

**MINUTES OF THE CRISP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 25, 2025**

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chairman James 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 Dunnivant, County Attorney Rick Lawson, Finance Director Sherrie Leverett and County Clerk Monica Irwin. Senior Pastor Larry Rollins of Cordele First Church 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.

AGENDA AMENDMENT

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnivant asked for approval from the Board to amend the Agenda. Mr. Dunnivant stated, the amendment is to add three items: 1) New 911 Contract with the City of Cordele, 2 & 3) Appointments of additional Board Members for the Crisp County Hospital Authority. **Chairman Dowdy asked for a motion from the Board to amend today's Agenda to add the additions. Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to amend the Agenda to add the additions, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.**

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to adopt the November 25, 2025 amended Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Farrow to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2025, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF REPORT

Sheriff Hancock, stated, he is presenting Mrs. Leverett with a check for \$3617.02 from a grant that is finishing-up, and a \$3865.00 check for inmate housing. Mr. Hancock stated, last month 791 Citations written, 345 Warnings written, 29 Citations written inside the city, and 16 of those citations were Superior Court Citations, 1 DUI, 6 Drug Arrests, and 22 worked accidents. 210 was the daily average inmate population last month; 158 inmates booked and 143 inmates released, 62 cell searches conducted, and 2 use of force reports. Mr. Hancock stated, 119 inmates were transported to and from medical facilities, court, and other detention centers. Totaling 175 hours in transport man hours. The Sheriff's Office averaged a total of 117,068 miles driven and a total of 2686 phone calls that went through the service center. A total of 6067 calls between incoming admin, alarm calls, 911 calls, and outgoing calls. Mr. Hancock stated, the Sheriff's Office is 7 Deputies short on the sworn side and 3 Detention Officers short on the jail side. Mr. Hancock also stated, Teresa Miller is retiring today from the Crisp County Sheriff's Office with 25 years of service.

NEW BUSINESS

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

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, the Memorandum of Agreement is between Crisp County and Camden County and it follows the Georgia Shelter Plan. Sheriff Hancock stated, basically the agreement means if Camden County is hit by a natural disaster such as flooding, hurricane, etc. the Nursing Homes in Crisp County will take their residents/patients and if Camden County cannot provide transportation for the residents/patients then Crisp County EMS will transport the residents/patients to Crisp County. This also allows use of our buildings such as the High School, Recreation Department, Fairgrounds, etc. in case of the need for Emergency Shelters to house people. Mr. Dunnavant read the purpose of the agreement. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to adopt the Memorandum of Agreement between Crisp County and Camden County, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.**

FY2025 FINAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Finance Director, Sherrie Leverett, stated, the final budget adjustments for FY25 need to be approved for the record. Mrs. Leverett stated, the first page is a summary, following that is a detailed by fund report, and the general fund detailed by department report is available in my office. Overall, County wide started with \$41,132,725 original budget and reduced that \$2,339,597. County wide final budget is \$38,793,128. The General Fund started with \$21.7 and reduced that fund by a little over \$200,000 as a result of \$21.5 total. **Motion was made by Commissioner Crenshaw to approve the final budget adjustments for FY25, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.**

CDBG SELECTION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULTING SERVICES

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, the 2026 Community Development Block Grant, if funded, the selection of an Administrative Consultant Services will be Sunbelt Consulting. This is a storm water sewer project that will pick up Pateville Road, Joe Wright Drive, 13th North, and 27th Avenue. This is to try and take care of the water overflow issues when we have heavy downpours of rain that is washing out ditches and driveways. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to approve the consulting services contract between Sunbelt Consulting and Crisp County for the 2026 Community Development Block Grant Pending Project, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.**

CDBG SELECTION FOR ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, the 2026 Community Development Block Grant, if funded, the selection of an Engineering Consultant Services will be J.B. Faircloth & Linear Engineering. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to approve the consulting services contract between J.B. Faircloth & Linear Engineering and Crisp County for the 2026 Community Development Block Grant Pending Project, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.**

E911 Contract with the City of Cordele

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnivant, stated, paragraph D of the contract has been amended. Mr. Dunnivant read the amended paragraph. Beginning January 1, 2026, and continuing for a period of 6 months, June 30, 2026, the City of Cordele shall pay to Crisp County the sum of \$29,167 on the first day of each month, for inclusion in the County's E-911 and 800 MHZ systems. Such monthly payments shall continue for successive one-year terms after the initial 6-month term unless either party gives the other party 60 day prior written notice before any successive one year term for the purpose of renegotiating the monthly payment. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to approve the Amended E-911 Contract between the City of Cordele and Crisp County, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.**

