Stewart County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes July 8, 2025

The Stewart County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting on July 8, 2025. The meeting convened at 4:30 PM at the Stewart County Courthouse with Chairwoman Arcola Scott presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance — In unison

Roll Call

Commissioners in attendance:

Chairwoman Arcola Scott
Vice-Chair Thomas Mayo
Commissioner Joe Lee Williams
Commissioner Tyrone Nelson
Commissioner MaQuonzie Thomas

Other Staff in Attendance:

Mac Moye, County Manager Carole Stewart, County Clerk Bin Minter, County Attorney

Chairwoman Arcola Scott asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add the proclamation for Valley Health Care. Vice-Chair Thomas Mayo moved to add the proclamation to the agenda; seconded by Commissioner MaQuonzie Thomas. All voted in favor and motion carried.

Reading and Approval of Minutes – Commissioner Joe Lee Williams moved to approve the minutes from June 3, 2025 Work Session, and the June 10, 2025 Regular Session; seconded by Vice-Chair Thomas Mayo. All voted in favor and motion carried.

Public Appearance – Matt Ezekiel of Resource Management Service and Ben Whitaker from Regions Bank addressed the Commission regarding the outstanding penalties and interest owed by former Regions Southeast Timber Fund II, LLC. After discussion of the matter, Commissioner Joe Lee Williams moved to waive payment of the penalties and interest totaling \$7,542.77. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Administrative Matters:

A. Hotel/Motel Tax Ordinance – first reading but no adoption.

- B. Resolution for the De-Annexation of Wims Center Commissioner Joe Lee Williams moved to adopt the resolution to de-annex the Wims Center from the City of Lumpkin; seconded by Vice-Chair Thomas Mayo. All voted in favor and motion carried.
- C. Appointment to the Water Authority Chairwoman Arcola Scott moved to reappoint Stonie Patterson to the Stewart County Water and Sewage Authority Board for term ending June 2028; seconded by Vice Chair Thomas Mayo. All voted in favor and motion carried.
- D. Appointment to Board of Family and Children Services Chairwoman Scott moved to reappoint Fannie Perrymond to the Stewart County Board of Family and Children Services for a term ending June 2027; seconded by Vice-Chair Thomas Mayo. All voted in favor and motion carried.
- E. Intergovernmental Agreement between SWGRDA and Stewart County Commission topic discussed and tabled.
- F. Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan Chairwoman Arcola Scott moved to accept the Hazard Mitigation Plan between Stewart County Board of Commissioners and River Valley Regional Commission; seconded by Vice-Chair Thomas Mayo. All voted in favor and motion carried.
- G. Proclamation from Valley Health Care System Proclamation proclaiming August 3rd 9th, 2025 as Community Health Center Week was read by Chairwoman Arcola Scott.

Reports:

- A. Financial Report- Commissioner Joe Lee Williams moved to accept the June 2025 financial reports; seconded by Commissioner Tyrone Nelson. All voted in favor, and motion carried.
- B. Public Safety Director Public Safety Administrator Greg Stewart presented the June 2025 EMS report and provided further updates on status of the EMS building and ordered ambulances.
- C. Road Superintendent Covered with County Manager Report
- **D. County Manager Report** County Manager Mac Moye provided his report on topics pertinent to the county for June 10, 2025 July 8, 2025. Provided update on installation of the new landfill fence.
- **E.** County Attorney County Attorney Bin Minter provided a report on legal topics pertinent to the county for the commission to review.

Commissioners Comments:

Chairwoman Arcola Scott – I want to commend the new Tax Commissioner, Shirley Walker, on a job well done especially with collection of back taxes owed. Also, I'd like to commend Edwina Turner and the Extension group for jobs performed outside of their

normal duties when funerals have been held at the Wims Center. Also commendations to the Road Department for their work, especially James Smiley, Rinnie Hardwick, and LV Tarver for their work on the weekend of the funeral.

Vice Chair Thomas Mayo - none

Commissioner Tyrone Nelson – Thank y'all

Commissioner Joe Lee Williams – I'd like to concur with the thanks to the Tax Commissioner and Edwina, but also the calls, thoughts, and prayers during my recent surgery and recovery.

Commissioner MaQuonzie Thomas – Thank you as well.

Commissioner Tyrone Nelson motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Joe Lee Williams. All voted in favor and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:36 PM

Carole B. Stewart, County Clerk

Ardola Scott, Chairwoman