MINUTES OF THE CRISP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 10, 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 Interim County Administrator Mickey Dunnavant, County Attorney Rick Lawson, Finance Director Sherrie Leverett and County Clerk Monica Irwin. Commissioner Nance gave the invocation and Interim 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 Nance to adopt the June 10, 2025 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of May 13, 2025 seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF REPORT

Sheriff Hancock reported the Georgia Emergency Management Grant reimbursed $20,000 this year in mitigation money which will allow for some community projects. Sheriff Hancock stated, he would like to buy a few of the dilapidated houses located on the south section of Hannah Road between HWY 41 & Culpepper and take that as a place to create a holding pond area to help with flooding in the area. The Golf Tournament hosted by the Sheriff's Office for the Youth Homes went very well. $25,000 was raised that will be contributed back to the Georgia Sheriff Youth Homes. Stats for the month include: Received over 850 papers to be served, worked 306 court hours, 96 prisoner transports, and a total of 599 citations written. Sheriff Hancock also stated three inmates have been moved on to the state, one murder suspect that has been held in the jail since 2019 finally gave a plea and was able to get a conviction on two Russian inmates that have been held for two years. Remodeling of two wings in the jail is complete and now we will begin remodeling on the C hall. Sheriff Hancock stated, a total of around 19 inmates help keep the kitchen, maintenance, and outside chores running in the jail 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. Sheriff Hancock stated 911 is short a dispatcher, Road Division is short 2 Deputies, Criminal Investigations Division is short 1 Investigator and the IT Department is short 1. We hope to fill these positions soon.

PROCLAMATION 2025-008

Interim County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, today we have the honor of having a State Champion sitting in our meeting, Miss Kamariah Porter is the State Champion is the 50M Dash in Track. Recreation Director, Eric Bozeman, stated, the Track & Field Program was started 14 years ago. In those 14 years we've had 13 individual state champions, over 1000 runners have competed at district & state level competitions. Mr. Bozeman introduced the Track & Field Coaches/Staff, Mr. Eric Morgan, Mr. Patrick Lundy, and Mr. Rontae Lester. Mr. Bozeman commended the three coaches for the amazing job

done with the program. Coach Morgan stated, Miss Porter was a much disciplined, positive, dedicated runner. Coach Morgan congratulated Miss Porter and thanked her for being a great runner and never giving up. He also stated, he knows she is going to exceed in whatever her life choices may be for sports, school, etc. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to adopt the Proclamation commending Kamariah Porter, State Champion 10-Under Track 50m Dash, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC HEARING

Interim County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, advised the Board the Public Hearing is for the proposed operating budget for fiscal year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026. Finance Director, Sherrie Leverett, stated, the FY26 Budget Proposal is a required step in the annual budget process. Mrs. Leverett asked the Chairman to open the Public Hearing. Chairman Dowdy opened the Public Hearing a 9:31 am. Mrs. Leverett gave a quick run-down of the proposal:

General Fund – balanced at $22,835,070.00
E911 Fund – balanced at $1,440,238.00
TSPLOST Fund – balanced at $1,205,000.00
Special Service District Fund – balanced at $2,984,223.00
Water Enterprise Fund – balanced at $831,900.00
Landfill Enterprise Fund – balanced at $2,635,241.00

Non-Major Special Revenue Funds:
Law Library – balanced at $40,000.00
Jail Maintenance Fund – balanced at $$239,091.00
D.A.T.E. Fund – balanced at $25,000.00
Opioid Settlement Fund – balanced at $50,000.00
ARPA Fund – balanced at $0
CDBG MIT Communications Equipment Project – balanced at $0
Hotel/Motel Tax Fund – balanced at $37,000.00
CDBG RLF – balanced at $20,250.00
Asset Forfeiture Fund – balanced at $100,000.00

Capital Project Funds:
2017 SPLOST Fund – balanced at $2,495,000.00
2023 SPLOST Fund – balanced at $5,500,000.00
TSPLOST/Capital Projects – balanced at $499,329.00

County Wide Total:
$40,937,342.00

Mrs. Leverett stated a date will need to be set to adopt the budget. Board unanimously agreed to schedule a Called Meeting, June 27, 2025 to adopt the FY25/26 budget. **Commissioner Felton made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 9:35 am, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

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

ORDINANCE 2025-007

Interim County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, the Ordinance is to amend the zoning map from Rural Residential to General Commercial for the purpose of building a Data Center on Cemetery Road. Mr. Dunnavant stated, when considering a rezoning 8 Standards for Rezoning must be answered. Mr. Dunnavant read the Standards for Rezoning. Mr. Dunnavant also stated, the Planning & Zoning Department has determined the requested rezoning is correct for this land parcel and is line with the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Dunnavant read the Findings of Facts. **Motion was made by Commissioner Farrow to adopt the Findings of Facts as presented to approve the request to rezone Parcel 032 022, 032 023, 032L 003, and 032L 004 from Rural Residential to General Commercial, motion seconded by Commissioner Felton.** Mr. Dunnavant read the Ordinance. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to adopt the Ordinance to rezone combined Parcels totaling +/-583.62 acres from Rural Residential to General Commercial for the purpose of building a Data Center, motion seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.**

