



Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting

November 3, 2025

MINUTES

The November 3, 2025 Regular Meeting was called to order by Chair Angelena Kearney Dunlap, followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. other Commissioners in attendance were Bertadean Baker, Victor Hunt, Al Cooper, and Tare Davis. Other present were County Manager Crystal Smith, Assistant County Manager Matt Garner, and County Attorney Shiekell Richardson.

1. ADOPT SUGGESTED AGENDA

On motion of Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Baker, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Suggested Agenda was approved.

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS - REGULAR BOARD MEETING

1. Gary Holtzmann of Warren County Soil & Water spoke on behalf of the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District regarding opposition to potential changes to the solar farm ordinance.
2. Ronnie Cheek stated Spectrum started installation of internet on his road but stopped before reaching his property. He asked who approves changes to the build plans for Spectrum and if the County was aware of any changes to the plans.
3. John Panicioli stated he was not aware that internet service was going to be this bad when he purchased property in Warren County. He was told that internet would be coming to his property but now the build plan has changed.
4. Doug Gross stated there is no economic benefit to changing the solar farm codes.
5. Reinaldo Espinosaq asked the Board not to destroy the beautiful county by expanding solar farm regulations.
6. Allison Hale of Horizon Solar stated that her office is open on Main Street for any citizens to come by with questions.
7. John Miller signed up but did not come to the podium when called.
8. Lewis Mustain stated that the Unified Development Committee seems to be trying to appease solar companies.
9. Loria Williams urged the Board to make a decision on solar that is in the best interest of the county as a whole. She further stated that property tax exclusions for solar farms is 80%.
10. Victoria Lehman, Warren County Board of Education member, addressed comments from the October 15, 2025 work session and a recent letter in the Warren Record. She stated that there are mandates in place on the state level that require counties to provide funding for schools, so funding of the new elementary school is not an option but a priority.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Tax Collector's Report for September 2025 Presented for Board's Information in Accordance with NCGS 105-350

On motion of Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Tax Collector's Report for September 2025 was accepted.

B. Tax Releases Over/Under \$100

On motion of Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Tax Collector's Report for September 2025 was accepted.

4. COUNTY MANAGER'S UPDATE – Crystal Smith

A. Warren County Governmental Facilities Update

County Manager Crystal Smith gave information regarding the number of times each of the rental facilities has been used in the last year and the amount of revenue collected from those rentals.

B. Board of Commissioners Retreat

The Board of Commissioners Retreat will take place on Thursday, November 6, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at Buck Springs.

5. FINANCE OFFICE – Chuck Murray

A. Consider Approval of Budget Amendment #1 to Recognize Grant Funding for EMS, Cyber Security, Senior Center, Veterans Services, and Contributions for DSS

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, and duly carried by unanimous vote, Budget Amendment #1 to the FY2026 Budget was approved.

B. Consider Approval of Farmers Market Project Ordinance in the Amount of \$3,440,890

On motion of Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Farmers Market Project Ordinance in the amount of \$3,440,890 was approved.

C. Consider Approval of Resolution of Intent to Reimburse Expenditures for Farmers Market Project, EMS Station 4, and Senior Center Under United States Department of Treasury Regulations

On motion of Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Baker, and duly carried by a 4-1 vote, the Resolution of Intent to Reimburse Expenditures for Farmers Market Project, EMS Station 4, and Senior Center Under United States Department of Treasury Regulations was approved. Commissioner Davis cast the nay vote.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consider Approval of EMS Contract with ETA for Two Ambulance Remounts in an Amount not to Exceed \$300,000 and Authorize County Manager to Execute Documents - Chris Tucker, Emergency Services Director

On motion of Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the EMS contract for two ambulance remounts in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 and authorize County Manager to execute documents was approved.

B. Consider Approval of Emergency Services Agreement with Motorola Solutions for Radio System Upgrade in an Amount not to Exceed \$112,000 and Authorize County Manager to Execute Documents - Chris Tucker, Emergency Services Director

On motion of Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Baker, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Emergency Services agreement with Motorola Solutions for radio system upgrades in an amount not to exceed \$112,000 and authorization for County Manager to execute documents was approved.

C. Consider Approval of Warren County Armory Civic Center Facility Use Fee Waiver Request from Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School for Graduation Ceremony to be Held on May 29, 2026.

According to the Fee Waiver Policy, a Non-Refundable Cleaning/Damage Fee of \$300 Will be Charged if Fee Waiver is Approved

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the request for Warren County Armory Civic Center Use Fee Waiver by Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School on May 29, 2026 as approved.

D. Consider Approval of Veterans Honorary Walkway Project at Warren County Armory Civic Center - Jamytta Bell, Veterans Services Officer

On motion of Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Veterans Honorary Walkway Project was approved.

7. BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

A. Consider Appointment of Forrest Alston to a First Three-Year Term a Secondary Alternate to the Planning Board Beginning November 2025 and Ending October 2028

On motion of Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Cooper, and duly carried by unanimous

vote, the appointment of Forrest Alston to a first three-year term as Secondary Alternate to the Planning Board beginning November 2025 and ending October 2028 was approved.

B.

Consider appointment of Dora Russell Dorsey (1ST Term) to the Warren County Aging Advisory Council for a Three-Year Term beginning December 1, 2025 and ending December 1, 2028 as Recommended by the Warren County Aging Advisory Council.

On motion of Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissionr Davis, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the appointment of Dora Dorsey to a first three-year term on the Warren County Aging Advisory Council beginning December 2025 and ending December 2028 was approved.

C. Consider the Appointment of Eushownda Burton to her first Two-Year Term on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) Beginning November 10, 2025, and Ending January 31, 2028.

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Baker, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the appointment of Eushownda Burton to a first two-year term on the Juvenile Crime aPrevention Council beginning November 2025 and ending January 2028 was approved.

8. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' UPDATES

Commissioner Davis noted that Human Resources Director Sierra Thomas is leaving Warren County and thanked her for her service.

9. ADJOURN November 3, 2025 BOARD MEETING

On motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the November 3, 2025 Regular Meeting was adjourned.

Paula Pulley, Clerk to the Board