



Hancock County Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2026 at 3:00 PM

Board Meeting Room

1. Call to Order

A) Pledge of Allegiance

B) Invocation

2. Roll Call

3. Announcements

A) The next regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors' meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m., on Monday, July 6, 2026.

4. Special Meeting Agenda

A) Motion to accept the agenda.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw

SECONDER: District 1 Supervisor Graham

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam,
DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

B) Motion to spread on the Minutes the Notice of Special Meeting of the Board of

Supervisors.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

SECONDER: District 5 Supervisor Ladner

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam,
DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

- C) Discussion and/or motions pertaining to clean up, repair, and/or contracts that pertain or relate to emergencies and damage from Named Storm Arthur.

Road Manager Leroy Lee Report

Road Manager Leroy Lee reported on conditions in Jordan River Shores, stating that it is still too early to determine the full extent of the damage; however, he does not believe the situation currently justifies hiring a contractor.

In Pearlington, a tornado struck the Log Town area. County crews removed trees from the roadway, and the road has since been reopened.

Regarding Road 228, Mr. Lee explained that the road was constructed on top of a pond dam to provide access for residents entering and exiting the area.

On Preacher Powell Road, a State Aid Road, a box culvert failed. Mr. Lee and the County Engineer have surveyed the site and will contact Ozark to prepare plans for the design and reconstruction of the box culvert.

The County Engineer will also conduct a hydraulic study on Road 228 to determine what repairs are necessary to restore the dam.

Repairs are also needed on the bridge located on Anner Road.

Mr. Lee reported that repairs to the washout on Circle G Ranch Road are scheduled to begin on Thursday, June 25.

Discussion Regarding Storm Damage and Road 228

The District 4 Supervisor asked whether the Governor had declared a state of emergency due to the recent storm. The County Administrator responded that the Governor had issued a declaration; however, the County must still document and verify its damages.

The County Administrator noted that the washout on Road 228, where the pond dam failed, presents a unique situation because the blacktop roadway belongs to the County.

Mr. Lee stated that, to his knowledge, the County has historically maintained the roadway surface but not the dam itself, similar to the White Cypress situation.

The District 4 Supervisor questioned how such an arrangement came to exist, noting that it occurred before the current Board's tenure.

Mr. Lee described the washout as approximately 20 feet deep and 80 feet long, emphasizing the severity of the damage.

The County Attorney asked whether the dam was included in the subdivision plat. Mr. Lee stated that he did not believe it was. He explained that the dam was privately constructed in 1966 and that, after land was sold behind the property, a road was built on top of the dam to provide access to the homes that were later constructed.

The County Attorney inquired about the number of residences served by the road. Mr. Lee responded that there are four houses located beyond the dam.

The County Attorney also noted that Mr. Lee had been attempting to contact the property owner. Mr. Lee stated that he had obtained the necessary signatures and permissions, as access to the damaged area required crossing private property. He further stated that the dam appears to be located on private property.

The County Attorney stated that ownership of the dam must be determined and that the County will need to evaluate whether it has any responsibility or obligation regarding the structure.

The motion, as reflected in the Minutes, was approved.

Staffing and Operations Discussion

The District 3 Supervisor asked whether seasonal workers could be hired to assist with recovery efforts. Mr. Lee responded that maintaining a full-time crew has already been challenging and that hiring additional seasonal personnel may not be feasible.

Mr. Lee stated that the most effective solution would be to hire a contractor to repair damaged driveways, as this would allow the work to be completed more quickly.

The County Administrator reminded all departments to carefully track storm-related expenses and noted that April had distributed the necessary information.

Department Reports

Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Ladner provided a report on McLeod Park.

Holly Bilbo reported on damage assessments being conducted by EMA on Tuesday and Wednesday. She stated that six individuals remain in the shelter, which is now being operated by the Red Cross. Residents were relocated from the Kiln Shelter to the Necaise Shelter.

1. Motion to spread on the Minutes the right of entry that was executed for access regarding Hugh Lee Road executed by Hollice Lee, as well as the requirements under Title 33 for the removal of debris and brush on private property related to Named Storm Arthur.

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 4 Board President Adam

SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty
Adam, DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

5. Supervisors Items

A) District 1

B) District 2

C) District 3

D) District 4

E) District 5

6. Public Comment

7. Executive Session

8. Adjourn/Recess

RESULT: **Approved (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER: District 2 Supervisor Shaw

SECONDER: District 3 Supervisor Clark

AYES: Donald Graham, Greg Shaw, Chuck Clark, Scotty Adam,
DarrinBo Ladner

EXCUSED:

The Minutes of the June 22, 2026 meeting have been read and approved.

Supervisor Scotty Adam, President