

JENNA S. MASHBURN — SOLE COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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Minutes of Regular Meeting

The regular budget meeting of the Pulaski County Commissioner was held at 10:00 a.m. on February 2, 2026. Commissioner Mashburn called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

New Business - A proclamation honoring Mr. Joe Taylor on the occasion of his 100th birthday was signed. Commissioner Mashburn announced that a small gathering will be held at the Senior Center on Mr. Taylor's birthday. She also noted that February is Black History Month, and Mr. Taylor will be honored on Friday, February 20, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at the Annex. The public is welcome to attend.

Resolution 2026-3, which includes the FY2024 Budget Amendments, was approved and signed.

The Department of Family and Children Services FY2026 budget was approved and signed.

New appointments were made to the M.E. Roden Memorial Library Board. Joni Coody and David Johnson were appointed to replace Mary Lynde Way and Catherine Johnson.

The Pulaski County Personnel Policies and Procedures were updated. The sick leave carryover amount was increased to 300 hours.

Lynn Johnson presented the Chamber of Commerce report.

Jamie McDonald presented the Economic Development report.

Public Comments - Mr. Runnelle McDonald asked why there are no homeless shelters in Hawkinsville. He stated that he volunteers with Christian Fellowship Church and sees people in need within the community. Commissioner Mashburn responded that there are not enough resources to operate a shelter at this time. She noted that several local churches assist by providing food and clothing, though their resources are limited. She also stated that churches and community members work together to keep the Blessing Boxes stocked to help those in need of food.

Mr. McDonald also asked about the progress of the Senior Center, stating that he had heard it was going to be built and that a grant had already been approved. Commissioner Mashburn confirmed that the grant has been approved; however, a local group is currently searching for land to purchase for the new Senior Center. Jenna explained that once land is secured, the County will need to obtain a loan from USDA, as the grant will only cover part of the construction and land costs. The County must be approved for the USDA loan before grant funds can be released for construction.

Ms. Carolyn Mifflin asked about the purpose of the Blessing Boxes. Commissioner Mashburn explained that they are wooden boxes mounted on posts, stocked with non-perishable food items that anyone in need may take. She stated that community members are welcome to donate items. Locations include areas near the Episcopal Church,

beside the Health Department, behind Batts Drugs, along the road beside Farm Bureau, and several other locations throughout town.

Commissioner Mashburn also stated that anyone aware of elderly individuals who need assistance obtaining food may contact her or Dee Dee Goss at the Senior Center. Ms. Goss can assist with enrolling individuals in Meals on Wheels for those who are unable to leave their homes or lack transportation.

Ms. Mifflin expressed her appreciation to the Road Department for installing Deer Crossing signs on her road.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Present at this meeting were Commissioner Mashburn, Jersey Bray, Lynn Johnson, Jamie McDonald, Carolyn Mifflin, Runnelle McDonald, Ella McGalliard, Joni McGalliard, and Clarence Mifflin.

Jenna S. Mashburn
Pulaski County Sole Commissioner

Laurie Obert-Thorn
Pulaski County Administrator