



**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Commission Chamber  
Tuesday, March 31, 2026  
2:00 PM

**INVOCATION**

Reverend Paul Robertson, Pastor, Windsor Spring Baptist Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**RECOGNITION(S)**

- A. Congratulations!** Recognition of the Augusta 911 Center as the recipient of the 2025 Georgia Emergency Communications Conference (GECC) 911/Communications Center of the Year award.

**Presentation made accordingly.**

- B. Congratulations!** 2026 Cross Creek Comprehensive High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team on clinching the 2026 Georgia High School Association's 3-A Championship Title. **(Requested by Commissioner Jordan Johnson)**

**Presentation made accordingly.**

- C. Congratulations!** Butler HS (Boys) Basketball team for their 2nd place finish during the 2A tournament. **(Requested by Commissioner Don Clark)**

**Presentation made accordingly.**

**DELEGATION(S)**

- D. Mr. Matthew Cavedon** regarding failure to accommodate wheelchair users at the Augusta Aquatic Center.

**Requested deletion from the agenda due to the matter being addressed by the Augusta Recreation Department.**

- E. Ms. Debra Estep** regarding accessibility of Commission meetings; request to move to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays for majority of local citizens to reinforce good faith progress and action.

**Presentation made accordingly.**

**F. Ms. Jacqueline Cooper** recognition of public service.

**Presentation made accordingly.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*(Items 1-2)*

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**1. Motion to approve** the March 18, 2026 Commission meeting minutes.

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Rice and seconded by Clark**

**Motion carried 11-0**

**APPOINTMENT(S)**

**2. Motion to approve** the appointment of **Mr. Lawrence Brannen** to the Augusta Housing & Community Development Citizens Advisory Board representing District 10. **(Requested by Commissioner Wayne Guilfoyle)**

**Motion to approve with name correction Lawrence Freeman**

**Motion made by Rice and seconded by Clark**

**Motion carried 11-0**

**\*\*\*\*END CONSENT AGENDA\*\*\*\***

**AUGUSTA COMMISSION**

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**REGULAR AGENDA**

*(Items 3-32)*

**PUBLIC SERVICES**

**3. Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) – Motion to approve disbursement of a \$500.00 payment for employees who provide significant support for the 2026 Airport’s Masters® Operation.**

**This matter was addressed in Executive Session with no action taken.**

4. Report from Director of Recreation regarding the costs associated with adding permanent pickleball lines at the Warren Road Gym. **(Referred from the March 18, 2026 Commission meeting)**

**Presentation from staff related to the matter and received as information without objection.**

5. **Approval** process of plans from Contractors and Developers. **(Requested by Mayor Pro Tem Wayne Guilfoyle)**

**Administration reported that a review was ongoing with discussions focusing on internal operations and how they can be improved.**

**Received as information without objection.**

6. Discuss updated data and path forward for a divestment plan for underutilized Recreation & Parks parks/facilities. **(Deferred from the Public Services Committee Meeting on March 10, 2026)**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

7. Receive as information the emergency request for the replacement of the gas pack unit at the Richmond County Sheriff's Office Evidence Building in the amount of \$25,000.00 by GCT Industrial, LLC.

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Rice and seconded by Clark**

**Motion carried 11-0**

#### **ENGINEERING SERVICES**

8. Motion to authorize condemnation to acquire a portion of property for right of way, permanent construction easement for maintenance of slopes, and driveway easement (Parcel 195-0-001-01-0) 2283 Willis Foreman Road (Willis Foreman Road Widening Project – Project Parcel 214).

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 8-0 with Wimberly, Garrett and Guilfoyle out.**

9. Motion to authorize condemnation to acquire a portion of property for permanent construction easement for maintenance of slopes (Parcel 194-0-029-10-0) 2327 Willis Foreman Road (Willis Foreman Road Widening Project – Project Parcel 204).

