

**MINUTES OF THE CRISP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 14, 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, Larry Felton and Mark Crenshaw in attendance. Others present were County Administrator Mickey Dunnivant, County Attorney Rick Lawson and County Clerk Monica Irwin. Roy Gibbs 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 Nance to adopt the April 14, 2026 Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2026, and the Called Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Crenshaw, motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF REPORT

Sheriff Hancock stated, per the report handed to you, you can see the number of warrants, subpoenas, and papers served for the month. Total court hours for the month was 283 hours and a check for \$94,574.24 was delivered this week for Federal Housing. Housing last month about 661 days for US Marshals, 21 days for Cordele PD, 826 days for Wilcox County SO, and 1 day for Arabi, totaling about \$48,000 generated in the month to come. E911 answered a total of 6,478 calls through our 911 center last month. The Sheriff also stated, there has been two concentrated patrols since the last meeting. One on Friday night involving about 25 Officers and the Friday following Easter involving State, Local, and Federal Officers resulted in recovering several weapons and drugs. Also worked an accident on the interstate this morning that resulted in the recovery of two stolen guns out of the state of Florida. Last month the Sheriff Office operated at 28 cent per mile and traveled a total of 116,000 miles inside the county. Sheriff Hancock also stated, the Sheriff Office will be participating with the Worth County Sheriff on May 2, 2026 at Red Rock located on Highway 300 from 12pm – 4pm to raise money for the Boys Ranch. Tickets are available for purchase; food, live music, and auction. The Crisp County Sheriff's Office Annual Golf Tournament will be May 29, 2026.

PROCLAMATION 2026-010

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnivant, stated, the Proclamation recognizes National Donate Life Month. Mr. Dunnivant introduced the staff present from Crisp Regional Hospital. LifeLink representative, Danny Johnson, shared information explaining their partnership with Crisp Regional

Hospital and the purpose of LifeLink. Paige Bodrey from Crisp Regional Hospital stated, the Organ Donation Committee at the hospital is fairly new and strives all year long to bring awareness of organ donation to the community and how important it can be to others. Mrs. Bodrey stated, organ donation is truly the ultimate gift one could give to someone else. Mr. Dunnavant read the Proclamation. **Motion was made by Commissioner Crenshaw to adopt the Proclamation designating April 2026 as National Donate Life Month, seconded by Commissioner Nance, motion carried unanimously.**

PROCLAMATION 2026-011

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, the Proclamation is to recognize Communication Officers through-out the state of Georgia. Mr. Dunnavant read the Proclamation. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to adopt the Proclamation designating April 12th – 18th, 2026, as National Public Safety Tele-Communicators Week, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC REQUEST

District Attorney, Brad Rigby, stated, the National Crime Victim's Rights Week is April 19th through the 25th of this year. The Victim's Rights Candle Light Vigil is scheduled for Thursday, April 23rd at the Community Club House in Cordele and begins at 6:00pm. We honor the rights of victims as well as victims who have had crimes committed against them, their family, and family members. Mr. Rigby stated, he has the Proclamation before him for National Crime Victim's Rights Week and would like to read that Proclamation. Mr. Rigby read the Proclamation. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to adopt the Proclamation 2026-013 designating April 19th – 25th, 2026, as National Crime Victims' Rights Week, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

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

USDA/FSA LEASE AGREEMENT

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, the revised USDA/FSA building lease agreement needs to be ratified. The revision is the cost for construction to bring the building up-to-date. The current economy inflation has slightly increased the cost of materials. The original cost of construction was around \$22,000. The new cost is now \$34,825.00. This is basically putting in new flooring through-out the building, painting walls, and enclosing a current office. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to ratify the USDA/FSA Lease Agreement revision for the new construction costs for materials and labor to bring the building up-to-date, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.**

SDR CONTRACT EXTENSION

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, the Service Delivery Contract is an extension agreement. FEMA requires counties to have Disaster Debris Monitoring and a Disaster Debris Contract. This has to be in place to ensure any reimbursements. This SDR Contract Extension is for a

year. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to ratify the SDR Contract Extension Agreement for a year, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.**

At this time, County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, invited Mr. Nick Edwards to come up to the podium. Mr. Edwards is an Attorney representing a group of residents that live off of Highway 90 on Lakeview Drive in the Wells Lake Subdivision. These residents have requested to be de-annexed from the City of Cordele. Mr. Edwards stated, he is also a resident of Crisp County and lives on this street. I am representing myself, Jack and Jerilyn Cromer, Tina Whelchel, Wendell and Patricia Story, Jeremy and Genie Hamilton. The first 5 houses on the North side of the road are part of the city, for whatever reasons. Every other house on the South side and the North side past my house is in the County. We are exploring trying to get de-annexed from the City so that we are not paying two Cordele property taxes any longer. The first step of this process is to have consent from the County Commission to allow this to proceed because the County will be responsible for providing services. At this time, the City is not providing any services to us. If we call 911 the Sheriff Office responds and the Sheriff Office patrols our road and the County maintains the road. All the trash pick-up is the same for all residents and there is currently no street lights provided by the City. The only services currently provided by the City is water service off of Hwy 90 but you have to pay for the infrastructure yourself to get it to your house. All 5 houses have septic tanks and wells. Collectively, we are paying \$7000 in City taxes per year and not receiving anything for it. There will be no additional expense for the County as a result of the de-annexation. The Commission's consent is just the first step in this process.

