

**MINUTES OF THE CRISP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 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. Cynthia Johnson 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 March 10, 2026 Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Nance, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF REPORT

Sheriff Hancock stated, as of this morning prisoner total is 206 in jail, with 34 of those being housed for the Marshall Service. A total of \$170,000.00 from Commissary was turned over this month. Sheriff Hancock stated, about 65 of the cameras are on board right now which is mostly the Housing Authority cameras and are still working to get the street cameras up and operating. Court was on President's Day; 495 subpoenas were served, 149 Civil Papers, and 118 Warrants. A total of 264 man hours in Court and transported 134 prisoners back and forth to the Courthouse for Court proceedings. Vehicle Analysis Report: 7200 gallons of gas being used per month; covering 292 square miles. Driving 95,000 to 120,000 miles per month. Total calls for service: 2481; and total for incoming/outgoing (Admin, Alarm calls and 911 calls) was 5797. One of the biggest divisions going right now is Animal Control; 70 calls and 763 total mileage. Sheriff Hancock also stated, as of this morning he is 15 people short: 2- 911, 1-Traffic Division, 2-School Resource Officers, 3-Patrol, 6-Jailers, and 1-Investigator.

PROCLAMATION 2026-008

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnivant, stated, the Proclamation is acknowledging the Finance Office and designating March 16th – 20th, 2026 as Government Finance Professionals Week. Commissioner Nance read the Proclamation. Commissioner Nance thanked Mrs. Leverett (Finance Director) and her team for all of their hard work through the years. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to adopt the Proclamation designating March 16th-20th as Government Finance Professionals Week, seconded by Commissioner Crenshaw, motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Dowdy acknowledged Chris Hewitt, Manager of Crisp County Power, and asked Mr. Hewitt if he would like to speak concerning news of Crisp County Power. Mr. Hewitt stated, the crews are working diligently replacing and making upgrades to the system. The new Substation on Pateville Road will alleviate a lot of stress off of the older station. Currently working on areas in the city to add more lights.

NEW BUSINESS

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

RESOLUTION 2026-006

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, the Resolution is in reference to lease number CS-49690 between Crisp County Board of Commissioners and JCB Finance to lease a JCB427 Wheel Loader for Public Works for three years. **Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to ratify and adopt the Resolution for the Lease Agreement between Crisp County Board of Commissioners and JCB Finance for a three-year lease, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION 2026-007

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, the Resolution is in reference to lease number CS-49689 between Crisp County Board of Commissioners and JCB Finance to lease a JCB427 Wheel Loader to be used at the Landfill for three years. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to adopt and ratify the Resolution between Crisp County Board of Commissioners and JCB Finance for a three year lease, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.**

FINANCE REPORT

Today's report includes the preliminary report and executive summary on the major funds of the County as of the end of February, 2026. The financial report, which shows the monthly and YTD activity for the General & three major Special Revenue Funds, combined, ended the month with a 5% positive revenue over expenditure position of \$1.3 million. The Water Fund - February activity increased net income by \$20,442 to \$95,955 YTD. Customer usage billed for the month was 7,761,000 gallons to 1560 customers. The USDA Bonds are current at \$975,129. The Landfill Fund finished the month with an YTD net income of \$425,670. We received 1292 loads for a total of 4,705.58 tons during the month; averaging 204.59 tons per day; 28% was delivered under the two main commercial contracts, 10% under the City's residential contracts and 5% under the County's curbside contract. The one remaining GEFA Loan is current at \$199,525. The cash on hand report as of February 28, 2026, ended the month with \$18.2 million in the General and Special Revenue Funds; \$13.6 million in the proprietary funds; and \$18.4 million in the SPLOST and TSPLOST funds. The SPLOST Report Summaries: Expenditures from the 2017 SPLOST Issue came in just under \$22.0 million as of this report. Distribution #25 under the 2023 Issue came in at \$473,491, which is up 5% from twelve months ago. Issue to date collections have

reached \$12.4 million while expenditures & encumbrances came at \$6.9 million. Detail list of all the SPLOST Expenditures for the month of February: spent a total of \$828,021 in Special Local Option Sales Tax pennies during the month. Projects benefiting were County Buildings, Public Works, the Detention Center, County Roads, Sanitation/Solid Waste and the Cities of Cordele and Arabi. Issue to date report on the 2022 TSPLOST revenues: Both capital and operating projects supported by those funds are listed there for your review. In summary, we collected a total of \$3.5 million to date under this issue. Combining that with other revenue sources, we have expended and/or obligated \$10.5 million in local road maintenance and capital projects using 2022 TSPLOST Funds. Following that is an updated schedule on our LOST receipts. Same news here as the SPLOST, this month's distribution is up 5% from this same reporting period last year. The CDBG Revolving Loan Fund monthly report, which includes the balance and status of all our CDBG Revolving Loan Fund Accounts, ended the month of February with a total outstanding balance of \$1.4 million for all these accounts. The last report included 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 66% or below. As of this report, overall, the General and Special Revenue Funds combined are slightly over at 69%; the Water Fund is good at 61%; and the Landfill is also within budget at 46%.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

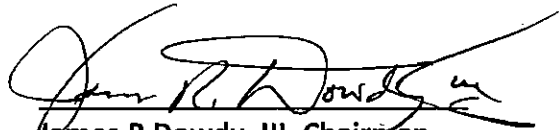
County Administrator, Mickey Dunnivant, stated, the construction is almost complete at the Extension Office for Elections. Hopefully, Elections will be able to move to the new location before April. Mr. Dunnivant stated, he got some good pictures for the storm water drain project on Pateville Road and sent those to Sara Rowley of Sunbelt Consulting. The homeowner surveys are still being completed. Cross Over Day was last Friday and HB 1116 did pass. According to Clint Mueller of ACCG, ACCG is recommending multiple changes to the Bill and there will be a lot changes made to the Bill before it passes the Senate. The timeline to put a FLOST (Floating Local Option Sales Tax): Questions require 90 days to be submitted, August 4th is the last day it can be added to the November General, and July 24th is the last day it can be published before August 4th. Mr. Dunnivant is still working with Congressman Scott's office regarding having the Post Office drop box replaced. Mr. Dunnivant also stated, he penned a letter of support for Crisp Regional Hospital in their attempt to receive funding to renovate the interior of Cordele Health & Rehab. The County has posted and is accepting BID Proposals for a 5-Unit Hangar to be built at the Crisp-Cordele Airport. There will be a Pre-Bid meeting at the airport at 11:00 am. Bids will be accepted through April 2, 2026. The plaque has been ordered renaming the FBO after Dub Cooper. Hopefully, it will be here within 6 weeks and I will ask Monica Simmons with the Chamber to put together a dedication. Mr. Dunnivant also attended several meetings last month.

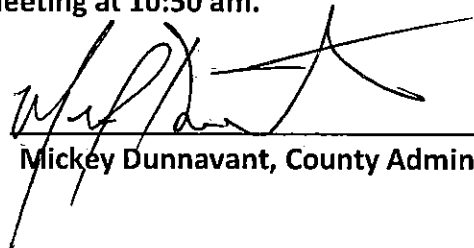
Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to go into Executive Session at 10:00 am for Property, Litigation, and Personnel, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to come out of Executive Session at 10:50 am, seconded by Commissioner Nance, motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN MEETING

By common consent, Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 10:50 am.


James R Dowdy, III, Chairman


Mickey Dunnavant, County Administrator