
Anderson County Board of Commissioners

6:00 P.M.

Presentations

Proclamation Honoring the Clinton Lions Club – requested by Mayor Frank
Proclamation Honoring Kerbela Shriners 110th Anniversary – requested by Mayor Frank
Proclamation Honoring Jo Bruce – requested by Mayor Frank
Resolution Honoring Tyler Mayes

6:30 P.M.

Consent Agenda

Monday, October 20, 2025

- 1. Approval and corrections of September 15, 2025 Minutes**
- 2. Approval of Notary and Bonds** (Notary List included in packet)
- 4. Committee Reports**
 - Conservation Board Minutes (10/06/25)
 - Library Board Minutes (8/31/25)
 - Road Committee Minutes (10/13/25)
 - Veterans Service Advisory Minutes (10/6/25)
 - ACWA Agenda (10/21/25) Minutes (9/16/25)

**Respectfully Submitted,
B. Denise Palmer, Chairman**

Board of County Commissioners - Anderson County, Tennessee

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Clinton Lions Club is a pillar of our community, a guiding light and noble example of how to care for others; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton Lions Club was organized on July 2, 1940, and chartered on September 10, 1940; and

WHEREAS, members of the Clinton Lions Club live out the organization's motto of "We Serve," daily, and have done so for the last 85 years; and

WHEREAS, Lions are volunteer members of the local clubs where they enjoy fellowship, develop their leadership capabilities, and dedicate part of their free time to help those in need all over the world, while making their communities a better place in which to live. Local Lions Clubs are chartered by Lions Club International, the world's largest service club organization that began in 1917. The Clinton Lions Club is one of 250 in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton Lions Club supports vision screening for students in Anderson County and Clinton City schools, as well as some daycares. The club also supports the Anderson County Veterans Appreciation Breakfast, sponsoring a monthly breakfast each year; Learning Ally in Oak Ridge, Operation Kid Sight Outreach, Tennessee School for the Blind, Tennessee School for the Deaf, the East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank, Leader Dogs for the Blind, diabetes awareness, and childhood cancer research; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, which curtailed a lot of community events and activities, the Clinton Lions Club never stopped serving. The members simply pivoted – and focused on providing gift cards to Food City and donations to fire departments, and church food pantries, as well as providing meals for shut-in residents of our community.

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the Clinton Lions Club's 85th Anniversary and their unwavering commitment to charity, service, and compassion, and in recognition of their steadfast dedication to putting others before self, we, the Anderson County Mayor and the Anderson County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 5th, 2025, as

Clinton Lions Club Day

In Anderson County, and in so doing, we honor and humbly thank members of the Clinton Lions Club for going above and beyond to serve others. May their efforts continue for many years to come.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the official seal of Anderson County to be affixed on this, the 20th day of October, 2025.

Mrs. Terry Frank, Anderson County Mayor

Mrs. Denise Palmer, Commission Chairwoman

ATTEST: _____
Mr. Jeff Cole, County Clerk

Board of County Commissioners - Anderson County, Tennessee

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Kerbela Shrine Temple was chartered July 14, 1915; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 1915 the first Potentate and Officers were elected, and the first Ceremonial Session was performed; and

WHEREAS, support for Shriners Hospital for Children ramped up in 1920. The Kerbela Shriners Paper Sale began Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 1950. The Kerbela Shrine papers included stories and pictures of the hospitals and children, as well as the work done by Kerbela for the children; and

WHEREAS, from 1950 thru 2025 Kerbela Paper Sale with the assistance of Blue Lodge Masons raised more than \$17 million for handicapped and burned children. Kerbela Shriners jurisdiction has served well over 14,000 children's needs in orthopedic, burn, spinal cord injury, cleft lip and palates; and

WHEREAS, Shriners around the world consistently turn compassion into action. In 2024, the organization's fundraising events generated an incredible \$5.3 million for the Shriners healthcare system. Of that amount, \$850,000 helped families access the care they needed by offsetting transportation costs. Additionally, one of the organization's most well-known fundraisers – The Shrine Paper Sale – brought in more than \$1.7 million in 2024.

