



MINUTES
WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Thursday, February 12, 2026, 10:00 AM, Commission Board
Room
1331 South Blvd., Chipley, FL 32428

DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	DISTRICT 5
Ashlynn Marquez Vice-Chairwoman	David Pettis Jr. Chairman	Joey Brock	Wesley Griffin	David Corbin

1. PROCLAMATION

- 1.1 Call to Order - Chairman Pettis
- 1.2 Invocation
Item 1.2 was done at the meeting before this one.
- 1.3 Pledge
Item 1.3 was done at the meeting before this one.

2. ADOPT THE AGENDA

Motion to adopt the agenda.

Moved by: Wesley Griffin

Seconded by: David Corbin

Aye David Corbin, David Pettis Jr., Wesley Griffin,
Ashlynn Marquez, and Joey Brock

Carried 5-0

3. NON-AGENDA AUDIENCE/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4. AGENDA ITEMS

- 4.1 Burn Ban-Justin Barron, Fire Services Coordinator opened the discussion regarding a burn ban. In the last ten days, there have been ten to twelve brush fires, with four or five occurring in the last two days. Washington County is listed as an extreme drought; however, an extreme drought is on the horizon. Per weather predictions, there is no moderate or major rain projected in the next ten days. The governor has issued an executive order on wildfires. The recommendation is to enact a burn ban.

Connie Welch, Emergency Management Director, informed the board that she is doing CIP reps daily to the state. The executive order states that the Panhandle is between five to seven inches below normal rainfall, which is not expected to change in the near future. The upcoming rain prediction will not be enough to alter the drought. The executive order has a sixty-day expiration. The recommendation is to enact a burn ban.

Motion to approve the burn ban contingent upon conditions improving and state guidance.

Moved by: Joey Brock

Seconded by: Ashlynn Marquez

Aye David Corbin, David Pettis Jr., Wesley Griffin,
Ashlynn Marquez, and Joey Brock

Carried 5-0

5. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn.

Moved by: David Corbin

Seconded by: Ashlynn Marquez

Aye David Corbin, David Pettis Jr., Wesley Griffin,
Ashlynn Marquez, and Joey Brock

Carried 5-0