

MINUTES
Bleckley County Commissioner Meeting
Bleckley County JC Building
Thursday, May 15, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Commissioner Mike Davis, Russell Davidson, Candace Summerall, Melissa W. Barker, Derrick Bowen, Magistrate Judge Rob Grimsely, Fire Chief Matt Kelley, Cheryl Hightower-Ates, John Roland, Randy Thompson, Richard Newbern, Vickie Tomlison, Ken Land, Cindy Newman

Commissioner Davis opened in prayer.

Commissioner Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance, and welcomed all to the meeting.

All attendees received the following:

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There were no questions or concerns. The Minutes were approved.

Topics discussed by Commissioner Davis

The floor at the JC Barn will be resurfaced.

The additional LMIG/LRA money will be used to resurface Antioch Road from Highway 87 to Ruth Church Road.

The intersection of Country Club Road and Frank Cook Road will be improved in the near future.

The County Commissioner Meeting for June 19, 2025, will be postponed to July 17th due to Juneteenth Holiday.

A resolution was signed to annex a portion of Jack Nobles RV Park, approximately .45 acres.

A resolution will be created to stop the placing of road signs on the right-of-way.

The Memorial Day Program will be organized by Mike Jones and held on Monday, May 26, 2025. In case of rain the program will be held at the City Auditorium.

Topics discussed in today's meeting

Matt Kelley went over the monthly fire report with all in attendance.

John Roland thanked the County for the use of the JC Barn to hold their employee banquet.

Vicki Tomlison stated this is EMS appreciation week and a new EMS class will begin in July.

Melissa Barker went over the scheduled activities for the Chamber of Commerce for the month of June 2025.

Ken Land with the DDA stated there will be an initiative coming soon to shop locally.

Richard Newburn stated he appreciates the annexation of the RV campground from the Commissioner. He said the city park is under construction and should be finished by the end of July.

Cheryl Hightower-Ates states she is preparing for the special primary election for the Public Service Commissioner. Early voting continues until June 13th, and Saturday voting is May 31st and June 7th. The actual election day is June 17, 2025. She continues to maintain records and has over 8000 registered voters. There will be a board meeting in her office today at 2:00 p.m. She invites all to attend.

Derrick Bowen said Alaina Abbot was hired to fill the 4-H Youth Development Agent and will start June 1, 2025. There are approximately 65 kids registered for Cloverleaf Camp at Jekyll Island.

Bob Brockman said he has been attending 3 days of continuing education, and busy with permits. He was appreciative for the county vehicle and requested graphics be put on the vehicle.

Randy Thompson stated the fire department will be completing training at the college. Construction at the Hendricks House continues, and a grand opening is planned in September. There is a possibility for some new continuing education opportunities for “seniors” coming soon.

Russell Davidson stated the Farmers Market is going on every Saturday morning and invites all to come.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Mike Davis, County Commissioner

Date

Freida Dykes, County Clerk

Date