WHEREAS, December 3, 1960 the construction began on Kerbela Shrine Temple and was it dedicated September 23, 1961. The first Kerbela Shrine Circus was held at the Civic Coliseum in 1977; and

WHEREAS, the motto of Kerbela Shriners is "The Shrine Plays and Pays so that Handicapped and Burned Children may Walk and Live a Normal Life."

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the Kerbela Shriners' 110th Anniversary and their unwavering commitment to charity, service, and compassion, and in recognition of their steadfast dedication to putting others before self, we, the Anderson County Mayor and the Anderson County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November 1, 2025, as

Kerbela Shriners' Day

In Anderson County, and in so doing, we humbly thank our local Shriners for going above and beyond to serve those children and families in need and to help make the most difficult times more bearable.

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Mrs. Terry Frank, Anderson County Mayor

Mrs. Denise Palmer, Commission Chairwoman

ATTEST: _____
Mr. Jeff Cole, County Clerk

**Anderson County Board of Commissioners
Anderson County, Tennessee**

Proclamation

WHEREAS Jo Bruce is celebrating 31 years as the Director of the Oak Ridge Schools Family Resource Center. The program is one of the original 13 Family Resource Centers established by the State of Tennessee in the fall of 1993, and Ms. Bruce has held the position since the program's inception in Oak Ridge. In her role as director, Jo Bruce has focused and established an extensive knowledge of the many resources for families and children to help them access as many resources as possible; and

WHEREAS prior to working in Oak Ridge, Jo Bruce began her career with the State of Tennessee Department of Human Services (now the Department of Children's Services) as a case manager. Her work included investigations, court interactions, placements into foster care, and reunification of children and families as well as managing foster care home and adoption services. She worked in education both as a preschool teacher in Mississippi and as a parent educator for Campbell County Schools in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS as a student herself, Jo Bruce has received extensive training in the areas of the effects of poverty on development and learning, and the rewards of quality parent engagement, and thus has been a presenter at the state and local levels on these topics; and

WHEREAS school safety along with trauma recovery is a priority for Jo, and with her experience, she has presented on this topic at both state and national levels, working with dedication on the SAVE (Schools Against Violence in Education) Act to put policies and procedures in place to help keep children and school staff safe; and

WHEREAS Jo Bruce's commitment to community doesn't end with her professional position. She has served countless years on area nonprofit boards including ADFAC, United Way, Children's Advocacy Network, Emory Valley Center, TORCH, Blossom Center, DCS Community Advisory Board, and the YWCA. Among other accolades, Jo Bruce has been recognized with the following: Patriotic Civilian Service Award, United Way Starfish Award, ADFAC Silent Hero Award, and many school-related awards and acknowledgements at local and state levels; and

WHEREAS Jo Bramlett Bruce was born in January 1956, to Ray and Maxine Bramlett in Jasper, Tennessee, where she was raised with an older brother, Larry. Graduating fourth in her class from Marion County High School in 1974, Jo continued her education at Middle Tennessee State University on a full scholarship, graduating with a dual major of social work and psychology and a minor in criminal justice in 1978. During college, Jo met the love of her life, Ken Bruce, at a Delta Tau Delta party. Ken was the president of the MTSU chapter of Delta Tau Delta, and Jo was honored to become of the Princess of the fraternity's little sisters; and

WHEREAS Jo and Ken Bruce were married on June 23, 1979, at Falling Water Baptist Church in Hixson, Tennessee. Their marriage and Ken's U.S. Army career carried them to many "homes" around the world, including Tracy City, Tennessee, Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, Bremerhaven, Germany, Ft. Riley, Kansas, Osterholz-Scharmbeck, West Germany, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, and Ole Miss ROTC in Oxford, Mississippi, with some short tours to West Point, New York, San Antonio, Texas, and Charleston, South Carolina. They enjoyed traveling throughout Europe including West Germany, East Germany, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Belgium, Denmark, France, and The Netherlands. Jo and Ken Bruce welcomed two sons, Christopher Scott in 1980, and Patrick Alan in 1984. Chris is married to Tiffany Johnson and Patrick is married to Sheryl Hunt. Jo dotes on and enjoys her grandchildren: Ainsley, Brynn, William and Kenneth; and

WHEREAS today, Jo, widowed in 2005, lives in LaFollette, Tennessee, and is an active member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, where she has served on the Parish Council and Social Justice Committee, and taught confirmation classes as well as shared her beautiful voice as a soloist in the choir; and

WHEREAS Jo Bruce is an avid reader and a gifted storyteller. She cherishes her family, spending many vacations with them either camping or visiting the beach.

