

**MINUTES**  
**Bleckley County Commissioner Meeting**  
**Bleckley County JC Building**  
**Thursday, January 15, 2026 – 10:04 a.m.**

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Mike Davis, Derrick Bowen, Matt Kelley, Cindy Newman, Danny Smith, Lisa Eisele, Magistrate Judge Rob Grimsley, Caroline Weathersby, Cheryl Ates, Ken Land, Ronnie Smith, Melissa W. Barker, Alaina Dykes, Freida Dykes

Ken Land 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 2026 LMIG was approved in the amount of \$500,000 and there is a possibility we may receive the LRA grant which is supposed to be announced by Governor Kemp today.

New road equipment was purchased to help smooth out dirt roads.

Five Hospital Board nominees were submitted to the Hospital Board to vote on next month.

**Topics discussed in today's meeting**

Rob Grimsley reported the year-to-date total of cases. There have been 782 civil cases filed, 196 civil hearings, 1,399 criminal warrants issued, 285 bond hearings, and 72 search warrants.

Matt Kelley went over the fire department report, mentioned the training grounds and building, and said progress was slow but work continues.

Ronnie Smith stated the roads to be worked on with the 2026 LIMG funds will be Abney Road, West Linda Drive, Kathy Drive, Alderman Drive, and part of Berryhill Coody Road. Frank Cook Road is scheduled to be completed this week. The Antioch Road project has been completed and signed off on.

Derrick Bowen said he is in the middle of production season and there was a good turnout for the peanut production supper, with another supper scheduled for Wednesday. The 4-H staff is in the schools promoting the summer camp at Rock Eagle. They are also working with the children to prepare them for District Project Achievement.

Alaina Dykes updated everyone on the hospital's building progress and invited them to see the changes. The hospital has had several admissions and currently has a waiting list for the swing beds.

Melissa Barker announced upcoming Chamber of Commerce activities, including Dueling Pianos on January 31st. Tickets are still available for this event.

Randy Thompson said both the men's and women's basketball teams had a big win last night. He asked all to attend the Business After Hours next week, with basketball games following. The college held the Lunch and Learn meeting. Dr. Miller, Dean of the Business School, was the speaker. Classes have started again with almost 900 students living on campus. This means more individuals shopping and participating in our community.

Lisa Eisele introduced Danny Smith, the new Code Enforcement Officer. She thanked everyone for helping with the grand opening of the new City Park, and Ms. Chery Ates for her assistance with the swearing-in of three council members.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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Mike Davis, County Commissioner

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Freida Dykes, County Clerk

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