

**MINUTES OF THE CRISP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JULY 16, 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 and County Clerk Monica Irwin. Commissioner Nance 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 July 16, 2026, Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2026, and the Work Session Minutes of June 9, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF REPORT

Sheriff Hancock was unable to attend. A \$37,000.00 jail per diem check was submitted for the month of June, 2026.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

VERTICAL BRIDGE

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, Vertical Bridge works for Verizon Wireless and Verizon Wireless is requesting a Special Use Permit to build a telecommunications tower on North Coney Road and Drayton Road. Mr. Dunnavant read the Public Hearing advertisement. The property belongs to Rose Merry Brock located at 761 N Coney Road, Cordele, GA. Property is listed on the Tax Assessors website as Parcel ID 010044 consisting of 89.69 +/- acres. Planning & Zoning Representative, Jimmie Mumphery, is present along with Ms. Wendy Doyle from Vertical Bridge-Verizon Wireless. Ms. Doyle provided a hand-out for Commissioners to follow along during her presentation. Ms. Doyle stated, Verizon has been made aware that this area is a "drop call" area and is a need for this tower. The primary objective of this site is to provide significant high-speed voice and broadband coverage improvements along Drayton Road, Coney Rd N, Millpond Rd, Easom Rd, Lane-Loop, Eaton Rd, Fenn Rd, Ross Crossing Rd, Macedonia Church Rd, Crossroad Store Rd, US Hwy 280, as well as other locations within the desired service area. The Engineers asked us to find an area of property to place a 240ft tower. The location of the proposed site is approximately about 4 miles away from the nearest tower so basically this tower will try to fill in the hole. After looking at your ordinances, set-backs, and regulations we try to find a property that fits your mold and Ms. Brock's

property did fit. Ms. Doyle stated, Ms. Brock agreed for the tower to be placed on her property. Ms. Doyle stated, the proposal is to build a 190ft straight pole tower located as far from the main road back in the wooded area of the property. The compound area will be a 100ft x 100ft and all equipment will be contained in a fenced area. Ms. Doyle also stated, the property has been cleared by the FAA and FCC and has an environmental approval from the state.

Sharon Oliver located on Drayton Rd, stated, she is not opposed to having the tower in the area but she does have a couple of concerns. Mrs. Oliver asked how close the tower will be to her property and how will the tower affect her property value. Mrs. Oliver also asked if the tower will be remitting any sounds. Mrs. Doyle responded to Mrs. Oliver's questions stating, the tower will not affect her property value as far as lowering it but may actually help in increasing your property's value according to the National Real Estate Association, nor will the tower be remitting any sounds, light, or odors. Ms. Doyle added, because the tower is in a fenced area property owners are still able to maintain their property for cattle use, horses, deer, etc.

Public Hearing Opened 9:07 am

No Opposition

No Decision Made At This Time

Public Hearing Closed 9:23 am

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PROPOSED MASS GATHERING ORDINANCE TO AMEND CODE

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnivant, stated, the proposed Mass Gathering Ordinance will amend the code adopted December 10, 2002. The Mass Gathering Ordinance was brought about last year when the Sheriff Department, Fire & Rescue, and EMS had to respond to several large parties. The Ordinance will require a permit process for parties with more than 250 people. This allows for a responsible and liable party for the event and gives us a clear plan of what to expect. The exemption of the Ordinance is that it will not apply to any gathering that is held at a regular established permanent place of worship, athletic field, auditorium, licensed event venue, or other similar permanently established places or buildings that has the maximum seating capacity. Mr. Dunnivant read the proposed Ordinance.

Public Hearing Opened 9:33 am

No Support

No Opposition

Public Hearing Closed 9:34 am

No Decision Made At This Time

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CRANE ROAD CLOSING

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnivant stated, the request is to close a portion of Crane Road due to illegal dumping and lack of acknowledgement of posted stop sign at Penia Rd Crossing. This requested portion to be closed runs between Cemetery Road and Penia Road with a total distance of 960 ft. Mr. Dunnivant read the letter of request from Senator Cardin Summers. Senator Summers has property on both sides of this section.