WHEREAS Jo Bruce truly is an inspiring community leader and advocate for children and families, who spreads her light throughout our community, region, and state, and her light shines brightly to guide others in prioritizing children so they can succeed, feel secure, learn, and be safe

NOW, THEREFORE, we, Anderson County Mayor Terry Frank and members of the Board of Anderson County Commissioners, in conjunction with the Aid to Distressed Families of Appalachian Counties do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 15, 2025, as Jo Bruce Day in Anderson County, and we join ADFAC in honoring Ms. Jo Bruce as the 2025 recipient of the prestigious Bill Wilcox Bow Tie Award for leading a life of purposeful impact, and "lighting the way" in her selfless service to the families and children of Oak Ridge and Anderson County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the official seal of Anderson County to be affixed on this, the 20th day of October, 2025.

Mrs. Denise Palmer, Commission Chair

Mrs. Terry Frank, County Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeff Cole, County Clerk

ANDERSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD MINUTES

October 6th, 2025

Members Present:

Denise Palmer – Board Chair, Lewis Ridenour, Tony Powers, Matthew Bader, Ben Taylor – Parks Director

Members Absent:

Scott Burton

Others Present:

Terry Frank – Mayor, Commissioner Phil Yager, Stephanie Wells – Tourism Director, Robert Holbrook – Finance Director, Andrew Stone – Secretary,

The Conservation Board meeting was called to order at 5:00pm on October 6th, 2025.

Approval of Agenda:

Amendments to the Agenda to add the following:

Anderson County's 250th Celebration Discussion to Unfinished Business

Claxton Park Update Discussion to New Business

Motion by Matt Bader, seconded by Lewis Ridenour, to approve the Agenda as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Lewis Ridenour, seconded by Tony Powers, to approve the prior meeting

Minutes from the August 4th, 2025 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment Period:

No public present.

Unfinished Business:

1st Item of Unfinished Business:

Chair Denise Palmer provided two proposals from GeoSpecialties for the repair of the road erosion at Anderson County Park.

Item deferred to next meeting.

2nd Item of Unfinished Business:

Mayor Terry Frank provided an update on the upcoming Anderson County 250th Celebration and the potential for a memorial to be constructed related to those buried at Anderson County Park.

Item deferred to next meeting.

3rd Item of Unfinished Business:

Mayor Terry Frank provided updates on Lost Bottom Park and Gibbs Ferry projects and the status of current and potential grants for each.

No motion made.

4th Item of Unfinished Business:

Discussion held on the Conservation Board ending maintenance at Claxton Park effective November 1st, 2025.

Motion by Lewis Ridenour, seconded by Tony Powers, to rescind the original motion that included November 1st, 2025 as the effective date to allow Park Staff to remove items from the Park.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lewis Ridenour, seconded by Tony Powers, for the Conservation Board to end maintenance at Claxton Park effective December 1st, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:**1st Item of New Business:**

Ben Taylor provided an update on the installment of a new basketball goal at Anderson County Park.

No motion made.

2nd Item of New Business:

Ben Taylor provided an update on the installation of new lighting at Anderson County Park restroom.

No motion made.

3rd Item of New Business:

Chair Denise Palmer and Mayor Terry Frank presented a potential new site for the relocation of Claxton Park in partnership with Anderson County Schools.

Motion by Lewis Ridenour, seconded by Matt Bader, that in order to strategically maximize resources and to provide the best park for the Claxton community, the Conservation Board endorses the plan presented by Mayor Terry Frank and the Anderson County Schools Superintendent to relocate the new Claxton Community Park to the new Claxton Elementary school property, contingent on contract approval, with next steps and agreements being brought back and proposed to the Conservation Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting scheduled for November 3rd, 2025

AC Library Board Meeting
Norris Community Library
14 August 2025 @ 1730 EDT

The August 2025 Anderson County Library Board meeting was called to order by ACL Board Vice-Chair Vickie Underwood at 1730 EDT on 14 August, hosted at the Norris Community Library.

