

Washington County Board of Commissioners

Board Meeting

March 12, 2026

9:00 am

Commissioners Present: Mel Daniel, Bobby Jackson, James Hitchcock, Jr., Frank Simmons, Jr.

Call Meeting to Order:

- Chairman Daniel called the meeting to order.

Approval of February 2026 Minutes

- Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the February 2026 Minutes. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4).

February Bills: \$643,247.87

- The bills to be ratified were as follows:
 - Administrative & Other - \$397,508.08
 - Road Department - \$52,072.21
 - Sheriff/Jail - \$51,359.81
 - Courthouse - \$50,217.49
 - EMA - \$438.98
 - E911 - \$3,574.08
 - Landfill - \$88,077.22
- Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the February bills in the amount of \$643,247.87. Commissioner Hitchcock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4).

Road Department Update

- Public Work Director Robert Holmes, Jr. gave an update on where the crews are for the week.

Appointments:

- Enterprise Presentation- Lucas Slotsema (Tuesday)
 - Commissioner Simmons made a motion to Table the Enterprise concern for now. Commissioner Hitchcock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4).
- Proposed crosswalk for Hamburg State Park- Hunter Cochran
 - Mr. Cochran presented the commissioners with the plan and layout of crosswalk.
 - Commissioner Hitchcock made a motion to approve moving forward with the crosswalk for Hamburg State Park. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (4).
- 1st Qtr Chamber Update & EMA Update- Katie Moncus
 - Mrs. Moncus gave an update on the Chamber and their many success for the quarter.
 - Mrs. Moncus gave an update on a grant that she is in the process of pursuing for EMA.
- Harrison Billing: E911/Elections/SPLOST- Mayor Vincent Grissom
 - Did not show. He stated he no longer needed to attend the meeting.

- General Commentary on County Operations- Billy Helton
 - Mr. Helton wanted to come and thank the Commissioners for their hard work and everything they do.

Old Business:

- South Sparta Davisboro Road- truck signage
 - At the January Board Meeting it was voted to put No Thru Truck signs all the way down Sparta Davisboro Road
 - Commissioner Jackson made a motion to change it back to Trucks up to 56,000lbs. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a 3 to 1 vote. Chairman Daniel opposed.

New Business:

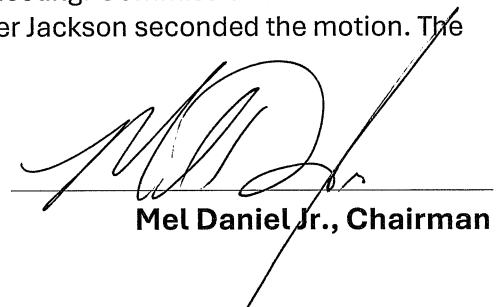
- Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Calendar
 - Administrator Brillhart stated he was just making the commissioners aware that the budget process has started and the upcoming dates for budget hearings.
- Proposed closure of Gilead Lane at intersection of S.R. 15
 - Commissioner Hitchcock stated he is still waiting to hear back from Mt. Gilead church, being that they own a small part of land on that road as well.
 - Commissioner Hitchcock made a motion to table this proposal until April meeting. Commissioner Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Contract Ratification
 - Commissioner Simmons made a motion to ratify Joe's Roofing contract for the extension office. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment Session

Chairman Comments

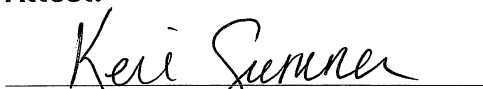
Meeting Adjourned:

- Chairman Daniel asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hitchcock made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



Mel Daniel Jr., Chairman

Attest:



Keri Sumner, County Clerk