



# Jackson County Board of Commissioners

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August 17, 2026 at 6:00 PM  
Jury Assembly Room - County Courthouse

## AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Invocation**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of Minutes**
  - A. August 3, 2026 Draft Minutes  
To approve the minutes for the August 3, 2026 board meeting
5. **Citizen Input**

*Each speaker is provided up to four (4) minutes to address the board on any item that is not listed on this agenda.*
6. **Reports**
7. **Recognitions, Appointments, and Special Items**
  - A. Proclaim August as National Emergency Management Awareness Month  
Recognize the work of the Jackson County emergency management program and staff and increase public awareness of the role emergency management plays in protecting our communities.
8. **Consent Agenda**
  - A. Acceptance of HMPG Grant Award - 4738-0039  
Consider approval of the Recipient-Subrecipient Agreement with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) award (HMGP 4738-0039) for the purchase and installation of a fixed generator at the Jackson County Agricultural Facility.
  - B. FY25 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Base Award  
Consider acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) award and approval of the required local matching funds.
  - C. IGA with the City of Commerce for temporary housing of EMS

Consider an Intergovernmental Governmental Agreement with the City of Commerce to provide temporary housing for EMS crews at the East Jackson/Commerce fire station.

**D. 2026 Mid-Year General Operating Budget Adjustment**

Approval of FY2026 mid-year budget adjustment request as needed operating fluctuations.

**E. Fortinet Firewall and Load Balancer Recommendation**

Request approval of lowest bid award to Surelock Technologies for the Fortinet Firewall and Load Balancer Project

**F. Hwy. 332/Boone Road supplemental agreements with Precision Planning**

As we are finalizing our engineering, ROW acquisition, and MOUs with DOT, there are supplemental professional services that have been done to help expedite this project and proceed with the approval of the DOT permit.

**9. Unfinished Business**

**10. New Business**

**A. Capital Improvement Element (CIE) and Community Work Program Annual Update**

An annual update of the Capital Improvement Element (CIE) and Community Work Program is required by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA).

**11. Zoning Related Business**

**A. Unfinished Business**

**B. New Business**

**1. RZ-26-0311 : Todd Dollar, 114 Highway 59, Commerce; 8.6 acres (Map 020/Parcel 031)**

Request to rezone from A-2 (Agricultural Rural Farm District) to HRC (Highway Retail Commercial District) for a custom order shop for pavilion sales and installation

**2. SU-26-0099 : Todd Dollar, 114 Highway 59, Commerce; 8.6 acres (Map 020/Parcel 031)**

Request for Special Use approval for outdoor storage and/or display associated with a custom order shop selling and installing pavilion structures

**3. MA-26-0192 : Ben Bussard, Old Athens Drive, Nicholson; 48.09 acres (Map 015/Parcel 014)**

Request to keep the Character Area Map as "Agricultural" and change the Future Land Use Map from "Agricultural/Forestry" to "Intensive Agriculture"

**4. MA-26-0193 : Ben Bussard, 719 Old Athens Drive, Nicholson; 2 acres (Map 015/Parcel 014A)**

- Request to keep the Character Area Map as "Agricultural" and change the Future Land Use Map from "Agricultural/Forestry" to "Intensive Agriculture"
5. RZ-26-0312 : Chris Griffin, Highway 129 / Caitlin Drive, Athens; 8.593 acres (Map 043/Parcel 002C)  
Request to rezone from A-2 (Agricultural Rural Farm District) to CRC (Community Retail Commercial District) in order to develop a flex-use commercial space
  6. MA-26-0194 : Randy Vang, 4933 New Kings Bridge Road, Nicholson; 11.63 acres (Map 016/Parcel 020D)  
Request to keep the Character Area Map as "Rural" and change the Future Land Use Map from "Residential" to "Agricultural/Forestry"
  7. RZ-26-0315 : Stanton Porter, Highway 124 / Highway 60, Hoschton; 1.45 acres (Map 112/Parcel 022E)  
Request to rezone from A-2 (Agricultural Rural Farm District) to CRC (Community Retail Commercial District) in order to have a convenience store with or without fuel pumps
  8. SU-26-0101 : Stanton Porter, Highway 124 / Highway 60, Hoschton; 1.45 acres (Map 112/Parcel 022E)  
Request for a Special Use in order to have a convenience store with or without fuel pumps
  9. RZ-26-0316 : Stanton Porter, 7558 Highway 124, Hoschton; 2.5 acres (Map 112/Parcel 022I)  
Request to rezone from A-2 (Agricultural Rural Farm District) to CRC (Community Retail Commercial District) in order to have a convenience store with or without fuel pumps
  10. SU-26-0102: Stanton Porter, 7558 Highway 124, Hoschton; 2.5 acres (Map 112/Parcel 022I)  
Request for a Special Use in order to have a convenience store with or without fuel pumps

**12. Executive Session**

**13. Adjournment**