Board members present were:	Present	
Shain Vowell, ACLB Chair (newly elected),	<u> √ </u>	
Vickie Underwood, ACLB Vice Chair,	<u> √ </u>	
Susan Miceli, Treasurer (newly elected)	<u> √ </u>	
Tommy Mariner, ACLB Secretary,	<u> </u>	Absent (Vacation, Canada)
Jess Ann Cole,	<u> √ </u>	
Tina Daniels, (new Rocky Top Trustee)	<u> √ </u>	
Charlotte Johnson,	<u> </u>	Absent
Terri Ryan,	<u> √ </u>	
Eddie Taylor, (new Rocky Top Trustee)	<u> √ </u>	

Regional Director Matthew Jordan	<u> √ </u>
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Four library directors,	Present
Kimberlee Byrge (Norris),	<u> √ </u>
Kelly Harris (Rocky Top),	<u> √ </u>
Miria Webb (Clinton),	<u> √ </u>
Daphne Windham (Briceville),	<u> √ </u>

5 members of the public were in attendance as the meeting started.

The meeting agenda was reviewed. No changes were made to the agenda.

Election of Officers: Trustee Underwood and Trustee Vowell were both nominated for the chair position. After discussion and vote, Trustee Vowell was elected chair for this term of the board (August 2025 to July 2026). Trustee Underwood was nominated and selected as Vice Chair. Trustee Miceli was nominated and elected as Treasurer. Trustee Mariner was nominated and elected to remain as Secretary. All elections were approved by acclamation.

Orientation of new members with Regional Director Jordan will be held after this meeting for those able to stay. Trustee Vowell will schedule a separate time as he is unavailable.

The minutes of the June 2025 meeting were reviewed. ACLB members had received draft minutes by Email prior to the meeting.

Trustee Miceli provided a Treasurer's Report.

Visual Report of Statistics: Trustee Underwood requested the directors provide a one-page summary of how the specific library progressed towards goals including statistical info comparison to previous years, and any other info that will help with the evaluations. After discussion among the board and directors, the directors will try to include this in their reports.

Old Business -

Director review process improvements are desired to make the evaluations more productive. Trustee Underwood will follow up with Drew in HR to see if he has redesigned the form and/or can attend the September meeting to provide information. During discussion, Regional Director Matthew explained for the benefit of new members how hiring and recommended evaluation of the library directors fall under State laws/ Library Boards though the county HR assists with the process and employment records.

Library Directors present reviewed their past months activities highlights.

Briceville - Director Windham presented a report plus discussion regarding exterior lighting being out. Trustee Vowell will check into getting help from the county maintenance/ school system maintenance to correct the issue. This led to a discussion regarding library buildings owned by the cities, except Briceville which is county owned but the AC school system usually addresses the maintenance issues. Commissioner Palmer mentioned the county budget committee is discussing MOU's (formal agreements) between the cities and counties regarding the libraries.

Clinton - Director Webb presented a report plus discussion on the new policy regarding behavior of children in the Clinton Library. Jim Campbell, Clinton City Police Chief, has been helpful providing increased visibility of officers around the library property, particularly on Wednesdays when more behavior issues seem to arise.

Norris - Director Byrge presented a report commenting that the Norris electronic circulation is down due to a change in the State READS policy regarding inter---library sharing causing increased wait times for digital access. On the upside, there is an increase in regular books being checked out.

Rocky Top - Director Harris presented a report. Trustee Cole requested the board be informed of staff changes as they happen as a courtesy instead of waiting until the next board meeting/report.

Trustee Vowell asked a question concerning book orders and the approval process. Library Directors explained the current process is the list of books to be purchased or put in circulation from donation is sent to all board members (via email) as they occur several times a month based on funds available. Each board member reviews the list. Questions or objections must be brought up within one week. A board member may request a hold be placed on the book in question so it can be discussed at the next board meeting before ordering or adding to the collection (if approved by the board).

Regional Library Director Jordan provided his report via EMail .

