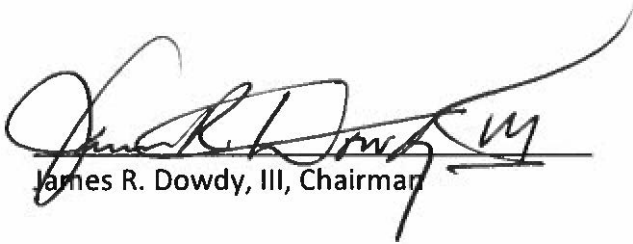


CRISP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION
HELD ON May 12, 2026

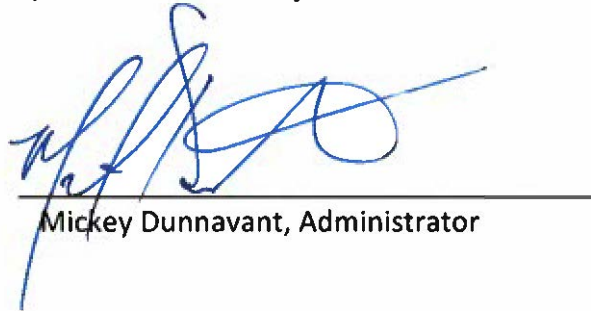
Present at the work session: Crisp County Board of Commissioners Chairman James Dowdy, Larry Felton, James Nance, Sam Farrow, Mark Crenshaw, County Administrator Mickey Dunnavant, Finance Director Sherrie Leverett and County Clerk Monica Irwin.

Chairman Dowdy called the work session to order at 11:24 am in the Crisp County Board Room. Partners Benefit Representative, Noel Williams, addressed the Board regarding the 2026/2027 Insurance Renewal Rates. Mr. Williams stated, the best rates at this time for Crisp County is with CIGNA at a 10% increase with a yearly savings of \$117,000. County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, the County is currently 2.9 million over budget and part of that is because the costs of services continue to rise and revenues are not rising enough to meet that demand. We recently had to transition over to a new phone system because AT&T informed us they will no longer be servicing copper phone lines. All telecommunication providers are going to fiber optics. Mr. Dunnavant also stated, the Public Defender's Office has increased operating expenses and the request is significantly more than the previous year. Mr. Dunnavant stated, with giving a 3% COLA, to be able to balance this budget an additional 14% cut from all departments is needed or the Board can elect to raise another 3 mills on property taxes, which is not recommended at this time, but that is the options to try to get closer to balancing this budget.

There being no further business, by common consent, Commissioners adjourned the work session at 12:37pm.



James R. Dowdy, III, Chairman



Mickey Dunnavant, Administrator