LEASE AGREEMENT

Interim County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, stated, the Lease is for the Crisp County Sheriff's Office body worn cameras. Mr. Dunnavant asked for the Board's approval to ratify the Lease. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to approve the Lease Agreement by the Crisp County Sheriff's Office for body worn cameras, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.**

5311 TRANSIT PROGRAM

Interim County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, asked for the Board's consideration to approve the Georgie Department of Transportation 5311 Transit Program 2026 Grant Contract, Project Number T008299 in the amount of $318,500.00. Mr. Dunnavant also asked for the Board's consideration to approve the FY26 Contract for Service for Operation of Crisp County Transit System between the Crisp County Board of Commissioners and Resource Management Systems, Inc. **Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to ratify the 5311 Grant T008299 in the amount of $318,500, seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner Nance to approve the FY26 5311 TPO Service Contract between Crisp County Board of Commissioners and Resource Management Group, seconded by Commissioner Felton, motion carried unanimously.**

FINANCE REPORT

Mrs. Leverett gave a preliminary report and executive summary on the major funds of the County as of the end of May. 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 6% leaving us in a positive $1.6 million position at 5/31/25. The Water Fund monthly revenues and expenditures increase the YTD net income here to $144,802. Usage billed for the month totaled 9,352,000 gallons to 1,544 customers. The USDA Bonds are current at $1,012,323. The Landfill

Fund monthly activity for May finally pushed us into a positive position after eleven months of $3,203 in accrued year to date income. Total tonnage for the month was 4,967.93 tons. Approximately 29% of that was delivered under the commercial hauling contract, 8% under the City of Cordele's residential contract and 5% under the County's curbside contract. The GEFA Loans are current at $373,657. The cash on hand report as of May 31, ended the month with $17.7 million in the General and Special Revenue Funds combined, $12.2 million in the proprietary funds and $17.8 million in the SPLOST & TSPLOST funds giving a county wide total at the end of the month of $47.7 million. The SPLOST Reports monthly activity increased the actual expenditure total for the 2017 Issue to $21.2 million. Distribution #16 on the 2023 Issue came in at $484,900. It does exceed the average of May Distributions from the 2017 Issue. It also came 7.7% above the monthly amount received in May of 2024. It brings issue to date collections up to $7.7 million while expenditures & encumbrances came in just under $4.6 million. Projects benefiting from our Special Local Option Sales Tax penny during the month were the Airport, Public Works, Roads, Sanitation/Solid Waste, the Detention Center, CCSO and the cities of Arabi and Cordele. The 2022 TSPLOST, after 28 months, we have collected about $2.6 million under this issue. Combining that with approximately $6.9 in other road revenue sources and we have $8.9 million in local road maintenance and capital projects planned with the use of TSPLOST Funds. L.O.S.T distributions, mirroring SPLOST, this month's distribution is also up over last year by 7.7%. The balance and status of all CDBG Revolving Loan Fund Accounts ended the month of May with a total outstanding balance of $1.4 million for the total of five accounts. The revenues by fund and expenditures by department preliminary report for the eleven-month period of July 2024 through May 2025 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 good at 89%, the Water Fund is also good at 80% and the Landfill Fund is within budget at 71%.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Interim County Administrator, Mickey Dunnavant, advised the Board; Express Disposal is doing their best to get old trash cans picked-up. Waste Management Representative, Angela Luke, will also help arrange to have cans picked up. Angela can be reached at 229-947-4104 or aluke1@wm.com. Mr. Dunnavant also thanked the Commissioners for traveling to Social Circle, GA to visit the Facebook facility. Mr. Dunnavant stated, it was a very interesting trip. Restriping of the parking lots is on hold due to weather this week but this project will be completed soon. Thursday, June 12, 2025, we will be attending the "This is your Life" of Frank Olsen. Mr. Olsen was the first president of the MEAG Association. Called Meeting is set for June 27, 2025 at 9:00 am to finalize the FY25/26 Budget and following the meeting at 10:00 am will be the dedication of Johnny Floyd. Public Works Director, Carl Gamble, has finished the FEMA related drainage projects, the Maintenance Department has 2 halls left to complete at the jail, new a/c unit is being installed at the Recreation Department, and July 25, 2025 will be the closing day of the county pools and will begin painting the inside of Recreation Department. The courthouse re-flooring will begin soon and take about 3 weekends to complete.

Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to go into Executive Session at 10:13 am for Personnel and Property, motion seconded by Commissioner Nance, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to approve the sale of 2 Crisp County Lots located in Worth County. The sale will be made from Crisp County Power Commission. Motion seconded by Commissioner Crenshaw, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Felton to come out of Executive Session at 11:13 am, motion seconded by Commissioner Farrow, motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN MEETING

By common consent, Commissioners adjourned the meeting at 11:14 am.

James R Dowdy, III, Chairman

Mickey Dunnavant, Interim County Administrator