

HENRY COUNTY COMMISSION
AUGUST 4, 2026
10:00 A.M.

The Henry County Commission held its regular meeting on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. The following members were in attendance: Chairman Ray Marler and Commissioners Joe Falkner, John Ralph Saunders, Jason Hudspeth, Henry Grimsley and Jay Jones.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation was given by Joe Falkner.

Chairman Marler stated that we do have a quorum.

Public Comment from Citizens – None.

Consent Agenda

Chairman Marler requested a motion to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2026, regular commission meeting. Henry Grimsley moved to approve the minutes of July 21, 2026, regular commission meeting seconded by Jason Hudspeth. Vote was unanimous.

Award and Presentation

None.

Scheduled Public Hearing

None.

New Business

Chairman Marler requested action on bonus for Henry County Retirees (Act 2026-608). Jay Jones moved to approve bonus for Henry County Retirees (Act 2026-608) seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested permission set mileage rate to 76 cents per mile. John Ralph Saunders moved to set mileage rate to 76 cents per mile seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested permission to take bids on road building materials for FY27. Joe Falkner moved to take bids on road building materials for FY27 seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to approve the paving of CR 13 (County Garden Road) south of CR 22 utilizing Houston County's existing contract pricing. John Ralph Saunders moved to approve the paving of CR 13 (County Garden Road) south of CR 22 utilizing Houston County's existing contract pricing seconded by Joe Falkner. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested permission for County Forces to place pipe on ALDOT Right of Way at the Bora Hayden Cutoff on State Highway 95. John Ralph Saunders moved to grant permission for County Forces to place pipe on ALDOT Right of Way at the Bora Hayden Cutoff on State Highway 95 seconded by Jay Jones. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to approve “165 Cotton Subdivision” on CR 165 in Headland. Henry Grimsley moved to approve “165 Cotton Subdivision” on CR 165 in Headland seconded by John Ralph Saunders. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested permission to add additional item to the agenda regarding Abbeville Crosswalk Project. Jay Jones moved to add additional item to the agenda regarding Abbeville Crosswalk Project seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested permission to approve supplemental agreement No. 1 with Wiregrass Construction – Abbeville Crosswalk Project. Joe Falkner moved to approve supplemental agreement No. 1 with Wiregrass Construction – Abbeville Crosswalk Project seconded by Jason Hudspeth. Vote was unanimous.

Old Business

None.

Reports from Staff

Chairman Marler – August 11th will be special election. We have Commission Conference and Probate Judge’s Conference the last 2 weeks of August. Courthouse remodel is going well. Revenue and Mapping offices should be completing soon.

SEARP & DC regional meeting will be Thursday, September 24th at 11:00 at Enterprise Civic Center.

County Administrator –none

County Engineer/Sanitation – See attached report.

Derek Peterson, County Attorney – none

Economic Development Director – See attached report.

EMA/Maintenance – none

Safety – See attached report.

Sheriff – See attached report.

Discussion items by Commissioners

Joe Falkner - I attended the RC & D board meeting in Troy 2 weeks ago. Our county was well represented. Henry County had the most applications. All is going good in District 1. I thank everybody for what you do and for being here today.

John Ralph Saunders – Thank you all for being here today! Have a good afternoon.

Jason Hudspeth – Thank you all for the hard work. The team work shows! Everyone works well together. Thank you to the county shop for always getting the job done.

Henry Grimsley – Thank you from the Judge all way down to the rest of you! Keep doing what you’re doing and keep the citizens happy. Have a great week.

Jay Jones – We have amazing people in our county, amazing citizens and workers! Thank you all for what you do. Let's keep our county in prayer as we make decisions that we keep God in control.

On a motion by Henry Grimsley seconded by John Ralph Saunders and a unanimous vote, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.