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 8-0 with Wimberly, Garrett and Guilfoyle out.**

10. Approve the 2026 MOU with Augusta University for an internship program centered around environmental and smart city sensors and programs.  
**Motion to approve**  
**Motion made by Rice and seconded by Scott**  
**Motion carried 8-0 with Wimberly, Garrett and Guilfoyle out.**
11. Approve Second Contract Amendment with Itron (24-161/25AUA189)  
**Motion to approve**  
**Motion made by Rice and seconded by Scott**  
**Motion carried 8-0 with Wimberly, Garrett and Guilfoyle out.**
12. Motion to authorize condemnation to acquire a portion of property for right of way, permanent construction easement for maintenance of slopes, and driveway easement (Parcel 165-1-124-00-0) 2797 Willis Foreman Road (Willis Foreman Road Widening Project – Project Parcel 97).  
**Motion to approve**  
**Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice**  
**Motion carried 8-0 with Wimberly, Garrett and Guilfoyle out.**
13. Motion to authorize condemnation to acquire a portion of property for right of way, permanent construction easement for maintenance of slopes, and temporary easement for construction of drives (Parcel 194-0-143-00-0) 2349 Willis Foreman Road (Willis Foreman Road Widening Project – Project Parcel 190).  
**Motion to approve**  
**Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice**  
**Motion carried 8-0 with Wimberly, Garrett and Guilfoyle out.**
14. Motion to authorize condemnation to acquire a portion of property for right of way and permanent construction easement for maintenance of slopes (Parcel 194-0-002-00-0) 2345 Willis Foreman Road (Willis Foreman Road Widening Project – Project Parcel 191).  
**Motion to approve**  
**Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice**  
**Motion carried 8-0 with Wimberly, Garrett and Guilfoyle out.**
15. Motion to authorize condemnation to acquire a portion of property for right of way and permanent construction easement for maintenance of slopes (Parcel 150-0-010-04-0) 3032 Willis Foreman Road (Willis Foreman Road Widening Project – Project Parcel 26).  
**Motion to approve**  
**Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice**  
**Motion carried 8-0 with Wimberly, Garrett and Guilfoyle out.**

16. Motion to authorize condemnation to acquire a portion of property for right of way, permanent construction easement for maintenance of slopes, and temporary driveway easement (Parcel 194-0-147-00-0) 4102 Willis Foreman Road (Willis Foreman Road Widening Project – Project Parcel 183).

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 8-0 with Wimberly, Garrett and Guilfoyle out.**

17. Motion to authorize condemnation to acquire a portion of property for permanent construction easement for maintenance of slopes and temporary easement for construction of drives (Parcel 165-0-015-00-0) 2746 Willis Foreman Road (Willis Foreman Road Widening Project – Project Parcel 121).

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 8-0 with Wimberly, Garrett and Guilfoyle out.**

18. Motion to authorize condemnation to acquire a portion of property for right of way, permanent construction easement for maintenance of slopes, and temporary driveway easement (Parcel 178-0-013-00-0) 2721 Willis Foreman Road (Willis Foreman Road Widening Project – Project Parcel 135).

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 8-0 with Wimberly, Garrett and Guilfoyle out.**

19. Approve the purchase through a sole source procurement in amount of \$50,103.00 for Richmond County’s Rhythm In-Sync Adaptive Signal Timing System upgrade for Traffic ITS Operational Improvements for Fort Gordon Gates 2 & 6 corridor. /AE.

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Rice and seconded by Clark**

**Motion carried 11-0**

20. Approve continued funding of the current on-Call ITS Construction & Emergency Repair services contract in amount of \$44,493.06 for ITS network maintenance repairs at Broad Street Corridor between 13th Street to St. Sebastian Way. RFP 25-100A /AE

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Rice and seconded by Clark**

**Motion carried 11-0**

21. Approve Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) option of 0.076 acres Temporary Easements request from the Augusta, GA owned parcel/Augusta Levee for Bridge on SR 4 (US 25 BU) over Savannah River Project (PI#0013927). Temporary Easements boundaries depicted at

attached GDOT Preliminary Right of Way Map dated 04/25/24 sheets 60-0003, 60-0004, and 60-0009, and described at sheet 60-0013. /AE

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Rice and seconded by Clark**

**Motion carried 11-0**

22. Motion to authorize in connection with the Willis Foreman Project (PI# 0013703) condemnation those parcels which Engineering has been unable to reach an agreement regarding value with the property owner and those parcels that counsel has determined that need to be condemned for title issues. /AE

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 8-0 with Wimberly, Garrett and Guilfoyle out.**

23. Emergency purchase of Air Conditioners for North Max Hicks Control Room

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 8-0 with Wimberly, Garrett and Guilfoyle out.**

24. Approve Award of Bid Item #26-130 for the construction of the Augusta Reservoir Dams Improvements Project to Shearer-Mutimer Construction, LLC.

