



## MURRAY COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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# Minutes

## Murray County Commissioner's Meeting June 3, 2025

The Sole Commissioner of Murray County, Noah Bishop, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M., June 3, 2025, in the Hearing Room of the Murray County Annex. In attendance were Noah Bishop, Sole Commissioner, Tommy Parker, County Manager, Billy Childers, Tax Commissioner, Dewayne Bain, EMA Director, Jeremiah Ridley, Assistant Fire Services Director, Jimmy Espy with The Chatsworth Times, Lewis Flood, Michelle Koneman, and Tina Davis, County Clerk.

Following the Call to Order, Commissioner Noah Bishop announced there was one item added after sending the agenda to the media. The added item labeled "J" is on today's agenda. Commissioner Bishop **approved** the agenda, with the addition of Item J, as written for June 3, 2025.

The next order of business was to approve the Minutes for previous meeting(s) held in May 2025. The Commissioner reviewed and **approved** the Minutes as written for May 6, 2025, Murray County Commissioner's Meeting and May 6, 2025, Bid Opening for 2025 LMIG Countywide Paving Project.

New business was next on the agenda. Under new business the Commissioner discussed the following topics:

**Item A:** The Sole Commissioner, Noah Bishop, announced there was not a Land Use & Planning Commission Meeting held during the month of May 2025. However, during the Commissioner's Meeting held on May 6, 2025, Mr. Bishop tabled Item #4 as listed on the Agenda for the April 15, 2025. Murray County Land Use & Planning Commission Meeting. After review of the actions of the Murray County Land Use & Planning Commission, Noah Bishop, **approved** the Commission's actions taken on Item #4 as being in the best interest of Murray County.

**Item B:** Noah Bishop, Commissioner detailed that he **signed** an annual State Paid County Reimbursed personnel (SPCR) Contract which authorizes Murray County, Whitfield County Board of Commissioners, and the District Attorney for the Conasauga Judicial Circuit, Ben Kenemer, to contract with Prosecuting Attorney's Council of Georgia to provide additional personnel for the office of the District Attorney for compensation and employee related expenses in the same manner as is provided for State paid personnel.

**Item C:** Commissioner Bishop **re-appointed** Phenna Petty to the Murray County Division of Family & Children Services Advisory Council. The Term begins July 1, 2025, and will expire on June 30, 2030.

**Item D:** The Commissioner presented a **capital purchase** for the Murray County Fire Department. The County will purchase a 2025 Freightliner 3,000-gallon tanker truck at a total cost of \$414,956.00. The new Freightliner will be paid for with 2019 SPLOST funds.

**Item E:** Commissioner Bishop announced the **award of contract** for the 2025 LMIG & Countywide Paving Project(s) went to the low bidder, C.W. Matthews Co. Inc. The bid amount of \$6,412,270.00 will be paid with the remaining 2020 TSPLOST funds and 2025 TSPLOST funds-imposed April 1, 2025. The list of roads scheduled to be resurfaced in 2025 are:

Bagley Rd	Crisp Rd	Mt. View Dr.
Beaverdale Rd	Dewberry Church Rd.	Mt. View Spur
Beaverdale Rd. Spur	Goldsmith Ln.	Old Hwy 411

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Bee Parson Rd  
Berry Bennett Rd  
Bettis Rd  
Booger Brand Rd  
Broad St, Cobb Rd  
Cohutta Springs Rd  
Conasauga Way

Gordon Dr.  
Grassy St.  
Holly Creek Rd.  
Jenkins Rd.  
Leon Circle  
Martha Sue Dr.  
Mashburn Rd. S.

Quarles St.  
Railroad St.  
Rob Brooks Rd.  
Sheilds Rd.  
Short Ave.  
Summerour Church Rd.  
Young Rd.

**Item F:** Noah Bishop, the Sole Commissioner of Murray County, **re-appointed** Anita Thornton to the Murray County Board of Assessors. The term begins July 1, 2025, and will expire June 30, 2030.

**Item G:** The Murray County Commissioner **signed a contract to lease-purchase** six (6) engine/pumper fire trucks that cost \$487,000.00 each. The total cost of the six (6) engines is 2,922,000.00 to be paid over a 5-year period beginning in 2026 from 2025 SPLOST funds. The Murray County Fire Department will receive two (2) engines in July 2026, two (2) engines in August 2026, and two (2) engines in September 2026.

**Item H:** A **capital purchase** for the Murray County Sheriff's Office was **approved** by the Commissioner. A new 2023 Ford Explorer Interceptor was purchased from Wade Ford. The total cost of the new vehicle is \$47,900.00. \$29,637.00 will be paid with Sheriff Forfeiture funds and \$18,263.00 will be paid with 2019 SPLOST funds.

**Item I:** The Commissioner signed a capital lease-purchase in the amount of \$380,925.00. The purchase is for sixty-six (66) body worn cameras (patrol deputies and jailers), and forty (40) dash cameras with cloud storage. The total amount will be paid in five (5) annual payments of \$76,185.00 from 2025 SPLOST funds.

**Item J:** Commissioner Bishop **appointed** Brenda Jackson to the Limestone Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council. Mrs. Jackson is to complete the current term that began January 1, 2025, and will expire December 31, 2025.

The Sole Commissioner of Murray County, Noah Bishop, adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:37 A.M.

All Supporting Documents are in Minutes Book #13.

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Noah Bishop, Sole Commissioner

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tina Davis", written over a horizontal line.

Tina Davis, County Clerk

A handwritten date in blue ink, "07/01/2025", written over a horizontal line.

Date/Approved