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Proceedings had before the Honorable Board at the regular meeting of said Board, begun and held in person and via Video Conference in the City of Greenville in said County and State, on Thursday, August 6, 2026, held for the transaction of general County business.

At 4:00 p.m., Chairman, Chris Timmermann, opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call showing a quorum present as follows: Chris Timmermann, Wes Pourchot, Jacob Rayl, Jeff Rehkemper and Bernard Myers.

The minutes of the July 21, 2026, regular meeting were approved as submitted with a motion made by Jacob Rayl second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Public Comment:
Dr. Bond, an ER physician at HSHS Hospital, sent an email to board members expressing concerns regarding the lack of ambulance availability and dispatch challenges. Several community members also attended to share their experiences related to this issue.

Miranda Lindahl, Hunter Gray, Marcie Murphy, Kristin Voyles, and Crystal Goodall all spoke On personal experiences with the current ambulance service. Their major concerns included significant ambulance wait times, which make it difficult for them to properly care for their patients.

Dr. Bond also recognized the excellent work of the nurses in the ER. He explained that their ability to provide care is hindered because they must spend a significant amount of time on the phone coordinating bed placement for patients.

Kim Bouser from Rural Med stated that staffing issues and transfer delays are occurring across many areas. She reported that Rural Med misses approximately 13 percent of the transfers in this county due to staffing shortages. Jeff Rehkemper commented that there is a lack of personnel entering the field and suggested forming a task force to explore potential solutions. Jacob Rayl stated that discussion of this topic may be better suited for an SSD meeting as the budget is coming up, which would allow time to review relevant information. Kim Bouser added that wages would need to be more appealing to attract and retain staff. Chris Timmermann confirmed that an SSD meeting can be scheduled after the regular meeting on August 18.

Dale Hawkins asked about other people protesting at the same time as his group and Dora Mann replied that protesting on a sidewalk is public property.

A concerned citizen asked about progress on the wooden bridge. Chris Timmermann stated that the state approved the funding between the railroad and the state and we are just waiting for them.

The Board approved the Treasurer's Report for the months of May and June 2026 with a motion made by Wes Pourchot, second by Jeff Rehkemper. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried

The Board Tabled Resolution 07-21-26-06 Intergovernmental Agreement for Transfer, Ownership, Operation, and Maintenance of College Ave Fiber Infrastructure.

The Board announced 3 Bond County Governing Board Appointee openings for the Bond County Extension Board with Sue Backs, Wes Pourchot, and Jan Woker being recommended for re-appointment.

Old Business: Jeff Rehkemper stated a concerned Veteran ask that during protest if they can refrain from being on the Veterans Memorial Bricks.

New Business: Jacob Rayl asked if they could start collecting Budgets starting in September so they could get a jump on things.

This meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m. with a motion made by Jacob Rayl second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

August 10, 2026

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