Notes were taken by Trustee Ryan in Trustee Mariner's absence. Trustee Mariner used those notes to prepare these minutes which are attached below.

The next ACLB meeting will be held at the Rocky Top Library on 11 September 2025 at 1730 EDT.

The ACLB meeting was adjourned at 1907 EDT by Chairman Vowell.

Anderson County Board of Commissioners

Rules Committee

Minutes

October 13, 2025 4:30 P.M.

Room 312

Members Present: Bob Smallridge, Ebony Capshaw, Michael Foster and Anthony Allen

Members Absent: Sabra Beauchamp

Call to Order: Chairman Smallridge called the meeting to order.

Others Present:

Commissioner Allen made a motion to approve August 11, 2025 minutes. Second by Commissioner Capshaw. Motion passed.

Appearance of Citizens

No one addressed the committee.

Commissioner Allen made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Second by Commissioner Capshaw. Motion passed.

Election

Commissioner Allen nominated Commissioner Smallridge as Chairman. Second by Commissioner Foster. Commissioner Allen made a motion to cease nominations and appoint by acclamation. Motion passed.

Commissioner Allen nominated Commissioner Foster as Vice-Chairman. Second by Commissioner Capshaw. Motion passed.

Move Operations Report on full commission agenda to Section B following Budget.

Commissioner Allen made a motion to approve. Second by Commissioner Capshaw. Motion failed.

Standardize Agendas

Commissioner Foster made a motion to table to end of meeting. Second by Commissioner Allen. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business

Rule XVII: Signs, Posters & Placards

Discussion with ACTV Station Director Ryan Sutton.

No Action Taken

Rule IX: All references to Purchasing Committee be replaced with Budget Committee.
Commissioner Foster made a motion to change all references of Purchasing Committee in Rule IX to Budget Committee and have the Law Director draft the language and forward to full commission. Second by Commissioner Capshaw. Motion passed to forward to full commission for approval.

New Business:

None

Standardize Agendas

Commissioner Foster made a motion to defer to next meeting. Second by Commissioner Capshaw. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned

Anderson County Board of Commissioners
Veterans Service Advisory Committee
Minutes

October 6, 2025

Members Present: Commissioner Tracy Wandell, Commissioner Steven Verran, Michael Wagoner, Robert Matthews, Hedley Pelletier, VSO Scott Nation, Guest: Quinn Bender

Members Absent: Commissioner Robert McKamey, March Brooks

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Commissioner Wandell at 1830.

Approval of Agenda/Prior minutes: Motion to approve by Michael Wagoner, seconded by Commissioner Verran, passed by voice vote.

VSO Report: Motion to approve by Commissioner Verran, seconded by Michael Wagoner, passed by voice vote.

- A. Review of Monthly/Quarterly VSO Report FY26
- B. Oak Ridge Office

Old Business:

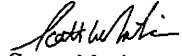
- A. Increase in Veterans
- B. TVS (Tyler Veteran System)
- C. Office Updates / Painting / making a museum
- D. Veterans Appreciation Breakfast

New Business:

- A. Bylaws – motion to review on 5 Jan 26 made by Robert Matthews, second by Commissioner Vernon passed by voice vote.
 - B. TDVS Conference
 - C. 2024 GDX Report / TVS Report
 - D. Oak Ridge Office Day moved to Friday's
 - E. Veterans Court Mentor
 - F. Veterans Appreciation Breakfast continues to increase in size.
 - G. Motion made by Commissioner Vernon, seconded by Michael Wagoner passed by voice vote to include TCA 58-4-110 for the Veterans Service office.
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Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 1930 per, being no further business before us the meeting is adjourned by Commissioner Wandell. Next meeting to be held **Monday, January 5, 2026 6:30 pm.**

Submitted by:



Scott Nation,
Director, Veteran Services



Anderson County Veterans Service Office
Scott W. Nation, Director



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"SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED"

For: County Commission,

I wanted to give you a quick snapshot of 1ST Quarter, FY26 from the VSO office.

I have done the following:

Appointments: 459
Phone Calls: 655
Training / Community Events: 14
Home Visits: 12
New Revenue: \$533,815

The VA GDX report also was released with a increase of \$5,955,605 in this first full year, with a growth of 104 new veterans to the county.

