

Augusta County Government Center
Main Board Room, Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Present: Larry Curry, Sally Williams, Leon Bartley, Steve Bridge, Anne Gordon, Andy Wells — Director, Pam Mowery — Administrative Secretary

Absent: Samantha Bosserman, Ernie Landes

Chairperson Gordon welcomed those present at the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

2. Comments by the Public

No public present.

3. Adoption of Minutes

No amendments or questions regarding the January 2026 minutes.

Parks and Recreation Commission member Williams moved, seconded by Parks and Recreation Commission member Bartley, to approve January 2026 minutes as written.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Larry Curry, Sally Williams, Leon Bartley, Steve Bridge, Anne Gordon
 Nays: None

Motion Passed.

4. Treasurer's Report

No questions or comments regarding the Treasurer's report.

5. Director's Report

Mr. Wells informed the Commission that construction of the new pickleball courts at Stuarts Draft Park has been delayed due to the snow storm last month. There has been no change to the completion date. The start of construction is now scheduled for the final week in February.

Chairperson Gordon inquired if there had been concern from the local soccer organization about relocating the fields during the construction of the pickleball courts. Mr Wells said the organization has been agreeable to the change. After completion of the pickleball courts, soccer will be held at the original location as this is only a temporary move due to construction.

Commission member Bridge asked if Parks and Recreation gets a lot of bids for the lifeguard services contract. Mr. Wells said it varies from year to year. Staunton and Waynesboro YMCA's often bid for opposing contracts so they do not compete with one and other. We have received other bids in the past, some as far away as Richmond, but those bids are not generally competitive with more local organizations.

6. Matters to be presented by the Commission

Commission member Bridge asked for an update on the proposed Rec Center area in the South end parking lot. Mr. Wells informed the Commission that the concept has been returned by Balzer and Associates. The concept includes a breakdown of cost estimates for the whole development as well as portions in case the development is done in phases. Mr. Wells has a meeting this week to discuss the next steps going forward with the plans.

Chairperson Gordon stated her church is having a pickleball event on March 14th at the Weyers Cave Community Center. It is a drop-in event where people can learn more about pickleball. The event will take place from 10-12pm.

7. Matters to be presented by Staff

Mr. Wells highlighted the budget revisions and the requested FY27 budget. Commission member Bridge asked how much of Parks and Recreation's budget would be recovered. Mr. Wells stated the figure is at 58% for FY26-27. He stated it is generally in that range.

1. FY26 Budget Revisions

2. New FY27 Requested Budget

8. Old Business

Chairperson Gordon reminded Commission members to talk over the Share the Air campaign with their Board of Supervisor members in the coming months. She asked Mr. Wells to add a discussion to the April Parks and Recreation agenda.

9. New Business

Mr. Wells asked if the Commission wanted to make a formal recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on the budget revisions and requested. Chairperson Gordon stated she would like the members to have some time to look it over and give the two absent Commission members time to consider it as well. She asked Mr. Wells to add it to the March agenda.

10. Announcement of Next Meeting & Adjournment

Chairperson Gordon announced the next meeting would take place on March 14th at 7pm in the main boardroom of the Government Center.

Parks and Recreation Commission member Bridge moved, seconded by Parks and Recreation Commission member Curry, to adjourn.

Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Larry Curry, Sally Williams, Leon Bartley, Steve Bridge, Anne Gordon

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.