

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 April 6, 2026.

Commissioner Mashburn called the meeting to order. Trey Davis gave the invocation and Jersey Bray led the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business – The contract with Georgia Mass Appraisal Solutions and Services, Inc. (GMASS) was signed.

A Proclamation for Donate Life month in April was presented and approved.

A Proclamation designating the week of May 1 – 7, 2026 for Bible Reading Marathon Week was presented and approved.

The quote for Lovers Lane Asphalt Supplemental Project with Griffin Grading & Concrete, LLC was approved.

The CDBG Senior Center Progress Letter was entered into the official record.

The Pulaski County Financial Policies were presented and approved.

Lynn Johnson presented the Chamber of Commerce report and Jamie McDonald presented Economic Development report.

Public Comments – Ms. Marilyn Jelks reported that the bump near the bridge on Highway 341 by Bemby's Mill has been repaired. She raised concerns regarding road maintenance practices, specifically dirt being piled in front of her driveway and a clogged pipe. Commissioner Mashburn responded that she would meet with Ms. Jelks following the meeting to inspect the property and address the issue.

Ms. Yvonne Roundtree spoke regarding concerns with Taylor Regional Hospital (TRH), including financial difficulties, staffing shortages, and reliance on community donations. She inquired about possible County assistance. The Commissioner stated that TRH is a private, non-profit entity and operates independently of County and City governance, with no jurisdiction over its daily operations or finances.

Further discussion included clarification that the Archway Program provided only a community assessment through the College of Public Health and no financial assistance. Ms. Roundtree expressed concerns regarding hospital management and called for leadership changes. Questions were also raised about the RJ Taylor Foundation, which was explained to be a separate fundraising entity.

Ms. Roundtree stated she thinks the issue is management and not financial and wants the resignation of the board and CEO. Since TRH is not a tax receiving entity, the County is not provided with any of their financial information.

Mr. Donald Johnson, TRH board member, confirmed that neither the County nor City has authority over hospital operations. He stated that TRH is actively seeking a financial partner to maintain full services. He also noted that a delay in funding occurred due to a clerical error in the hospital's Rural Emergency Hospital designation, which has

since been resolved but no funding was received for 6 months. Ms. Roundtree had concerns about medical benefits being taken from employees' checks and they did not pay the insurance companies. Mr. Johnson stated that the matter is being addressed and likened the situation to prioritizing which obligations can be paid. Mr. Johnson expressed confidence in the hospital's future and leadership, including the CEO, Jon Green.

Mr. Virgil Roundtree shared concerns about emergency response services, citing an incident in which a 911 call resulted in diversion from TRH and the individual later passed away. He emphasized the urgency of resolving hospital-related issues.

Ms. Ruby Harrell requested repairs to Fourteen Lane Road, noting recurring issues despite patchwork repairs. The Commissioner explained that only temporary cold patch materials are currently available to the County, but the road is included in the 2026 LMIG paving project. Funding limitations and reliance on property tax and TSPLOST revenues were also noted.

Mr. Roundtree commended Sheriff Wiley and his department for improvements they've seen around the County and are very thankful.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:54.

Present at this meeting were Commissioner Mashburn, Jersey Bray, Lynn Johnson, Jamie McDonald, Marilyn Jelks, Trey Davis, Shannon Davis, Ruby Harrell, Ronnie Quick, Yvonne Roundtree, Virgil Roundtree, Donald Johnson, Marvin Giddens, Carolyn Mifflin, Luke Demers, Sara Myers, Wayne Wiley and Laurie Obert-Thorn.

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