

HENRY COUNTY COMMISSION
APRIL 28, 2026
10:00 A.M.

The Henry County Commission held its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 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 March 24, 2026, regular commission meeting. Henry Grimsley moved to approve the minutes of March 24, 2026, regular commission meeting seconded by Joe Falkner. Vote was unanimous.

Award and Presentation

Steve Culbreth was honored for 21 years of dedication to the Henry County Sheriff's Department.

Scheduled Public Hearing

None.

New Business

Chairman Marler requested action to proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Joe Falkner moved to proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month seconded by Jason Hudspeth. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to proclaim May as Mental Health Awareness Month and May 3-9, 2026, as Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. Jay Jones moved to proclaim May as Mental Health Awareness Month and May 3-9, 2026, as Children's Mental Health Awareness Week seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested permission to purchase 2023 Ford Expedition from E-911 board for County Coroner's officer for \$35,000. Henry Grimsley moved to purchase 2023 Ford Expedition from E-911 board for County Coroner's office for \$35,000 seconded by Jason Hudspeth. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested permission to sell surplus vehicles and equipment on Gov Deals from road department and coroner's office. Henry Grimsley moved to sell surplus vehicles and equipment on Gov Deals from road department and coroner's office seconded by John Ralph Saunders. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to award bid to S&C Paving and Materials in the amount of \$586,598.00 for Project # RA-HCP-34-79-25 Patching, Leveling, Triple Surface Treatment, and Traffic Stripe of County Road 83 West of Headland. Jay Jones moved to award bid to S&C Paving and Materials in the amount of \$586,598.00 for Project # RA-HCP-34-79-25 Patching, Leveling, Triple Surface

Treatment, and Traffic Stripe of County Road 83 West of Headland seconded by Joe Falkner. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Marler requested action to award bid to Wiregrass Construction in the amount of \$620,110.50 for Project #ST-034-888-006 Abbeville Crosswalk Improvements. Jason Hudspeth moved to award bid to Wiregrass Construction in the amount of \$620,110.50 for Project #ST-034-888-006 Abbeville Crosswalk Improvements seconded by Henry Grimsley. Vote was unanimous.

Old Business

None.

Reports from Staff

Chairman Marler – Courthouse renovation should begin soon. Upstairs courtroom and bathroom will be brought up to date in compliance. Be aware of construction as you are in and out.

Judson Baptist Association will have annual day of prayer event on May 7th at 12:00 on the courthouse lawn. We are working on 3 days a week (Tuesday-Thursday) to open in Headland coming up soon. Tuesday, May 26th is the next Commission meeting.

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 - It's good to have the room full today. Thank y'all for coming and thank you to all the employees for the hard work. We have a great county and a lot to be proud of.

John Ralph Saunders – Thank the ladies for coming from CAC and Lori, Hope, and staff for Mental Health Awareness. Culbreth congratulations! Lauren, we are glad to have you with us.

Jason Hudspeth – Thank y'all for coming and showing interest. Everyone works well as a team and it shows.

Henry Grimsley – It's good to see each and everyone. Ladies, Mrs. Beasley, keep doing what you're doing. Have a great week and a Happy Mother's Day!

Jay Jones – Thank you to all for what you do. I had the opportunity to be at a ballgame in Geneva recently. Unfortunately, a man in the stands had a massive heart attack. Our Henry County School bus

had an AED. Thank you to the school and to Matt Hatcher for all you have done to get AEDs in the community. We were not successful in saving the man, but the family was glad that the AED gave him an opportunity. Thank you all for being here and helping in the prevention of mental health.

On a motion by Henry Grimsley seconded by Jason Hudspeth and a unanimous vote, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.