

**MINUTES OF THE CRISP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 9, 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 (came in at 10:00 am), 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. Fr. Paulinus Okpala 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 June 9, 2026, Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2026, and the Work Session Minutes of May 12, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION 2026-016

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, the Proclamation recognizes the 77th Annual Watermelon Days Festival in Crisp County and designates the month of June, 2026 as "Watermelon Days" in Crisp County. Mr. Dunnavant read the Proclamation. **Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to adopt the Proclamation designating the month of June, 2026, as Watermelon Days in Crisp County, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC HEARING

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, Jason Gourley, Planning & Zoning Director, is unable to be present this morning. The Public Hearing is for the Rezoning of a piece of property located at Hwy 41 and Drayton Lane. The property address is 108 Drayton Lane. The rezoning request is from Teramore Development, LLC to rezone General Commercial from Duplex Residential. Mr. Dunnavant read the Public Hearing Notice. Mr. Gourley has submitted a statement confirming no emails, phone calls, or visits have been made regarding the rezoning as of June 5, 2026.

Public Hearing Opened 9:19 am

Brian Braun, Axis Energy Consultants in Warner Robins, GA, spoke in favor of the rezoning. Mr. Braun stated, he is here today regarding parcels 25A 143 and 25A 142 about 1.9 acres at the corner of Drayton and Hwy 41. This property at one time was General Commercial and zoned back to RD Duplex, so we are here requesting to go back to the original zoning of General Commercial. Everything South of us and across the street is zoned General Commercial so we feel like we are in a good corridor and fall in compliance with that corridor. We are trying for an in use 8100sqft free

standing retail facility with customer parking of 21 spaces, private septic system, storm water management, and on-site well. The access point will be off of Drayton Lane and not looking to have access off of Hwy 41. Josh Rasmussen, Teramore Development, LLC, stated, this Dollar General Store is a new prototype and a smaller square footage than a standard Dollar General Stores but this new prototype is set to employ around 8 to 10 full-time employees, give or take. This Dollar General is not a market but will have fresh packaged food available.

No Opposition

No Decision Made At This Time

Public Hearing Closed 9:28 am

Decision Hearing July 16, 2026

FY JULY 1, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2027

2027 BUDGET

Public Hearing Opened 9:29am

Finance Director, Sherrie Leverett, stated, in front of you is the most recent updates on the FY27 Budget process. 16 Funds are all within balance, except the General Fund. Today the number is a \$2.3 million dollar shortfall. I still have about \$560,000 worth of updates to post that will reduce this number. These updates will be posted later today which will end with a \$1.7 to \$1.8 million dollar shortfall. FY27 Budget Adoption date set for June 25, 2026 at 9:00 am.

No Support

No Opposition

Public Hearing Closed 9:37 am

RESOLUTION 2026-017

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, the Resolution is authorizing and approving the execution of an equipment lease purchase agreement with the Bank, OZK, for a D6 Dozier to be used at the Landfill. **Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to adopt the Resolution authorizing and executing the equipment lease purchase agreement with OZK Bank for a Landfill D6 Dozier, seconded by Commissioner Crenshaw, motion carried unanimously.**

FLOST/PTRLOST GA

FLOATING LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX/PROPERTY TAX RELIEF LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, the form is still in rough draft with some verbiage still needing to be worked out. Suggestion is to approve the rough draft form of the agreement and give the County Administrator the authority to make final negotiations on the form with the City and allow the Chairman to sign on behalf of the county. **Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to allow Mr. Dunnavant to make final negotiations and approve the final form of agreement and allow Chairman Dowdy to sign on behalf of the County, seconded by Commissioner Nance, motion carried unanimously.**