Thank You,

Director of Veteran Services





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To: Anderson County Commission "SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED"

Via: Veterans Advisory Committee

County Mayor (Info only)

Anderson Co. Veterans Service Office Quarterly Report 1st Quarter: Jul - Sep 2025

Items:	Jul	Aug	Sep	Totals
Office: Visits / Walk-ins / Electronic Assist	111	156	192	459
Phone Calls: In-Coming	80	124	150	354
Out-Going	79	72	150	301
TRAINING / Community service	3	9	2	14
Funerals Reimbursed	0	6	0	6
Mileage (Training, Home visits, etc)	142	0	0	142
Disability Compensation				
New Claims	100	72	120	292
Supporting Documents	20	150	90	260
Non-Service Connected Pension				
New Claims	0	0	0	0
Supporting Documents	0	0	0	0
Surviving Spouse / Death Benefits				
DIC / Pension	6	6	7	19
Supporting Documents	6	6	15	27
Burial Benefits	8	6	3	17
Education				
New Claims	0	0	0	0
Medical				
New Claims	4	0	0	4
Vocational Rehab	0	0	0	0
Home Loan	2	24	0	26
Misc Requests	25	264	19	308
Forms Totals Only:	171	528	254	953
Known Claims Approved during month				
Medical Benefits / Services	0	0	0	0
Benefit Payments (# Claims)	12	18	6	36
Monthly Benefit Payments (\$)	\$270,580	\$148,351	\$114,883	
Yearly Benefit Payments (\$)	\$270,580	\$418,932	\$533,815	\$533,815

Respectfully,

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"SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED"

To: County Commission

Via: Veterans Advisory Committee

County Mayor (Info only)

Anderson County VSO Monthly Report	
Jul-25	
Items:	
Office: Visits / Walk-ins / Electronic Assistance	111
Phone Calls: In-Coming	80
Out-Going	79
TRAINING / Community service	3
Funerals Reimbursed	
Mileage (Training, Veterans/ Widows visits, etc)	142
Claims Filed	
Disability Compensation	
New Claims	100
Supporting Documents	20
Non-Service Connected Pension	
New Claims	0
Supporting Documents	0
Surviving Spouse /Death Benefits	
DIC / Pension	6
Supporting Documents	6
Burial Benefits	8
Education	
New Claims	0
VA Health Care	
New Claims	4
Vocational Rehab	0
VA Home Loan	2
Misc Requests	25
Forms Totals Only:	171
"Known" Benefits Approved during month	
Medical Benefits / Services	0
Benefit Payments (# Claims)	12
Monthly Benefit Payments (\$)	\$270,580
Yearly Benefit Payments (\$)	\$270,580



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To: County Commission

"SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED"

Via: Veterans Advisory Committee

County Mayor (Info only)

Anderson County VSO Monthly Report	
Aug-25	
Items:	
Office: Visits / Walk-ins / Electronic Assistance	156
Phone Calls: In-Coming	124
Out-Going	72
TRAINING / Community service	9
Funerals Reimbursed	6
Mileage (Training, Veterans/ Widows visits, etc)	
Claims Filed	
Disability Compensation	
New Claims	72
Supporting Documents	150
Non-Service Connected Pension	
New Claims	0
Supporting Documents	0
Surviving Spouse /Death Benefits	
DIC / Pension	6
Supporting Documents	6
Burial Benefits	6
Education	
New Claims	0
VA Health Care	
New Claims	0
Vocational Rehab	0
VA Home Loan	0
Misc Requests	24
Forms Totals Only:	264
"Known" Benefits Approved during month	
Medical Benefits / Services	0
Benefit Payments (# Claims)	18
Monthly Benefit Payments (\$)	\$148,351
Yearly Benefit Payments (\$)	\$418,932



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To: Anderson County Commission "SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED"

