

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 September 14, 2026. Commissioner Mashburn called the meeting to order. Commissioner Mashburn gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Business

- The Planning & Zoning application fee for rezoning land was increased to \$400. The increase brings the county's fee in line with neighboring communities and matches the city's recently updated fee. The county's fee remains slightly lower than some neighboring communities.
- Ordinance 2026-6, effective August 1, 2026, provides for the annexation of Parcel H0060010012, located on Truman Road, into the City of Hawkinsville. The annexation will allow the property to access city water and other city services.
- The county will enter into a 48-month lease contract for a Kubota tractor and boom mower. The equipment will be used to mow the sides of county roads. The mower can be operated by one individual without the need for a separate pilot truck and will be capable of cutting everything the previous tractor was able to cut.
- Resolution 2026-8 is for the county's annual application for the 5311 Transit Grant. This program supports the transit system operating within the county and must be renewed annually.
- Resolution 2026-9 addresses the county's requirement for mobile home decals. Previously, owners were required to place a decal on their mobile home indicating that applicable taxes had been paid. With the county's records now digitized, the decal system is considered obsolete. Eliminating the decals will also remove the county's expense associated with printing them.
- The Pulaski-Wilcox Regional Jail Authority was created in 2003-2004 to facilitate the financing, construction and replacement of the Pulaski County and Wilcox County jails. The authority was established to borrow funds for the projects. Pulaski County subsequently rebuilt its jail, while Wilcox County did not. The authority currently has no funds and is not operating. The county will proceed with dissolving the authority to remove it from the county's records and audit process. Wilcox County has already passed a similar resolution.
- The county signed Probation services agreements with Judicial Alternatives of Georgia for the following courts:
Superior Court: December 1, 2026 – November 30, 2031
Probate Court: December 1, 2026 – November 30, 2031
The agreements, which have historically been annual contracts, will be extended to five-year contracts. Judge Sarah Wall, Judge Jeff Jones, and Commissioner Jenna Mashburn signed the agreements.
- Chamber of Commerce Report
 - o Lynn Johnson could not attend today. They recognized the Black Pearl Food Truck as Business of the Month. They had their first Bingo Night at the Powersville Opry Building. They held a ribbon cutting for the Gilded Pine on Commerce Street. Two more ribbon cuttings are upcoming this week. Chamber Connections luncheon on September 29 at Jo's Pizza. RiverFest and a Cruise-In will be in October. RiverFest will be at Veterans Park this year.
- Economic Development Report
 - o Jamie McDonald attended 13 meetings on behalf of city and county. Two businesses opened downtown. A match-grant approval for The Grill to expand. Downtown Clean-Up was August 8, with 6 volunteers.

September 26 is Downtown Fall Market, with 28 vendors signed up. Trick-or-Treat on Commerce is October 23. Finishing Grad Certification checklist before maternity leave.

Public Comments –

A question asked for an update regarding the hospital. It was reported that there has been no new information during the past month. A new hospital administrator, David Peck, is now in place.

A question was raised regarding a rumor that approximately 800 houses would be built in Hawkinsville and whether the development was associated with Georgia Power. Commissioner Jenna Mashburn clarified that the reported 800-home development is planned for Perry, not Hawkinsville-Pulaski.

A question was raised regarding ownership of the hospital helipad. It was stated that a private company owns the helicopter. Citizens may purchase membership with the company that provides access to air transport services if needed. The county funded construction of the helipad using COVID-related funding.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Present at this meeting were Commissioner Mashburn, Jamie McDonald, Marilyn Jelks, Ronnie Quick, Luke Demers, Clarence Mifflin, Carolyn Mifflin, and Sherrie Raleigh.

Minutes taken by Sherrie Raleigh.

Jenna S. Mashburn
Pulaski County Sole Commissioner

Laurie Obert-Thorn
Pulaski County Administrator