

MINUTES
Bleckley County Commissioner Meeting
Bleckley County JC Building
Thursday, October 16, 2025 – 10:01 a.m.

PRESENT: Commissioner Mike Davis, Jeff Simpson, Rob Grimsley, Matt Kelley, Vickie Tomlinson, Lisa Eisele, Melissa W. Barker, Derrick Bowen, Brian Arnold, Ronald Thomas, Jayme Kelley, Cindy Newman

Commissioner Davis opened in prayer.

Derrick Bowen led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Commissioner Davis 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 from Commissioner Davis

The Quit Claim Deed for the Law Enforcement Center was received. The center was recently paid off with SPLOST funds.

SPLOST funds have been used on road work, the fire department, and the sheriff's office.

Thrush Road will be paved with the remaining LMIG funds from the Antioch Road project.

Larry Walker is working on workforce housing with Bleckley County and other neighboring counties.

Topics discussed in today's meeting

Derrick Bowen stated harvest season is in full swing. The 4-H program is fully staffed. The new 4-H agent is Rachel Martin and she will start on November 1st. The new Program Assistant is Logan Bush and he will start on October 27th.

Lisa Eisele is excited about the Country Fest coming up this weekend. Early voting continues and Saturday voting is scheduled the next two Saturdays. Early voting is held in the office of City Hall.

Matt Kelley stated a ground breaking ceremony for the new public safety building was held and 35 people attended an area meeting that was held at Traditions yesterday. He went over the fire report with all present.

Structure Fires: 4

Brush Fires: 20

Helicopter Landings: 12

Vehicle Accidents: 20

Melissa Barker is ready for Country Fest this weekend. She encouraged all to attend. Bryant Rehab will host a Fall Festival on October 24th. There is a ribbon cutting at the hospital on October 25th for the new Emergency Room.

Vickie Tomlinson said the students have completed the EMT class and will start testing soon.

Ken Land stated the DDA recently received a \$50,000 Community Improvement Grant from Norfolk Southern.

Magistrate Judge Rob Grimsley went over the Third Quarter 2025 Magistrate Court Update:

Civil Cases: 189

Criminal Warrants: 147

Bond Hearings: 61

Search Warrants: 5

Lynn Brown, a Nurse Practitioner from Eastman, attended the meeting to introduce herself and announce she is running for State Senate District 20.

Jeff Simpson wanted to thank Heartland EMS and the fire department for assisting with a dangerous fentanyl situation. He and the Sheriff continue to work together on updating policy and security.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Mike Davis, County Commissioner

Date

Freida Dykes, County Clerk

10:26 a.m.

Time