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 8-0 with Wimberly, Garrett and Guilfoyle out.**

25. Motion to **approve** the staff to begin identifying a parking management solution for the downtown corridor. **(Requested by Commissioner Don Clark)**

**Motion to approve and bring back the plan to include community input**

**Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 7-0 with Wimberly, Lewis, Garrett and Guilfoyle out**

## **FINANCE**

26. Motion to **approve** the Resolution and Amended Adoption Agreement and Addendum to Augusta's GMA 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan ("DC Plan") to allow Judge Emeritus to receive benefits while employed and prohibit future employee and employer contributions for Judge Emeritus.

**Consensus of the Commission to defer to the next commission meeting with feedback from Chief Judge Carletta Brown, Civil & Magistrate Court without objection.**

27. Motion to **approve** funding for the March 10, 2026 Special Election in House District 130 and the April 7, 2026 Runoff in the amount of **\$95,200.00** from General Fund Contingency.

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Guilfoyle and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 8-0 with Garrett, Wimberly, and J. Johnson out**

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

- 28.** Approve agreements related to the continued operation of Augusta's Land Mobile Radio System (LMRS)

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Rice and seconded by Clark**

**Motion carried 11-0**

- 29.** Motion to approve the replacement of obsolete computer equipment (laptops, computers, servers, printers, scanners, switches, routers, VOIP phones, virtual environment, backup solutions, analog gateways, other telecommunication devices, security appliances, uninterrupted power supplies, radios, and MDTs) as well as the purchase of any related required computer software upgrades, cloud storage, and server resources.

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Rice and seconded by Clark**

**Motion carried 11-0**

- 30.** Motion to approve the designation of Chief Superior Court Judge Flythe as the Authorized Official for the SCIP Youth Gang Grant quarterly reimbursement submissions in the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) grant portal.

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Rice and seconded by Clark**

**Motion carried 11-0**

- 31.** Motion to approve the granting of a Permanent Utility Easement to Jefferson Energy Cooperative for the installation and maintenance of electric utility infrastructure to serve the proposed new Fire Station located at Gordon Highway and Powell Road.

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Rice and seconded by Clark**

**Motion carried 11-0**

**LEGAL MEETING**

- A. Pending and Potential Litigation
- B. Real Estate
- C. Personnel

**Motion to go into Executive Session**

**Motion made by Clark and seconded by Scott**  
**Motion carried 7-0 with Wimberly, Lewis, Garrett and Guilfoyle out**

**32. Motion to authorize execution by the Mayor of the affidavit of compliance with Georgia's Open Meeting Act.**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 7-0 with Wimberly, Lewis, Garrett and Guilfoyle out**

**33. Motion to approve the salary of the newly hired Finance Director at the Augusta Regional Airport at a rate of \$130,000 per year with a moving allowance of up to \$10,000.**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Clark and seconded by Rice**

**Motion carried 7-0 with Pulliam, Wimberly, Lewis and Garrett out**

**ADDENDUM AGENDA**  
**AUGUSTA COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MARCH 31, 2026**  
**2:00 P.M.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:**

1. Approve the execution of a memorandum of understanding between Augusta and the Augusta Museum of History for the temporary use by the public the museum parking lot and to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the MOU. **(Requested by Mayor Garnett Johnson)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Rice and seconded by Clark**

**Motion carried 11-0**

**PUBLIC SERVICES:**

2. Motion to **approve** of the following annual bid item, as the estimated annual purchases for these items are expected to exceed \$25,000.00. This request is in accordance with Sec. 1-10-58 of the Annual Contracts provision. The award will be for one (1) year with the option to extend for (four) additional years. The Augusta Commission has approved the recommendation of award.  
**2A. Augusta Regional Airport: 26-004-Temporary FBO Tent Structure for 2026 Masters Tournament Operations.**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Rice and seconded by Clark  
Motion carried 11-0**

**DELETION (S):**

**DELEGATION(D)**

3. Mr. Matthew Cavedon regarding failure to accommodate wheelchair users at the Augusta Aquatic Center. **(Requested by Mr. Cavdedon-issued has been addressed)**

**Motion to approve**

**Motion made by Rice and seconded by Clark  
Motion carried 11-0**

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