

***Jackson County Commission
Board Meeting
January 12, 2026***

The Jackson County Commission met January 12, 2026, in the Commission boardroom. Those in attendance were Chairman Bill Nance, Chris Gulley, Paul Kennamer, AJ Buckner, and Kevin McBride. County Attorney John Porter was also present and County Administrator Matthew Hamrick recorded the minutes of the meeting.

Chairman Nance noted that a quorum was present. John Porter gave the invocation and Chairman Nance led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve the agenda of the meeting and work session for January 12, 2026, was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

There were no awards, presentations, or public comments.

Meeting

Motion to adopt the minutes for the December 22, 2025, meeting and work session was made by Commissioner Gulley and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve the 2026 holiday schedule was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner Gulley. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve change order #07 with P & C Construction, Inc. for courthouse structural repair was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Gulley. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Work Session

Solid Waste:

Property Owner Fees – John Porter discussed the Alabama Attorney General’s Opinion that, while not identical to Jackson County Solid Waste, strongly relates to it. Because of this Opinion, Mr. Porter recommended the Commission no longer implement its policy to require a property owner to apply for trash service for a tenant. Commissioner Gulley recommended the policy not be enforced immediately and Chairman Nance mentioned that this policy was passed by a motion and would need a motion to revoke.

Park:

Living at the Docks – The Commission discussed the issues that have arisen from people being allowed to live on their boats at the dock. They inquired for information from Parks Director Doug Parrish on information pertaining to people residing at the docks and went on to discuss the liability issues that arise from allowing people to live on their boats. The Commission discussed a new policy to prevent people from permanently living at the dock. Chairman Nance also discussed reviewing all park policies so they can be discussed and updated.

Public Works:

FY 2025 County Rebuild Alabama Annual Report – County Engineer Jonathan Campbell discussed the annual requirement to approve and publish the summary of the use of monies from the County Rebuild Alabama funds. Additionally, Chairman Nance inquired on the status of ongoing projects and Jonathan gave a report. Chairman Nance also brought up the need of a special work session to discuss an annual road program.

Reports from Staff:

IT Director, Ross Boydston – Thanked the Commission for approving the IT purchases at the Annex, noting that it helped that building integrate to the county system much easier.

Comments from Commission:

District 3, AJ Buckner – Thanked everyone for their hard work over the holiday season.

District 2, Paul Kennamer – Thanked the county workers for their hard work during the holidays.

District 1, Chris Gulley – Expressed appreciation to employees for their work through the holidays and wished for everyone's safety as the cold weather months approach.

District 4, Kevin McBride – Echoed the appreciation for the hard work by county employees and acknowledged the extra work of those who moved over to the Annex.

Chairman Nance – Thanked everyone for their hard work and gave special thanks to those employees who worked over the Christmas and New Year holidays to ensure the Annex was ready for the public.

Motion to move to Executive Session was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Buckner. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to exit Executive Session was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

With no further business, motion was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer, with all members voting affirmatively, to adjourn until the next meeting on Monday, January 26, 2026, @ 5:00 pm in the Commission boardroom.