

**MINUTES OF THE CRISP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 12, 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 Dunnavant, County Attorney Rick Lawson, Finance Director Sherrie Leverett and County Clerk Monica Irwin. Reverend Jack Fitzgibbons gave the invocation and County Administrator Mickey Dunnavant 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 May 12, 2026, Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF REPORT

Sheriff Hancock stated, court hours for the month was 413 hours, 542 written citations, 5400 transport miles, 911 calls was over 6500 calls, and 74 animals picked up. Current fuel cost per mile is 0.28, \$3.53 per gallon, and total miles driven for the month of April is 113,609. Right now, the cost of fuel is averaging \$10,000 – \$12,000 per month. We are currently trying to discover ways to help and reduce fuel costs as much as possible but not really a whole lot to be done when driving a 100,000 miles or more per month to patrol the county.

PROCLAMATION 2026-014

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, the Proclamation is to recognize National Police Week. Mr. Dunnavant stated, he would like to name the 9 people from our community that have lost their lives in the line of duty. Mr. Dunnavant named the following: Chief W. H. Forest 2/16/1909, Town Marshal Freeman O. Epps 7/09/1938, Trooper J. F. Bass, Jr. 2/15/1950, Sgt. C. Hiram Watson 10/18/1970, Sgt. W. R. Haralson 5/4/1975, Trooper Jay Young 5/4/1975, Trooper J. K. Stewart 4/27/1991, Corporal Avery Hillman 10/31/2020, Deputy Tyee Brown 7/5/2023. Commissioner Nance read the Proclamation. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to adopt the Proclamation designating May 11-17, 2026, as National Police Week, seconded by Commissioner Crenshaw, motion carried unanimously.**

PROCLAMATION 2026-015

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, the Proclamation recognizes Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Mr. Dunnavant stated, EMS Director, David Edwards is present and he has led our EMS for 38 years. Mr. Dunnavant read the Proclamation. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to adopt the Proclamation designating May 17-23, 2026, as EMS Week, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.**

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Director, Sherrie Leverett, stated, as of April 30, 2026, a preliminary report and executive summary on the major funds include the monthly and YTD activity for the General & three major Special Revenue Funds. Combined, monthly activity for these funds increased YTD income by \$84,538 to \$1,862,766 as of the end of April. Net activity for the Water Fund brings that YTD income up to \$139,057. The County billed 1353 customers for a total usage of 5,312,000 gallons. The USDA Bonds are current at \$1,364,598. Including April activity, we are reporting YTD net YTD Income of \$565,860 for the Landfill Fund. Total tonnage.... 5,227.34 tons for the month. The GEFA Loans are current at \$2,824,038. Next is the cash on hand report. We ended the month with \$16.3 in the General and Special Revenue Funds combined; \$13.6 million in the proprietary funds; and \$18.0 million in the SPLOST & TSPLOST funds. Following that are the SPLOST Reports. April activity increased the actual expenditure total to \$22,018,761 on the 2017 Issue. Distribution #27 on the 2023 Issue at \$470,814, is actually down about 4% from last year. It brings issue to date collections up to \$13,373,562, while expenditures and encumbrances now total \$8,380,232. The graph follows comparing the 2023 Issue monthly collections to the 2017 Issue averages. The final SPLOST Schedule includes a list of all expenditures for the month of April. Projects benefiting from our Special Local Option Sales Tax penny for the month were Public Works, Sanitation/Solid Waste, EMS, the Sheriff's Office, the Detention Center and the cities of Arabi and Cordele. Included next is an updated report on the 2022 TSPLOST. Both capital and operating projects supported by those funds are listed there for your review. In summary, we collected a total of \$3.6 million under this issue and including other revenue sources have obligated \$10.8 million in local road project cost. Following that is an updated schedule on our LOST receipt. This month's distribution represents a 4.0% increase from this same period twelve months ago. On the next page you should find the CDBG Revolving Loan Fund monthly report, which includes the balance and status of all our CDBG Revolving Loan Fund Accounts. We ended the month of April with a total outstanding balance of \$1.4 million for all these accounts. Notice Fast Stop is now paid in full. 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 or below 83%. As of this report, overall, the General and Special Revenue Funds combined are 75%; the Water Fund is at 555%; and the Landfill finished the month at 93%. We continue to work on the FY26 Budget. As of today, we still have a County Wide deficit of just under -3.0 million. In order to meet the advertising window to have this budget adopted by July 1st, I need to go ahead and announce that copies of the unbalanced proposal are available for public review and also obtain approval to set the public hearing date for June 9th -- and ask for prayers that we are able to get it balanced by then.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

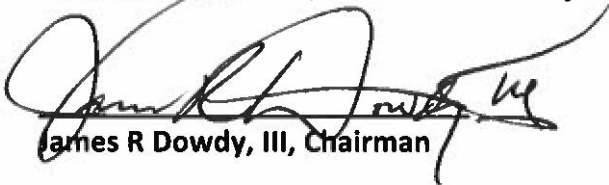
County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, he and Mrs. Leverett have been working on the budget daily and how to address a lot of the needs inside the budget. Mr. Dunnavant stated, he has attended several meetings and talked to several legislators trying to find money for roads and structures in our community. Mr. Dunnavant also stated, another issue he has been dealing with is illegal dumping around the lake area. The County Code of Ordinance outlines how Public Works handles pick-ups in the county twice a month. Express Disposal also provides pick-up services in the County. Express Disposal offers the service of picking-up yard debris twice a month but there is a fee and the pick-up has to be scheduled. If citizens do not wish to schedule a pick-up, debris should be taken to the Landfill. Mr. Dunnavant also stated, last year the Ball Complex had 47,000 people come through the complex. Mr. Dunnavant stated, the Recreation Department does a great job keeping-up the grounds at the Ball Complex.

Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to go into Executive Session at 9:56 am for Personnel, Property & Potential Litigation, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.

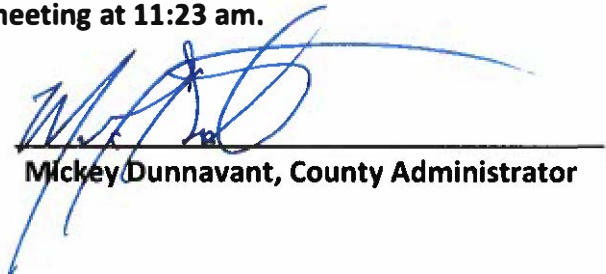
Motion was made by Commissioner Farrow to come out of Executive Session at 11:23 am, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN MEETING

By common consent, Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 11:23 am.



James R Dowdy, III, Chairman



Mickey Dunnavant, County Administrator