REGULAR MEETING OF
THE JACKSON COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE BODY ON
28th
DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026
MAYOR BRIAN LEE,
CHAIRMAN
BRANDON C STAFFORD,
COUNTY CLERK

The Honorable Legislative Body of the Jackson County Commission met in Regular Called Session on Monday, the 28th day of September 2026 in the large courtroom of the Jackson County Courthouse. The Honorable, Sheriff Marty Hinson, opened the court at 7:00 pm. The Honorable Commissioner Mark Dosch offered the invocation. All in attendance led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Chairman Joey Denson starts the meeting.

1. The County Clerk Brandon C Stafford calls the roll:

District 1	*District 2*	*District 3*	*District 4*	*District 5*	*District 6*
✓ *Joey Denson*	✓ *Josh Denson*	✓ *James Mayberry*	✓ *Austin Burton*	✓ *Ray Cockerham*	✓ *Mark Dosch*
✓ *Doug Stafford*	✓ *Joe Barlow*	✓ *Darrell Church*	✓ *Gary Garrison*	✓ *Jackie Meadows*	✓ *Kevin Cummins*
✓ *Jeff Smallwood*	✓ *Dustin Durflinger*	✓ *Mickie Davis*	*X Paul Ballard*	✓ *Richard Head*	✓ *Anthony Buck*

17 of the 18 Commissioners were present and a Quorum was established, and the meeting began. Commissioner Paul Ballard was absent.

2. Approval of the Agenda or any Requested Changes: Mayor Brian Lee requested to amend the agenda and add to new business a proposal to rename a portion of highway 56 after Dr. Doug Dycus. A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Stafford and seconded by Commissioner Kevin Cummins to add the Highway naming to the agenda and to accept the amended agenda with no other changes. All Commissioners present voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: A motion was made by Commissioner Darrell Church and seconded by Commissioner Mark Dosch to approve the minutes from the previous meetings. All Commissioners present voted "Aye" and the motion was carried.

4. Public Comment about Agenda: No comments on the agenda

5. Election of Chairman: Chairman Commissioner Joey Denson steped down for election of chairman. Commissioner Kevin Cummins took his place as Pro Tempore and asked for nominations. Commissioner Jeff Smallwood nominated Mayor Brian Lee. Commissioner Joey Denson seconded the nomination. Commissioner Mark Dosch made a motion to close all nominations and elect Mayor Brian Lee by acclamation and Commissioner Joe Barlow seconded the motion. All Commissioners present voted "Aye" and the motion was carried.

6. Election of Chair Pro Tempore: Chairmain Mayor Brian Lee asked for nominations for Chair Pro Tempore. Commissioner Austin Burton made an nomination for Commissioner Joey Denson and Commissioner Darrell Church seconded the motion. Commissioner Gary Garrison made a nomination for Comissioner Joe Barlow but Commissioner Joe Barlow declined the nomination. Chairman Mayor Brian Lee asked for a motion to stop all nominations and elect Commissioner Joey Denson by acclamation. A motion was made by Commissioner Joe Barlow and seconed by Commissioner Doug Stafford. All Commissioners present voted "Aye" and the motion was carried.

7. School Budget Amendments: The school board had three budget amendments for grant money received. The first one was a preschool grant and the other two grants were for tutoring. A motion was made by Commissioner Mickie Davis and seconded by Commissioner Dustin Durflinger. All Commissioners voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

8. County General Budget Amendments(EMS, Trustee, Register of Deeds, County Buildings): EMS received $5,000.00 in grant money for training with a 0% match. The Trustee's office had to purchase a new server for their office. Register of Deeds purchased a copy machine from an restricted account that is used for these type of purchases. County Buildings received money from the insurance company for damaged buildings. A motion was made by Commissioner Mark Dosch and seconded by Commissioner Jackie Meadows. All Commissioners voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

9. Insurance Increase: Insurance will increase for the county employee by $67.00 for the upcoming year. The county will absorb half of the increase with $34.00. *(Note)* Mayor Brian Lee said this increase was expected at the time the county

budget was made. A motion was made by Commissioner Anthony Buck and seconded by Commissioner Austin Burton. All Commissioners voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

10. Libary Board of Trustees Appointments: Libary Director Melissa Dawes asked the County Commission to appoint Lori Jackson and Thomas Arnold to the Library Board of Trustees. A motion was made by Commissioner Joe Barlow and seconded by Commissioner Dustin Durflinger. All Commissioners voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

11. Approve Standing Committee Appointments: This is the list of Commissioners that that will serve on different committees for the county. (*Example*) Budget & Finance, Beer Board, Airport and others. A motion was made by Commissioner Doug Stafford and seconded by Commissioner Darrell Church. All Commissioners voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

12. OCJP Grant for Jail: This program grant will help inmates with education, skills and resources that would help them with the re-entry into local communities. Most inmates once released doesn't have the support or help needed to succeed out of jail and this grant would help with this issue. This is a grant that can be renewned each year if successful up to $200,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Joey Denson and seconded by Dustin Durflinger. All Commissioners present voted "AYE" and the motion passed.

13. Highway 56 Dr. Dycus: A portion of highway 56 from Dr. Dycus's office to be renamed in his name for his time as a doctor here in the county. Dr Doug Dycus will be retiring this year and this resolution is in his honor for his time and dedication to his community and county. A motion was mdae by Commissioner Joe Barlow and seconded by Commissioner Anthony Buck. All Commissioners present vote "AYE" and the motion passed.

14. Budget Certification Letter: (Information only)
15. Airport Inspection & Certification Letter: (Information Only)
16. Jail Certification Letter: (Information Only)

17. Any Other Business to Come Before the Court:
Mayor Lee updated the court on some of the items that he has been working on since coming in office. Joey Poston came before the court with a Planning & Development Proposal due to the increase of growth in the county. The County Commission had a discussion about the proposal but no action was taken. (Note) It would have to be on the meeting's agenda before it could be voted on.

18. Notary Renewals: (Anita Hix, Brittany Agee, Lori Jackson, Samantha Brown, Pamela S Bligh, Anna Marie Craighead, Tammy Dickerson, Kevin D Wiley) A motion was made by Commissioner Joey Denson and seconded by Commissioner Mark Dosch. All Commissioners voted "Aye" and the motion passed.

19. Set Date for Next Meeting: October 26, 2026

20. Adjourn: A motion was made by Commissioner Jeff Smallwood and seconded by Commissioner Austin Burton. All Commissioners present voted "Aye" and the motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Brian W. Lee

Brian Lee, Chairman

Brandon Stafford

Brandon C. Stafford, County Clerk

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