

JENNINGS COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

August 11, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

Annex Building

Tina Ellis, Gene Rudicel, Dave Woodall, Jerry Lamb, Mike Gerth and Dave Cheatham were present. Tina opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Gene R. followed with prayer.

Jerry Lamb made a motion to approve prior meeting minutes; Gene Rudicel seconded the motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurers report shows \$81,597.00 averaging 3.6%

Council members discussed the ADA report and the requirements of ADA.

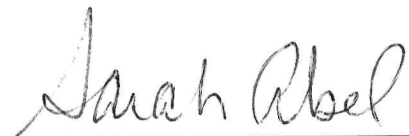
The commissioners approved of the supervisor position at the County Highway Department. This isn't a newly created position; it was removed from the budget for 2026 because the position was not filled for 2026. In the September meeting, appropriations will need to be made to fund the position for the remainder of 2026.

Kathy Ertel brings the SVI form for Decatur Mold. They are requesting a phase in of their personal property taxes. Decatur is looking at a LB4000 EX CNC Machine, and an Atos blue light scanner. This will expand the manufacturing capabilities, improve machine precision, and increase inspection accuracy. The request is for a three-year phase in of their property taxes, and the dollar amount is a \$430,000.00 investment on the equipment. The current number of employees is 129 with the total salaries being \$11,235,193.00. The average salary for this number would be \$85,000.00 per year. Dave W. said he isn't sure how he feels about abatements, but he feels good about this one. Dave W. made a motion to approve the request, Jerry L. seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

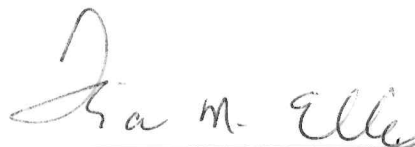
Dave C. made a motion to pay an invoice totaling \$7,350.00 to USI. After discussion about the invoice, Dave C. resends his motion and Dave W. makes a motion to table until they speak with Pam. Gene R. seconds the motion passed unanimously.

Gene R. reads the resolution for the jail commissary fund. The Jennings County Council desires to rescind its agreement as set forth in resolution 2022-1. Council members do not want mismanagement of the funds, unintentionally of course. Tina said that our current sheriff did not misuse the funds, this is on a state level, and this is just a precaution. Dave C.'s motions to adopt the new resolution, Mike G. seconds the motion, passed unanimously.

Gene R. made a motion to adjourn at 6:29 p.m. Dave C. seconded the motion, passed unanimously.



Sarah Abel, Auditor



Tina Ellis, President

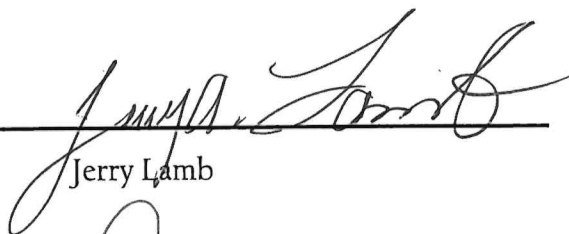


Mike Gerth, Vice President

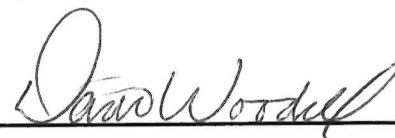
Gene Rudicel



Dave Cheatham



Jerry Lamb



Dave Woodall

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