



MINUTES
WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD WORKSHOP
Thursday, September 10, 2026, 9:00 AM, Commission Board Room
1331 South Blvd., Chipley, FL 32428

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

1. PROCLAMATION

- 1.1 Call to Order - Chairman Pettis
- 1.2 Invocation - Chairman Pettis
- 1.3 Pledge

2. AGENDA ITEMS

- 2.1 Official Appointment and Authorization Letter for 2026-2027 Washington County Peanut Pageant-David Pettis, Jr., Chairman
This annual designation request is required. This item will be listed on the consent agenda.
- 2.2 Value Adjustment Board (VAB) Citizen Member Application Discussion-Ashlynn Marquez, Vice-Chair
The advertisement received seven applications. After discussion, the Board agreed upon this item being listed on the regular agenda. The Board will contact each member individually, score them on a scoresheet provided by HR, and prepare a recommendation for the next meeting.
- 2.3 State Aid to Public Libraries Grant Agreement & Certification-Renae Rountree, Library Director
These are required annually to receive state aid. There are no major changes in the grant agreement. The certification of hours states that one branch library will be open at least 40 hours per week, along with free service. Both items will be added to the consent agenda.

An update on the summer reading program was provided covering June and July.

- 30 active programs across 4 branches.
- 155 were self-directed, which had minimal supervision.
- 8,332 people came into the buildings during that period.
- Almost 9,000 items were checked out.

3. FEMA COORDINATOR

4. BUILDING OFFICIAL

5. MSBU ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

County Administrator Fleener provided a letter from Kristen Lopez that was provided at the MSBU meeting regarding the ongoing water crisis in Sunny Hills and the asbestos pipe found in the water lines.

6. FIRE CHIEF

6.1 Community Wildfire Protection Plan-Justin Barron, Fire Chief

Florida Forest Service Agreement Summary - Washington County Fire Department in conjunction with their partners at Emergency Management - The plan formalizes how they work with the Florida Forest Service. The agreement allows them to coordinate personnel, equipment, training, response, and recovery resources when needed. Everyone's roles are defined. Approval is requested for the chairman and the fire chief to sign the agreement. The emergency management director has already signed. This item will be listed on the consent agenda.

7. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

8. PARKS UPDATE

9. ENGINEERING PROJECTS UPDATE

10. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

10.1 Update Regarding Time Extension (TEX) for Annex Roof Repairs, Recycling Center, and Emergency Operations Center

County Administrator Fleener informed the Board that he signed extensions for three projects to keep the county in compliance. This item will be listed on the consent agenda.

10.2 Reappointment Request of Ross Statham to Tri-County Airport Authority

Ross Statham's term is expiring, and he has agreed to remain on the Board, which was confirmed by a letter from the Tri-County Airport Authority. This item will be listed on the consent agenda.

11. CLERK

12. COUNTY ATTORNEY

13. OTHER BUSINESS

14. ADJOURN

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