MINUTES OF THE CRISP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 13, 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 and Mark Crenshaw in attendance. Others present were County Administrator Mickey Dunnavant, County Attorney Rick Lawson and County Clerk Monica Irwin. Pastor Larry Rollins 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.

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, he has two amendments to add to the Agenda. The first amendment, Sheriff Hancock would like to donate a piece of equipment and the second amendment, a response from the United States Post Office.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Farrow to adopt the October 13, 2026, amended Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2026, Called Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2026 and the Called Meeting Minutes of September 29, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Crenshaw, motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF REPORT

Sheriff Hancock, stated, the month of October is dedicated to Breast Cancer Awareness Month, hence the bright pink shirt he is wearing as well as the pink lettering on his car. Sheriff Hancock thanked the Board for amending the agenda. Inmate Housing check for the month was $48,000 and this will continue to increase with more federal housing in the future. The past 10 days have been busy. The Sheriff Office assisted Dooly County with the mass shooting and a couple of arrests have already been made. Citations written for the month total 542 and the biggest cost for the month is the fuel costs right now. The other large cost for operations is the remodeled kitchen in the jail, which is now complete. Sheriff Hancock, stated, the reason for the amended agenda today is to present Crisp County Fire Chief, Russell Ayotte, EMS Director, David Edwards and Cordele Fire Chief, Alli Good, with a piece of equipment that invests in Public Safety and strengthens partnerships between our agencies allowing every available resource to be available to those who respond when someone is in danger. Sheriff Hancock read his presentation letter. The Aquaeye Sonar Device is to assist in drowning incidents when locating potential victims. Sheriff Hancock stated, the equipment is presented at no cost to the county or tax payers, it was purchased through the asset forfeiture fund.

PROCLAMATION 2026-030

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, this Proclamation is for the drug prevention awareness campaign, Red Ribbon Week. Mr. Dunnavant announced Mrs. Monica Simmons' presence and Mr. Dunnavant read the Proclamation. Mrs. Simmons stated, red ribbons will be handed out on October 23rd on Hwy 41 South and the Red Ribbon Week Kick-off will be at the Crisp County Middle School on October 26th at 9:00 am. **Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to adopt the Proclamation recognizing October 23rd -31st, 2026, as Red Ribbon Week in the City of Cordele and Crisp County, Georgia, motion seconded by Commissioner Crenshaw, motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC REQUEST: PATSY WHITE

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, next we have a Public Request by Mrs. Patsy White. Mrs. White has started a corporation called Homeless to Hopeful. She requested an opportunity to address the Crisp County Board of Commissioners on behalf of Homeless to Hopeful Corporation, a 501C Non-Profit Organization serving our community. Mrs. White stated, she has always had a heart for serving the Lord and helping God's people. After the loss of my brother, I decided I needed to turn my pain into purpose. Homeless to Hopeful provides hygiene products, clothing, and other basic necessities for local children in foster care, connecting individuals and families with community resources and increasing awareness & support surrounding mental health, addiction recovery, homelessness, and foster care. The Organization is sponsoring an upcoming "Break Every Chain" 5k at the Recreation Department scheduled for January 2, 2027. The event is being organized to bring the Crisp County community together while raising awareness to mental health, foster care, homelessness, and addiction recovery. Mrs. White welcomed any help with the 5k run as well as any other resources available to the organization.

CJCC GRANT AWARD

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) Grant Award AW-ACFP-27-014 is for the Adult Felony Drug Court Grant in the amount of $163,484.56. The Board's acceptance and approval of the grant is needed. **Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to accept and approve the CJCC Grant Award # AW-ACFP-27-014 for the Adult Felony Drug Court, seconded by Commissioner Nance, motion carried unanimously.**

DECOMMISSIONED EQUIPMENT

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, Public Works has disposed decommissioned equipment to consider to sell on Govdeals. A motion is needed to start the process to auction the equipment through the Govdeals website. Public Works Director, Carl Gamble, has approved 13 items of equipment to sell. **Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to initiate the auction process through Govdeals of the disposed decommissioned equipment from Public Works, seconded by Commissioner Nance, motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION 2026-029

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, the Language Access Plan Resolution is dealing with the Community Development Block Grant. The Language Access Plan is one of the steps that has to be in place in order to move forward with the CDBG. The Board of Commissioners agrees to comply with Title VI non-discrimination laws regarding appropriate access to services and activities. Mr. Dunnavant read the Resolution. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to adopt the Resolution regarding the updated LAP for the new CDBG, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.**

PAVING PROJECT

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, the bid award for the paving project of just over 10 miles. The award was given to Griffin Construction, as the lowest bidder. An approval is needed to accept the bid. **Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to approve the bid awarded to Griffin Construction to begin the paving project, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.**

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, the Chamber of Commerce has started promoting FLOST. The Chamber, myself, David Wade and Clark Harrell (from ACCG) had a town hall meeting last Monday to discuss FLOST. We also spoke on the subject last Wednesday at Rotary and will be speaking on the subject again tonight at the Lake Blackshear Homeowners Association. This Thursday we will be at Kiwanis and next Tuesday we will be at the Lions Club. So far, we have had positive comments. Mr. Dunnavant also stated, he sat in with Sheriff Hancock and his team at the EMA building in preparation of Hurricane Isaias. Public Works received several calls into the late hours of Saturday morning reporting several trees in the roadways. Mr. Dunnavant stated, he is working with Georgia Public Defenders Office in our Circuit and Mrs. Lyndsey Walters was sworn in on September 4, 2026 by Governor Kemp. Along with Mr. Dunnavant also attended several meetings last month.

Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to go into Executive Session at 10:00 am for Potential Litigation, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to come out of Executive Session at 10:04 am, seconded by Commissioner Nance, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to go into Executive Session at 10:05 am for Potential Litigation and Personnel, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Crenshaw to come out of Executive Session at 10:38 am, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, requested an approval of the Executive Session Minutes as signed by the present Commissioners. **Motion was made by Commissioner Crenshaw to approve**

the signed Executive Session minutes, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, the United States Postal Service drop box, located in the alley way, has been out of service for several months. I placed a service request with the Post Master several months ago and have finally received a response. Mr. Dunnavant read the response email from the Post Master regarding the investigation of the out of service drop box. Due to vandalizing and theft the drop box will not be replaced for future mailings. Drop box information: Four blue drop boxes located around town that do not require you to exit your vehicle to drop mail. Handicap assistance please call 229-271-3768 (number is on side of building next to the alley) clerks will come out and handle any business the customers need from mailing, buying stamps, or picking-up any items. Collection box location:

210 S 7th Street
1215 E 16th Ave
2201 E 16th Ave
503 W 22nd Ave

ADJOURN MEETING

By common consent, Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 10:47 am.

James R Dowdy, III, Chairman **Mickey Dunnavant, County Administrator**