JENNA S. MASHBURN — SOLE COUNTY COMMISSIONER
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Minutes of Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Pulaski County Commissioner was held at 10:00 a.m. on June 1, 2026. Commissioner Mashburn called the meeting to order, gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business – The ACCG-IRMA renewal contribution and ACCG-IRMA Statement of Values for property and vehicle insurance were approved and signed.

The contract with RecDesk, LLC for management software services for the Recreation Department was approved.

The FTA Transit Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy was updated and approved.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOA) between Archway Partnership and Pulaski County for the period of July 2026 through June 2027 was approved and signed. Since 2008, Archway has provided faculty and student outreach to support community projects throughout Pulaski County.

The UniFirst Corporation proposal for uniform rental services for the Road Department was approved.

Commissioner Mashburn appointed Daniel Ward Goss as the new Fire Chief/EMA Director for Pulaski County.

Lynn Johnson presented the Chamber of Commerce report. One of the items highlighted was the Summer Family Night event scheduled for June 13. Jamie McDonald presented the Economic Development report.

Public Comments – Carolyn Mifflin asked about the possibility of establishing a farmers market in the city/county and noted the growth of the farmers market held at the Bleckley County Courthouse.

Jamie McDonald explained that the biggest challenge is attracting vendors, as several neighboring counties host farmers markets. Hawkinsville does currently offer a Downtown Spring and Fall Market. Lynn Johnson added that Lisa's Corner Market offers fresh fruits and vegetables locally.

Ms. Mifflin also asked whether anything could be done about the gnats. It was explained that the City sprays for mosquitoes; however, those treatments are not effective in eliminating gnats.

Marilyn Jelks asked about conditions on Davis Road and Kitchen Bottom Road. She stated that the County had not applied gravel as previously discussed and that dirt continues to wash into her driveway. Because the road is sloped, rainfall causes the drainage pipe to repeatedly fill with dirt. The Commissioner stated that she would speak with the Road Department and suggested that a silt fence might help address the issue.

Ruby Harrell expressed concerns about the condition of Fourteen Lane Road. She stated that she travels the road frequently and that it is in poor condition, with large potholes that are causing damage to vehicles. She also noted that no repairs appear to have been made.

The Commissioner explained that this road is scheduled for repair through the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) program that the County receives annually from the state. Unfortunately, the County does not own paving equipment and must hire contractors to perform paving work. The Commissioner noted that resurfacing approximately five miles of roadway can cost around $500,000, while the same amount would only cover about 1.5 miles of asphalt paving. The LMIG funds are used for the worst roads. The County continues to do the best it can with its limited funding. The Commissioner will ask the road department to see what they can do until the repairs begin in the fall of this year.

The Commissioner also reported that Houston County donated a hot-patch machine to the County. The machine currently requires engine repairs, but once operational, it is expected to assist with roadway maintenance and repairs.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34. Present at this meeting were Commissioner Mashburn, Jamie McDonald, Danny Goss, Ronnie Quick, Sheriff Wayne Wiley, Major Marvin Giddens, Marilyn Jelks, Ruby L. Harrell, Lynn Johnson, Carolyn Mifflin, Jersey Bray and Laurie Obert-Thorn.

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