Via: Veterans Advisory Committee

County Mayor

Anderson County VSO Monthly Report	
Sep-25	
Items:	
Office: Visits / Walk-ins / Out of office Visits	192
Phone Calls: In-Coming	150
Out-Going	150
TRAINING / Community service	2
Funerals Reimbursed	0
Mileage (Training, Veterans/ Widows visits, etc)	0
Claims Filed	
Disability Compensation	
New Claims	120
Supporting Documents	90
Non-Service Connected Pension	
New Claims	0
Supporting Documents	0
Surviving Spouse /Death Benefits	
DIC / Pension	7
Supporting Documents	15
Burial Benefits	3
Education	
New Claims	0
VA Health Care	
New Claims	0
Vocational Rehab	0
VA Home Loan	0
Misc Requests	19
Forms Totals Only:	254
"Known" Benefits Approved during month	
Medical Benefits / Services	0
Benefit Payments (# Claims)	6
Monthly Benefit Payments (\$)	\$114,883
Yearly Benefit Payments (\$)	\$533,815

Respectfully,

Scott W. Nation
Director of Veteran Services





Anderson County Water Authority

AGENDA

OCTOBER 21, 2025

@ 5:00 PM

- I. APPROVE SEPTEMBER 16, 2025, MINUTES
- II. APPROVE OCTOBER 21, 2025, AGENDA
- III. APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 2025 INVOICE HISTORY REPORT
- IV. APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 2025 REVENUE REPORT
- V. APPROVED SEPTEMBER 2025 EXPENDITURE REPORT
- VI. APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 2025 PROFIT AND LOSS REPORT
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS
- IX. NEW BUSINESS- RE-APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER

A. MANAGER'S REPORT

- 1. ACTION REPORT
- 2. ARP PROJECTS-
 - a. HPUD
 - b. Airbase
 - c. Longmire Rd/Beech Grove
 - d. Industrial Tank
- 3. GRANTS
- 4. WATER TREATMENT PLANT RELOCATION REQUEST FOR CONTINUED RESEARCH
- 5. NEW RIVER
- 6. HEALTH INSURANCE
- 7. COST OF SERVICE STUDY UPDATE

B. OTHER REPORTS

- 1. ENGINEERS REPORT
- 2. OFFICE MANAGERS REPORT- WRITE OFFS
- 3. HR REPORT
- 4. ASSISTANT MANAGERS REPORT (JEREMIAH)
- 5. ASSISTANT MANAGERS REPORT (JOHN) WATERLOSS & OVERTIME



Anderson County Water Authority

MINUTES SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 @ 5:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

GEORGE HORTON
JACK SHELTON
RICKEY ROSE
DUSTY IRWIN
ERNIE BOWLES

OTHERS PRESENT

JEFF ELROD
JOHN MITCHELL
JEREMIAH SWEAT
HOUSTON DAUGHERTY
KEVIN BOWLING
TRACY WANDELL
TIM ISBELL
EBONY CAPSHAW
GARY (New River)
ODIS PHILLIPS

On September 16, 2025, Chairman Horton called the ACWA Board Meeting to order at 5: 00 p.m.

- I. Motion by Commissioner Irwin to approve August 19, 2025, Minutes
Seconded by Commissioner Bowles, 5 ayes, motion carried.
- II. Motion by Commissioner Irwin to approve the September 19, 2025, Agenda,
Seconded by Commissioner Shelton, 5 ayes, motion carried.
- III. Motion by Commissioner Rose to approve August Invoice History Report, Second by Commissioner
Irwin, 5 ayes, motion carried.
- III. Motion by Commissioner Rose to approve the August 2025 Revenue Report, Second by Commissioner
Shelton, 5 ayes, motion carried.
- IV. Motion by Commissioner Bowles to approve the August 2025 Expenditure Report, Seconded by
Commissioner Irwin, 5 ayes, motion carried.
- V. Motion by Commissioner Bowles to approve the August 2025 Profit and Loss Report, Second by
Commissioner Rose, 5 ayes, motion carried.
- VI. Public comments- Mr. Wandell expressed his support and informed the Board that the Commission
passed a resolution in support of Anderson County Water Authority applying for the AML and AML IIIA
grants.



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He also spoke and emailed Trevor Martin from the AML program, who said he would be willing to team up with ACWA if we were willing to pursue it. He stated that he appreciates the consideration.

