

## Minutes

January 27, 2026

Commissioners present: Jeffrey Hunker, Timothy Bechtol and William Bateson

Also Present: Alec Helms, Cindy Land, Phil Johnson and Steve Wilson

Commissioner Hunker opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's 1st floor conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the January 22, 2026, meeting was read with William Bateson making a motion to approve, Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners approve a travel request for the Sheriff's office. Commissioner Hunker and Bateson approved a travel request for Commissioner Bechtol.

The Assistant Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #64-26 – Authorizing the payment of the listed and/or attached Purchase Orders. William Bateson made a motion to approve. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #65-26 – Advance of funds from the General Fund #1001 to Brownfield Coalition Grant Funds #2195 (\$154,725.00). William Bateson made a motion to approve. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #66-26 – Additional appropriation – within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Brownfield Coalition Grant Fund #2195 (\$41,995.55). William Bateson made a motion to approve. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #67-26 – Additional appropriation – within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Flood Mitigation Fund #4189 (\$300.00). William Bateson made a motion to approve. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #68-26 – Additional appropriation – within the Auditor's certification – Commissioners to appropriate to Severance Fund #2136 (\$302.21). William Bateson made a motion to approve. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Phil Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #69-26 – Authorizing entry into a contract with KC Plumbing and Rooter, LLC, for provision of labor and parts to accomplish the inspection and cleaning of drainage systems related to the laundry facilities at the Hancock County Justice Center. Phil stated this contract is for \$1,248.00. William Bateson made a motion to approve. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #70-26 – Resolution Authorizing entry into an Agreement with 4R textiles for the Placement of a donation bin on the previous Litter Landing property, near the current site of recycling bins. Phil stated this allows them to place a donation bin at the former Litter Landing

property at no cost to the county. This will provide for the possibility of receiving 7 cents per pound for items donated at the facility. William Bateson made a motion to approve. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #71-26 – Authorizing the correction of elements of Exhibit A to Resolution No. 28-26, passed by the Board on January 13, 2026, and Exhibit A to resolution No. 779-21, passed on November 18, 2021, to properly and completely describe some of the parcels listed on those Exhibits. Phil explained the clerical corrections being made to the resolutions. He stated these are corrections related to properties on East Main Cross Street. William Bateson made a motion to approve. Timothy Bechtol seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Steve Wilson stated approval has been received from Norfolk Southern on the work agreement that has been worked on. Wendy signed it yesterday and returned it to them for their signature. Then we will start to look at bid dates. He gave an update on the bid documents. He confirmed everything is set for the Federal Rail grant.

Steve gave an update on the work being done by Stantec and their request for payment of invoice #5. Cindy Land asked if the grant from the Federal Rail Administration is a reimbursable grant or a draw down grant. Steve confirmed it is not reimbursable.

### Meetings/Reports

William Bateson had nothing to report. He came into town yesterday with his wife to check on her office building. While he was here, he checked on the parking lots that the Maintenance Department were working on and they looked really good.

Timothy Bechtol stated the Treasurer's office renovation is out to bid on Bid Express. There is a pre-bid walkthrough this Thursday at 3:00. He has not heard from Peterman about the Olive Street final design, but they should be getting something to us soon.

Jeffrey Hunker had nothing to report.

### Work Session Topics

- 1) Emergency closure policy

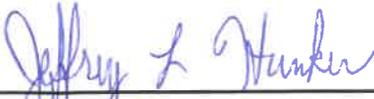
Respectfully submitted,



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Alec Helms, Assistant Clerk

Reviewed and approved by:

  
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Jeffrey L. Hunker

  
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Timothy K. Bechtol

  
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William L. Bateson