

1. Call to Order

Absent: Larry Curry, Ernie Landes, Steve Bridge

2. Election of Officers for New Year (2026)

Parks and Recreation Commission member Williams moved, seconded by Parks and Recreation Commission member Bosserman, to approve Commission member Gordon as Chair for 2026.

Nays: None

Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Gordon moved, seconded by Parks and Recreation Commission member Williams, to approve Commission member Bridge as Vice Chair for 2026.

Nays: None

3. Comments by the Public

4. Adoption of Minutes

Parks and Recreation Commission member Bosserman moved, seconded by Parks and Recreation Commission member Bartley, to approve December 2025 minutes as written.

Yeas: Sally Williams, Samantha Bosserman, Leon Bartley, Anne Gordon

Motion Passed.

1. January 2026 Treasurer's report

6. Director's Report

Commission Chair Gordon asked if the trips Parks and Recreation had to cancel due to weather were holiday-themed trips. Mr. Wells stated some of them were and could not be rescheduled due to timing and driver availability.

Mr. Wells highlighted online camping reservation revenue was at an all-time high this year with \$63,000 in camping reservation sales on opening day. All of these camping reservations were made online.

Chair Gordon asked if there was a reason for the increase in reservations this season, such as events. Mr. Wells said he believes the County's investment in Natural Chimneys keeps people coming back and draws new campers. The campground, over the years, has had an upgraded water system and upgraded electricity. The campground is also a clean environment where people feel safe.

1. Preview of 2026 Meeting Agenda Items

No questions or comments regarding the 2026 agenda overview handout.

1. Report on 2025 Camping Program/Season (Natural Chimneys Park)

No comments or questions regarding the campground report.

1. "Share the Air" Campaign consideration

The Commission members decided to table the discussion on the "Share the Air" campaign as too many Commission members were not present at the meeting. Members decided to revisit this topic in March or April to give Commission members additional time to discuss the campaign with their Board of Supervisor members. Due to

the recent turnover in some Board of Supervisor seats, the hope is to give those individuals time to settle into their roles before a discussion takes place.

10. New Business

Chair Gordon asked if she should speak with the representatives from the Weyers Cave Recreation Association about the rules of the Matching Grant program. Mr. Wells encouraged her to remind them to be sure to submit the Matching Grant application before the project begins. If they must start the process before they apply for the grant, a statement must be submitted as to why the project needed to go forward before the Matching Grant request was approved. Mr. Wells reminded the Commission that improvements to County property do not qualify for the Matching Grant program, such as at New Hope or Crimora Community Centers. County staff work with the groups using those properties to directly ask the Board of Supervisors for funding assistance rather than using the grant process. In essence, the County can't award itself a grant.

11. Announcement of Next Meeting & Adjournment

Chair Gordon announced the next meeting would take place on February 18, 2026 in the main boardroom of the Government Center at 7pm.

Parks and Recreation Commission member Bartley moved, seconded by Parks and Recreation Commission member Williams, to adjourn.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas:	Sally Williams, Samantha Bosserman, Leon Bartley, Anne Gordon
Nays:	None

Motion Passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.