Mr. Phillips from 8367 New River Hwy spoke about long-standing water quality issues. The board acknowledges the need to find a solution for providing water for those in need.

- VII. Old Business - Commissioner Irwin made a motion to move the New River topic to the top of the discussion. Second by Commissioner Rose, 5 ayes, motion carried.
- VIII. New Business – Manager Elrod requested to add a line item to the agenda for an additional Grant he would be pursuing. Commissioner Irwin made a motion to add a topic to the agenda. Second by Commissioner Rose, 5 ayes, motion carried.

A. MANAGER'S REPORT

1. ACTION REPORT - Manager Elrod reviewed the attached action report with the Board.

2. NEW RIVER DISCUSSION - Manager Elrod addressed questions from the public comments regarding ACWA supplying water to New River Hwy. After much discussion, Commissioner Shelton made a motion to move forward with CCI to begin an engineering study on getting water to the New River area discussed not to exceed \$3,000. Second by Commissioner Irwin, 5 ayes, motion carried.

3. AIRBASE SEWER PROJECT- Manager Elrod reported to the Board that the sewer base camera is tentatively scheduled between November to February.



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4. LONGMIRE ROAD- Manager Elrod informed the board that it is functionally completed; there needs to be more cleanup and pavement. Manager Elrod requested \$151,737.16 for payment #8 to Nitzchke Communications. Motion by Commissioner Bowles, Second by Commissioner Irwin, 5 ayes, motion carried. He also requested a motion to request a Second, payment for around \$150K when requested after he reviews and confirms work is completed. Motion by Commissioner Bowles to provide that the manager agrees with the payment request submitted that the board authorizes him to issue payment when submitted. Second by Commissioner Rose, 5 ayes, motion carried. He also requested that once final approval is obtained through the County, ACWA will issue the retainage payment to Nitschke Communications. Motion by Commissioner Shelton to approve, Second by Commissioner Irwin, 5 ayes, motion carried.

5. INDUSTRIAL TANK - Manager Elrod updated the board that he and CCI discussed final plans to finish the site, and the plans are still pending. Plans are expected within the next 10 business days. He has reached out to a hydroseeding company regarding improving the area. Manager Elrod will update the board.

6. CAPITAL BUDGET GIS PROJECT UPDATE - Manager Elrod informed the board of an update on the GIS collection. Mike Phillips is partnering with John in the collection, and it is going well.

7. GRANT REQUEST - Manager Elrod informed the board he has applied for two grants and will know in 60 days.

8. ADDITIONAL GRANT (added)- Manager Elrod requested to apply for an EPA grant that could potentially cover engineering costs for plant relocation to mitigate drought and improve water supply. The grant is up to 2 million; only nine in the U.S. would be awarded. Motion by



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Commissioner Bowles to apply for an EPA grant with a 10% matching. Second by Commissioner Irwin, 5 ayes, motion carried.

9. WATER TREATMENT PLANT RELOCATION REQUEST FOR CONTINUED RESEARCH -

Manager Elrod informed the board that he met with CCI, and the relocation warrants further investigation. It will cost \$5,500 to run the model and determine if relocation of the plant can be done. Motion by Commissioner Irwin to approve the study for a new plant, Second by Commissioner Bowles, 5 ayes, motion carried.

10. ACWA POLICIES - Manager Elrod discussed that the following policies are requested to be reviewed and approved to comply with the requirements of the grant application procedures and to provide structure and guidance for future action where needed. Commissioner Shelton made a motion to approve all 4 policies. Second by Commissioner Rose, 5 ayes, motion carried.



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B. OTHER REPORTS

1. ENGINEERS REPORT

A. OFFICE MANAGERS REPORT

B. HR REPORT

C. ASSISTANT MANAGER REPORT (JEREMIAH) –

D. ASSISTANT MANAGERS REPORT (JOHN)

A. **OVERTIME**- Assistant Manager John Mitchell briefly discussed August 2025

B. **WATER LOSS**- Assistant Manager John Mitchell reviewed the August water loss with the Board. He reported a water loss of 28.5% for August 2025.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY COMMISSIONER SHELTON AT 6:13 PM.

Jack Shelton

Rickey Rose

George Horton

Dusty Irwin

Ernest Bowles