

**MINUTES**  
**Bleckley County Commissioner Meeting**  
**Bleckley County JC Building**  
**Thursday, November 20, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.**

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Mike Davis, Andy Lucas, Matt Kelley, Magistrate Judge Rob Grimsley, Caroline Weathersby, Randy Thompson, Jeff Simpson Cindy Newman, Jayme Kelley, Camaryn Bishop, Alaina Dykes, Ken Land, Melissa W. Barker, Cheryl Ates, Ronnie Smith, Superior Court Clerk Carol Evans, Tax Commissioner Paige Baggs, Randy Thompson, Allen Yawn, Freida Dykes

Matt Kelley opened in prayer.

Melissa Barker 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 by Commissioner Davis**

Two of the three Millage Rate Hearings have been held. The last is scheduled on November 24, 2025, at 9:15 a.m.

The paving on Antioch Road is completed.

Frank Cook and Country Club Road is now being repaved, and the new islands will be installed to correct the layout of the road.

Two new members will be appointed to the hospital board.

The Thanksgiving Luncheon went well. Everyone seemed to enjoy the meal.

The Christmas Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Topics discussed in today's meeting**

Cheryl Ates reported the November 4<sup>th</sup> elections went well. The board met on November 6<sup>th</sup> and certified the election.

Paige Baggs stated she is waiting for the third hearing for the millage rate to be set to send out tax statements.

Rob Grimsley stated his office now has new computers, and new software will be purchased soon.

Jayme Kelley introduced Camrayn Bishop. She is assisting the Tax Assessor and Permit Clerk at this time.

Ronnie Smith stated his road crew continues to mow the sides of the right-of-way. He reminded all in attendance about the Tire Amnesty.

Alaina Dykes stated several renovations are going on at the hospital. Currently, the physical therapy department is being renovated.

Matt Kelley said work continues at the training facility. He gave a report of the calls the fire department received last month.

Jeff Simpson said the Sheriff's office continues to stay busy, and several calls have been received on accidents involving deer.

Andy Lucas continues to work on grants for the IDA Park. Randy Thompson, Brian Lucas, and Micheal Porter are new appointees to the board.

Randy Thompson said the college is up 5% in enrollment. A Lunch and Learn Class is scheduled on December 10th, and a Business After Hours meeting is coming up.

Allen Yawn said all district football games ended last night. There was a vehicle data count of 8,400 visitors that entered the department since September.

Ken Land said a Stakeholder Dinner was held on November 13<sup>th</sup>. There were several businesses represented. The winners for the Lighting Downtown Window Decorating Contest will be announced December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Melissa Barker announced all the activities for the month and went over the data received regarding the number of visitors that attended the Country Fest. On Saturday an average of 11,841 visitors attended the festival. This was doubled from last year.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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Mike Davis, County Commissioner

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Date

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Freida Dykes, County Clerk

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Time