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Director, Sherrie Leverett, stated, today's packet includes a preliminary report and executive summary on the major funds of the County as of the end of May. The first page is the financial report which shows the monthly and YTD activity for the General & three major Special Revenue Funds. Combined and including preliminary numbers for May, these funds are reporting YTD Revenues exceeding expenditures by just 1% leaving us in a positive \$115,252 position at 5/31/26. In the Water Fund Monthly revenues and expenditures increase the YTD net income here to \$162,728. Usage billed for the month totaled 6,950,000 gallons to 1,562 customers. The USDA Bonds are current at \$956,325. In the Landfill Fund, monthly activity for May increased the positive position here after eleven months to \$679,950. Total tonnage for the month was 6,105.89 tons. Approximately 25% of that was delivered under the two main commercial hauling contracts, 6% under the City of Cordele's residential contract and 6% under the County's curbside contract. The GEFA Loans are current at \$140,344. Next is the cash on hand report as of May 31. We ended the month with \$10.3 million in the General and Special Revenue Funds combined, \$8.5 million in the proprietary funds and \$10.5 million in the SPLOST & TSPLOST, leaving us with a CW total of \$29.3 million, -18.4 million less than the end of May 2025. Following that are the SPLOST Reports. Monthly activity increased the actual expenditure total for the 2017 Issue to just over \$22.0 million. On the next page, Distribution #28 on the 2023 Issue came in at \$523,382. Per the chart you can see that it does exceed the average of May Distributions from the 2017 Issue. It also came in at 8% above the monthly amount received in May of 2025. It brings issue to date collections up to \$13.9 million while expenditures & encumbrances came in just under \$8.6 million. The final SPLOST Schedule includes a list of all expenditures for the month of May. Projects benefiting from our Special Local Option Sales Tax penny during the month were the Public Works, San/Solid Waste, Planning & Zoning, Airport, and the cities of Arabi and Cordele for a total of \$1,151,686 expended during the month of May. 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, after 40 months, we have collected about \$3.7 million under this issue. Combining that with other road revenue sources and we have \$10.9 million in local road maintenance and capital projects planned with the use of TSPLOST Funds. Following that is an updated schedule on our L.O.S.T distributions. Mirroring SPLOST, this month's distribution is also up over last year by 8.2%. 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 May with a total outstanding balance of \$1.4 million on the four accounts. The final report included in your packet is the revenues by fund and expenditures by department preliminary report for the eleven-month period of July 2024 through May 2025. The summary report shows the expended percentage of appropriations for each individual department and the total for each fund. As of May 31st, all departments and divisions should actually be at or below 92% of their annual allowances. Overall, as of this report, the preliminary numbers indicate the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds over at 162%, the Water Fund is good at 26% and the Landfill Fund is over at 133%.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, the Pateville Road CDBG Project was submitted last week. We were told 48 other communities have also applied for similar projects, I'm hopeful that we will get funding. LRA money is \$823,369.81, with no match required. This money will finish phase 2

of the Fenn Road Project, from the railroad tracks back to Hwy 41. Public Works Director, Carl Gamble, told me an additional \$500,000.00 can only be spent on the Phase 2 section. The declaration of funding is in the reports section. Mr. Dunnavant also stated, Notice of Assessments will be mailed June 9th. There are some changes in the notices this year as to what you will see. We are working to get these changes posted to the county website with an explanation of the changes. Mr. Dunnavant stated, I invited Interim City Manager, David Wade, to participate with ACCG in a zoom meeting concerning FLOST/LOST Funds. We met with City leaders to work on an IGA concerning FLOST funding. Mr. Dunnavant stated, I also spoke at Rotary last Wednesday and shared the list of roads that are slotted for resurfacing. The list is in today's packets under Department Updates. Public Works Director, Carl Gamble, is working on invitations for bids. After the last thunderstorm, I met with Maintenance Director, Toby Coleman and the Sheriff to work through some radio issues. I also had numerous opportunities last month to provide customer services concerning roads, right of ways, and trash collection. Mr. Dunnavant also attended several meeting last month.

Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to go into Executive Session at 10:08 am for Personnel, Property & Potential Litigation, seconded by Commissioner Nance, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to come out of Executive Session at 11:19 am, seconded by Commissioner Crenshaw, motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF ELECTIONS

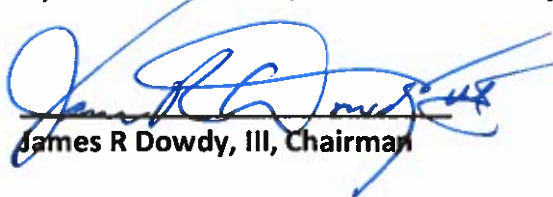
County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, the first item of other business is a request for the appointment of Issac Owens to the Board of Elections. The Crisp County Democratic Party has asked that he be appointed in place of Mrs. Willie Mae Dexter who had to resign at the request of the Democratic Party. Mr. Dunnavant read the biography provided by Mr. Owens. **No Action Taken Due To Lack of Motion**

APPOINTMENT OF FIRE CHIEF

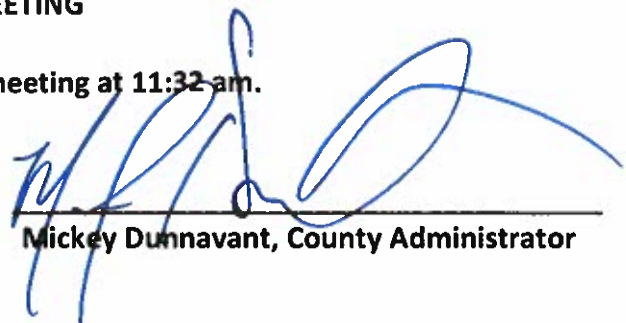
County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, the next item of other business is the appointment of Interim Fire Chief, Russell Ayotte, to Fire Chief. Mr. Ayotte was appointed to Interim Fire Chief on December 9, 2025. Mr. Ayotte replaced retired Chief Michael Postell. Mr. Dunnavant read his letter of recommendation to appoint Mr. Ayotte as the Crisp County Fire Chief. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to appoint Interim Fire Chief, Russell Ayotte, to Crisp County Fire Chief, seconded by Commissioner Crenshaw, motion carried unanimously.**

ADJOURN MEETING

By common consent, Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 11:32 am.



James R Dowdy, III, Chairman



Mickey Dunnavant, County Administrator