RESOLUTION 2026-0012

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, the Resolution is consenting to the De-Annexation of certain properties from the City of Cordele. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to adopt the Resolution for the de-annexation from the City of Cordele for the 5 properties located in the Wells Lake Subdivision, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.**

SUPER PETROLEUM 20, INC.

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, Super Petroleum 20, Inc. is the new truck stop located in Wenona where the old Perlis Truck Stop was located; 397 East Rockhouse Road. Currently, a Starbucks, Sabbaros, and KFC will be located inside. This is a new location for the sale of beer and wine and must be approved by the Board of Commissioners. Application for license to sell beer and wine has been submitted and all requirements have been completed. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to approve the license to sell beer and wine at the new Super Petroleum 20, Inc. Truck Stop located at 397 East Rockhouse Road, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.**

FINANCE REPORT

As of March 31, 2026, a preliminary report and executive summary on the major funds include the combined monthly and YTD activity for the General & three major Special Revenue Funds. These funds pushed YTD income up to \$1,494,422 as of March 31st, representing a 10% revenue over

expenditure position as of this date. The Water Fund dropped slightly to a -\$13,880 net loss YTD. 1301 customers were billed for a total usage of 7,836,000 gallons. The USDA Bonds are current at \$1,476,128. Including March activity, YTD gain of \$32,585 for the Landfill Fund. Total tonnage for the month is 4,550.31. The GEFA Loan is current at \$3,926,760. The cash on hand report ended the month with \$10.8 million in the General and Special Revenue Funds combined; \$8.2 million in the Proprietary Funds; and \$14.1 million in SPLOST & TSPLOT Funds. Expenditures from the 2017 SPLOST Issue reached \$22,018,761 as of this report. Distribution #26 under the 2023 Issue came in at \$455,575.00 which is actually down about -9% from this same reporting period one year ago. Issue to date collections have reached \$12.8 million while expenditures & encumbrances came in at \$7.1 million. The final SPLOST schedule includes a list of all expenditures for the month of March. Projects benefiting from Special Local Option Sales Tax penny were the Airport, County Buildings, Recreation, Public Works, Sanitation/Solid Waste, E911, the Sheriff's Office, the Detention Center, and the Cities of Arabi and Cordele. 2022 TSPLOST, in summary, collected under this issue was a total of \$3.5 million. Combined with other road revenue sources, the county has expended and/or obligated \$10.6 million in road maintenance and capital projects with the use of local TSPLOST Funds. This month's LOST Distribution also represents a -9% decrease over this same period twelve months ago. CDBG Revolving Loan Fund Accounts ended the month of March with a total outstanding balance of \$1.4 million for all accounts. The Swamp Queen Properties/DBA Fast Stop has been paid in full. Expenditures should be at 75% or below. Overall, the General and Special Revenue Funds combined are good at 11%; the Water Fund is also at 11%; and the Landfill is at 8%.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnivant, stated, construction is complete at the Extension office for the new Elections offices. In the coming weeks we will begin working on moving Family Connections into the old Elections Offices inside the Government Center and the Crisp County 4-H offices will be moved into the Dowdy Center located near the Crisp County Recreation Department. The Pateville Road CDBG project was submitted last week. If approved, the County's match will be around \$330,000.00. LRA money is \$823,369.81 with no match required from the County. Carl would like to use this money to finish phase 2 of the Fenn Road Project (from the railroad tracks back to Hwy 41.) We have roughly \$500,000.00 in LRA funds that need to be used before the three year date. The Pickle Ball Courts have been completed at the Veterans State Park and the project has been turned over to the state contractor. Mr. Dunnivant also stated, he and Sheriff Hancock gave City Commissioners, Mr. Wright and Mr. Singletary, a tour of the E911 facility and discussed its operations. Mr. Dunnivant stated, he is still working with Congressman Scott's office to have the outside Post Office drop box replaced. Mr. Dunnivant also stated, he sent a letter of support on behalf of Crisp Regional Hospital for funding to renovate Cordele Health & Rehab. Mr. Dunnivant stated, the timeline to put a LHOST/FLOST in place: Questions require 90 days to be submitted; August 4th is the last day we can add it to the November General. Which means July 24th is the last day we can have it published before August 4th. The July 29th issue is the last issue before August 4th. Advantages of LHOST: collection is applied to only Homestead property taxes. Once Homestead millage is zero, if a balance remains, the balance can be spread amongst commercial and industrial taxes. Advantage of FLOST: collection is applied to all property taxes; Homestead, Commercial, and Industrial not just Homestead. Passing LHOST or FLOST will be an additional penny. Upon Approval

from the Revenue Commission, Notice of Assessments should be mailed by May 22nd. Mr. Dunnivant also attended several meetings last month.

Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to go into Executive Session at 10:28 am for Property and Potential Litigation, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to come out of Executive Session at 10:45 am, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.

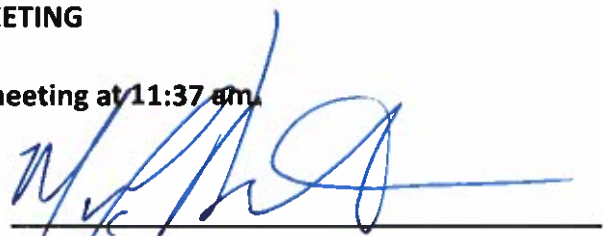
Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to go into Executive Session at 10:46 am for Personnel, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to come out of Executive Session at 11:25 am, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN MEETING

By common consent, Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 11:37 am.


James R Dowdy, III, Chairman


Mickey Dunnivant, County Administrator