Public Hearing Opened 9:36 am

No Support
No Opposition
Public Hearing Closed 9:37 am
No Decision Made At This Time
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TERAMORE DEVELOPMENT, LLC

Public Hearing Decision

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnivant, stated, the decision hearing is for the Dollar General locating at Drayton Road and Hwy 41. Planning & Zoning Building Inspector, Jimmie Mumphery, read the required Standards for Rezoning. Mr. Dunnivant stated, a variance for parking spaces was also requested to be included along with the rezoning request. The parking spaces have been decreased from 40 spaces to 20 spaces. Mr. Dunnivant read the Findings of Facts. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to adopt the Findings of Facts as presented to approve the request to Rezone Parcels 025A 142 & 025A 143, 108 Drayton Road belonging to Carlos Perez from RD-Duplex Residential to GC-General Commercial, seconded by Commissioner Crenshaw.**

HOLT CONSULTING COMPANY, LLC

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnivant, stated, Holt Consulting Company is the consultant for Crisp-Cordele Airport. Holt Construction managed the bids last year to build a new 5 unit box hangar and a bid award was given to LRA Construction from Albany, GA. This agreement, work authorization number 09 between Crisp County Board of Commissioners and Holt Consulting Company, LLC will provide construction phase services for the 5 unit box hangar project at Crisp County-Cordele Airport. Mr. Dunnivant read the elements included and the scope of the project. The overall program is estimated to be 120 calendar days. Construction phase services is \$53,800.00 and the quality assurance testing is \$23,900.00, a total of \$77,700.00 for Holt Construction to manage and provide these services. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to ratify the contract with Holt Consulting Company, LLC, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.**

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnivant, stated, County Clerk, Monica Irwin, just brought to my attention that I did not previously read Ordinance 2026-021 for the Board's consideration of the Teramore Development, LLC rezoning. County Administrator, Mickey Dunnivant, read Ordinance 2026-014 amending the zoning map and the land use regulations of the unincorporated area of Crisp County. Rezoning parcels 025A 142 & 025A 143 also known as 108 Drayton Lane from Residential Duplex to General Commercial. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to adopt the Ordinance rezoning parcels 025A 142 & 025A 143 known as 108 Drayton Lane from Residential Duplex to General Commercial, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.**

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnivant, stated, he and Chief Appraiser, Sean Sammons, are working on an article for the Newspaper explaining the Assessment process. Mr. Dunnivant stated, he is also working with the Health Department to address septic tank sizes and shared septic systems

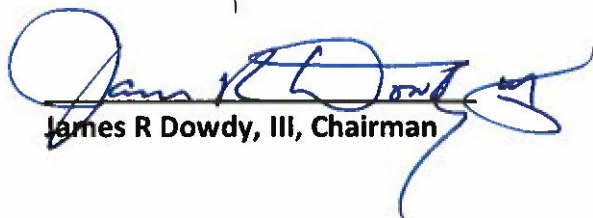
so substandard lots could be used for smaller homes. Mr. Dunnavant stated, he had numerous opportunities last month to provide customer services concerning roads, right of ways, and trash collection. Mr. Dunnavant is currently in contact with Sumter County Administrator, Scott Carver, regarding roadside mowing crews from Sumter County Correctional Institute to provide shoulder cuts. Mr. Dunnavant also stated, he and Senior Regional Project Manager for Region 8, Christy Bozeman, are in the beginning stages of gathering data and sponsoring a Retail Ready Class that pertains to our community. Mr. Dunnavant also attended several meetings last month.

Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to go into Executive Session at 9:55 am for Property and Litigation, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.

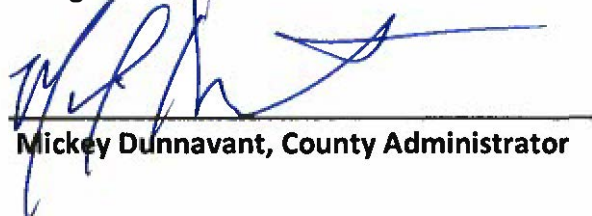
Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to come out of Executive Session at 10:36 am, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN MEETING

By common consent, Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 10:36 am.



James R Dowdy, III, Chairman



Mickey Dunnavant, County Administrator