

HENRY COUNTY COMMISSION
MAY 26, 2026
10:00 A.M.

The Henry County Commission held its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. The following members were in attendance: Chairman Ray Marler and Commissioners Joe Falkner, John Ralph Saunders, Jason Hudspeth, and Henry Grimsley.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation was given by John Ralph Saunders.

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 April 28, 2026, regular commission meeting. Henry Grimsley moved to approve the minutes of April 28, 2026, regular commission meeting seconded by Joe Falkner. Vote was unanimous.

Award and Presentation

None.

Scheduled Public Hearing

None.

New Business

Chairman Marler requested action to set date for budget work session for August 25th at 1:00 p.m. John Ralph Saunders moved to set date for budget work session for August 25th at 1:00 p.m. seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to make appointment to serve on the 2026-2027 ACCA Legislative Committee. Joe Falkner moved to appoint Chairman Ray Marler to serve on the 2026-2027 ACCA Legislative Committee seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to appoint Hope Laudicina to the Henry County DHR board for a six-year term. Joe Falkner moved to appoint Hope Laudicina to the Henry County DHR board for a six-year term seconded by John Ralph Saunders. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested approval of change order number 6 with JMR + H in the amount of \$63,464.00. Jason Hudspeth moved to approve change order number 6 with JMR + H in the amount of \$63,464.00 seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to approve EMS agreement with City of Abbeville. Jason Hudspeth moved to approve EMS agreement with City of Abbeville seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to approve Insolvents, Errors, and Taxes in Litigation for 2025. Henry Grimsley moved to approve Insolvents, Errors, and Taxes in Litigation for 2025 seconded by John Ralph Saunders. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to approve KH Subdivision, a minor subdivision of CR 22 East of Headland. John Ralph Saunders moved to approve KH Subdivision, a minor subdivision of CR 22 East of Headland seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to award bid to APAC for Project #RA-HCP 34-80-26 Resurface CR 70, CR 248, CR 203 for \$222,516.57. Henry Grimsley moved to award bid to APAC for Project #RA-HCP 34-80-26 Resurface CR 70, CR 248, CR 203 for \$222,516.57 seconded by Joe Falkner. Jason Hudspeth voted yea. John Ralph Saunders abstained.

Chairman Marler requested action to extend current contract with Sherry Earle through September 2026. Joe Falkner moved to extend current contract with Sherry Earle through September 2026 seconded by John Ralph Saunders. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to approve Orin Galloway as Henry County Floodplain Administrator. Henry Grimsley moved to approve Orin Galloway as Henry County Floodplain Administrator seconded by Jason Hudspeth. Vote was unanimous.

Old Business

None.

Reports from Staff

Chairman Marler – Thank all for the work last night. Primary runoff election will be June 16th, polls open from 7 a.m. -7 p.m. Courthouse lighting should begin next week.

County Administrator – none

County Engineer/Sanitation – See attached report.

Derek Peterson, County Attorney – none

Economic Development Director – See attached report.

EMA/Maintenance – National Weather Service will be coming in this afternoon to survey storm damage.

Safety – See attached report.

Sheriff – See attached report.

Discussion items by Commissioners

Joe Falkner - Thankful for the rain and our hard-working people that got out last night to help those in need. We're keeping those affected in our prayers.

John Ralph Saunders – nothing today.

Jason Hudspeth – I would like to personally thank every person who voted for me, and this group of commissioners I have served with. This group and the Probate Judge, road department, and all other

departments of this county have worked so well together and for that reason we have been able to accomplish so much. I would like to ask voters to please remember and please turn out for our county on June 16th. I want to personally apologize to the residents of District 3 who I did not get the opportunity to speak with face to face before the election. I worked a ton of shifts on rescue last month, every agency was short-handed. I thought that making sure the ambulance had coverage was the most important to our community. To those residents, I'm sorry and I will make every effort to speak to each of you face to face before the runoff. Thank y'all.

Henry Grimsley – Good to see each and everyone. Thankful for the work that you all get done. Henry County is reaping the benefits of the work you all do. Keep doing what you're doing.

On a motion by Henry Grimsley seconded by Joe Falkner and a unanimous vote, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.