund and Special Revenue Funds combined are reporting cash on hand of \$18.6 million; The Proprietary Funds \$13.1 million and the SPLOST and TSPLOST funds \$18.7 million. SPLOST Report Summaries: Expenditures from the 2017 SPLOST Issue increased to just under \$22.0 million as of this report. Distribution #24 under the 2023 Issue came in at \$549,700, which is up about 4.0% from this same reporting period from one year ago. Issue to date collections have reached \$11.9 million while expenditures & encumbrances came in at \$6,556,801. \$366,593 spent in Special Local Option Sales Tax pennies during the month. Projects benefiting were the County Buildings, Public Works, Roads, Sanitation/Solid Waste, & the cities of Arabi and Cordele. 2022 TSPLOST revenue, in summary, after 36 months under this issue collections are up to \$3.4 million. To date, including all transportation revenue sources, the county has programmed \$10.4 million in local road projects. The Local Option Sales Tax, this month's distribution representing December retail sales, same as SPLOST, also shows an increase of 4.4% from this time last year. Lastly, is preliminary 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. Expenditures should be at 58% or below. The General Fund finished the month slightly over budget at 62%, the Water Fund is good at 55% and the Landfill is also under budget at 41%.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnivant, stated, he had meetings and phone conversations with State Representative Williams, Rebecca White with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, and Christy Bozeman with the Georgia Department of Economic Development concerning grant funding for new infrastructure and improvements along our interstate exits on the fringes of the city. Construction has begun at the Extension Office and hopefully the Elections Office will be able to move over to their new location before April. Mr. Dunnivant stated, he met with Sara Rowley with Sunbelt Consulting and Greg Bacon with Lanier Engineering to establish a questionnaire for Community Development Block Grant. Ms. Rowley provided the maps/questionnaires which in turn have been provided to Public Works to start the survey with residents in the area. Mr. Dunnivant also stated, he had lunch with the Sumter County Administrator, Scott Carver, and the Lee County Administrator, Scott Addison, to discuss upcoming legislation, assessments, fees, and growth. Mr. Dunnivant continues to monitor General Assembly bills working their way through that process and ACCG has a Friday Legislative update each week he follows and he also encourages others to follow those updates. Mr. Dunnivant is scheduled to meet Wednesday at the Capital with Representative

Blackmon and Representative Williams to discuss the upcoming Property Tax Legislation. Mr. Dunnivant also attended several meetings last month.

Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to go into Executive Session at 10:00 am for Property, Litigation, and Personnel, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to come out of Executive Session at 10:15 am, seconded by Commissioner Nance, motion carried unanimously.

HOLIDAY POLICY

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnivant, stated, the Holiday Policy has been revised and needs the Board's consideration for approval. Mr. Dunnivant stated the policy has been revised giving Firefighters the choice of 12 hours holiday pay or 12 hours accrued holiday time when working on a holiday and off-duty Firefighters 12 hours of accrued holiday time. The policy has also been revised stating holiday pay will not be paid to employees on any type of unpaid leave. Mr. Dunnivant read the policy revisions. **Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to approve the holiday policy revisions giving on-duty firefighters at the time of a holiday the choice of 12 hours holiday pay or 12 hours accrued holiday time and off-duty firefighters 12 hours accrued holiday time and no holiday pay for employees on any type of unpaid leave, seconded by Commissioner Crenshaw, motion carried unanimously.**

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

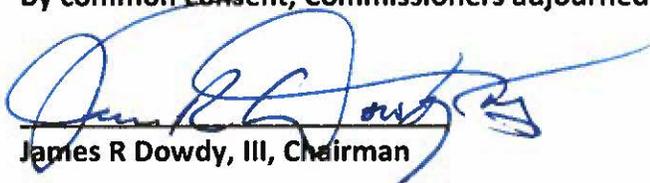
County Administrator, Mickey Dunnivant, stated, Mr. Frank Posey has submitted a letter of interest to be re-appointed to the Board of Assessors. Mr. Dunnivant read the letter. **Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to re-appoint Mr. Posey to the Crisp County Board of Assessors, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.**

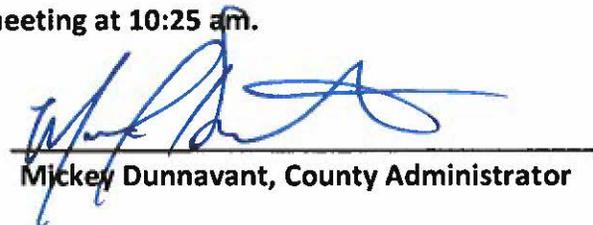
CITY OF CORDELE

Crisp County Board of Commissioners unanimously agreed to grant another extension to the City of Cordele's Contract for E911 Services. The contract extension has been extended until April 2026.

ADJOURN MEETING

By common consent, Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 10:25 am.


James R Dowdy, III, Chairman


Mickey Dunnivant, County Administrator