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Director, Sherrie Leverett, stated, included in the financial report section of your packet today is preliminary report for the period of July through October, 2025. The first page includes the report of revenues and expenditures for the County's General & three major Special Revenue Funds. Combined, these funds are reporting YTD revenues of \$5.6 million and expenditures of \$8.3 million leaving a FY to date deficit position of -\$2.7 million at the end of October. The Water Fund ended the same period with a net profit of \$46,645. Water consumption billed for the month was 7.2 million gallons to 1549 customers and the USDA Bonds principal balance is current at \$993,859. The Landfill Fund YTD Revenues of \$841,161 and expenses of \$621,013 leave this fund with a year-to-date net gain of \$220,148 at 10/31/25. The total tonnage received for the month of October came in at 5,253.97. 25% of that was received under commercial contracts, 6% under the city's residential contract and 5% under the county's curbside contract. The principal balance on the GEFA loans is current at \$258,134. Next is the Cash Report for October 31, 2025. The General and special revenue funds combined ended the month with \$13.6 million; the proprietary funds with \$12.9 million and the SPLOST & TSPLOST funds with \$17.8 million; bringing a County wide total to \$44.4 million. Following that are the SPLOST Report Summaries. Expenditures from the 2017 SPLOST Issue increased to \$21.8 million. Distribution #21 under the 2023 Issue came in at \$491,284, which is up by about 6% from this same reporting period one year ago. Issue to date collections are now up to \$10.3 million while expenditures & encumbrances came in at \$5.9 million. We spent \$504,084 in Special Local Option Sales Tax pennies during the month of October. Projects benefiting were the Fire Department, Public Works, County Roads, Sanitation & Solid Waste, County Buildings, the Detention Center, The Extension Office, EMS, E911, Recreation, CCSO, Courts, and the Cities of Cordele and Arabi. In summary, we have collected \$3.1 million under this TSPLOST Issue. Combining that with other State and Local Revenue Sources, we currently have over \$10.2 million appropriated for local road capital and maintenance projects through the Special Transportation Tax Fund. This month's LOST distribution is also up by 6%. We were not able to print the revenue by fund and expenditures by department report. We had a code update in late October and it somehow threw a glitch in this particular report format. The software provider is working on it and should have it fixed soon. At Oct. 31st YTD Expenditures should be below 33%. As of this report with the General & SRF's were at 30%, Water fund was at 34% and the Landfill ended the month at 24%.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnivant, stated, while attending the River Valley Regional Commission Meeting, he learned that Windstream and Star Link have received grants for fiber work in Crisp County. Public Works Director, Carl Gamble, has received numerous permits for Windstream to begin work. Mr.

Dunnavant also stated, he attended the ACCG Legislative Conference last month. One of the Hot Topics was titled "a tax reform is brewing in Georgia, are you prepared?" We were provided a questionnaire with numerous questions pertaining to property tax and sales tax. We will be working to answer all of these questions and meet with Representative Williams and Senator Summers to discuss. Roughly 46% of our General Fund Revenue comes from Ad Valorem Taxes, the balance comes from fees, fines, sales tax, and special service district. Mr. Dunnavant stated, he spoke with Lynn Bates, Vice President of Big Tex Human Resources, and Senior Director of Human Resources, Misty Stocks, Jim Livingston, River Valley Regional Commission, and Janice West who is head of the Work Force Innovation Opportunity Board located in Americus, Ga. concerning the closure of the Big Tex Manufacturing Plant. Mr. Dunnavant asked for their help to assist the displaced workers from Big Tex. Mr. Dunnavant stated, he hoped the WIO will get involved and provide assistance. Mr. Dunnavant also reported several items underway: New Maintenance Software; repair work on the Reginald Barry Senior Citizen Center; Handicap Accessible Website; Verizon 5G Service; Mass Gathering Ordinance; Mr. Dunnavant also attended several meetings and classes last month including the GARC Conference, Leadership Class, IDC/IDA, Propel, River Valley Regional Commission, Land Bank, Friends of the Park, Red Ribbon Week, WIO, Retail Ready Summit, Power Commission, and Watermelon Museum discussion.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to come out of Executive Session at 12:02 pm, seconded by Commissioner Nance, motion carried unanimously.

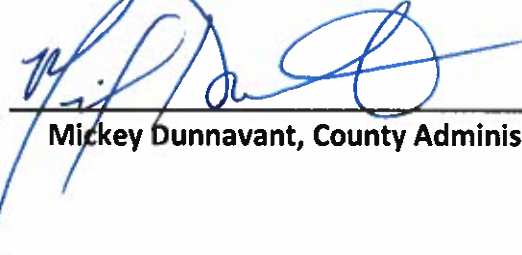
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BOARD

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, he received a letter from Mr. Steve Gautney informing the Board of Commissioners that Mr. Gene Ford resigned from the Hospital Authority Board effective December 2024. The Hospital Authority Board recommends Claire Krause to serve out Mr. Ford's term and also recommends Arthur Parker to serve as an additional director effective January 1, 2026. Mr. Dunnavant read the letter. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to appoint Claire Krause to serve out the remaining term of Gene Ford and to appoint Arthur Parker to serve as an additional Board Director for the Hospital Authority Board, seconded by Commissioner Crenshaw, motion carried unanimously.**

ADJOURN MEETING

By common consent, Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 12:04 pm.


James R Dowdy, III, Chairman


Mickey Dunnavant, County Administrator