

# AGENDA



## CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING CORDELE CITY HALL – COURTROOM MAY 6, 2025

**The Honorable Joshua Deriso**  
**Chairman**

**The Honorable Vesta Beal Shephard**  
*Ward 1*

**The Honorable J. Wesley Rainey**  
*Vice Chairman Ward 4*

**Vacant**  
*Ward 2*

**The Honorable Isaac H. Owens**  
*Vice Chairman, Ward 3*

---

### REGULAR MEETING 9:00 AM

#### CALL TO ORDER

#### INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

#### ROLL CALL

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA – May 6, 2025

#### APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – April 15, 2025

#### APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MINUTES – April 15, 2025

#### SPEAKERS APPEARANCES:

#### SPEAKERS ON A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM:

#### DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS:

1. Community Advancement/Community Development
2. Finance Department
3. Fire Department
4. Human Resource Director
5. Municipal Court
6. Police /Codes/Animal
7. Public Works Department
8. Social Media Marketing Manager

9. UC&T Director
10. IT Department

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Proclamation: International Firefighters Day – May 4, 2025
2. Proclamation: 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week – May 4-10, 2025
3. Proclamation: Drinking Water Week – May 4-10, 2025
4. Proclamation: National Hospital Week – May 11-17, 2025
5. Proclamation: National Police Week – May 11-17, 2025
6. Proclamation: National Mental Health Awareness Month
7. Swearing In to serve on the Community Clubhouse Coordination Board.  
Mrs. Jean Oliver Burks
8. Event Permit: Juneteenth Celebration, Saturday, June 14, 2025. Parade and Festivities  
Parade Route: West 24<sup>th</sup> Ave down Joe Wright Drive to Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Lot,  
West 12<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Festivities: Gillespie Selden Area, block off 12<sup>th</sup> St and 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 15<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Police escort is requested.
9. Consider and Approve a Voting Delegate and Flag Bearer for the Georgia Municipal  
Association Annual Convention.
10. Consider and Approve an Alcohol License: Beer and Wine Consumed Off Premises,  
Nouria 1305, 402 S. 7<sup>th</sup> St., William Rodriguez – District Manager. No exceptions noted.  
Reviewed by Chief Heard March 28, 2025.
11. Consider and Approve an Alcohol License: Beer and Wine Consumed Off Premises,  
Cost Kutter, 1101 E 16<sup>th</sup> Ave., Gregory Reese – District manager. No exceptions noted.
12. Discussion – Ladder 3
13. Consider and Approve the Request from the Fire Department to Surplus Ladder 3 and  
Dispose of the Surplus Item via GovDeals.com.
14. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**
15. **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**
16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (For Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate)
17. **ADJOURNMENT**

**CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 15, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Cordele City Commission was held On April 15, 2025, 9:00 AM, Cordele City Hall Courtroom, 501 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Cordele, Georgia with the following present:

Joshua Deriso, Commission Chairman	J. Wesley Rainey, Commission Vice Chairman
Vesta Beal Shephard, Commissioner	Isaac Owens, Commissioner
Angela Redding, City Manager	Tommy Coleman, City Attorney
Janice Mumphery, City Clerk/Recording Secretary	

**Staff present:** Maurice Hill – Community Advancement Manager, Sonya Alexander – Finance Director, Fire Chief Todd Alligood, David Wade – Human Resource Director, Nancy Crook – Municipal Court Clerk, Police Chief Jalon Heard, Marcia Pridgen – Interim Public Works Director, Rick Smarr – Social Media Marketing Manager, Debbie Wright – UC&T Director, Brett Lavender – Interdev Representative.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Joshua Deriso, called the Regular Meeting to order at 10:15 AM.

**Opening Remarks:** Chairman Deriso also stated that this is a Regular Meeting and comments will not be taken from the audience. Department Heads and City Officials will speak to give Reports during this Meeting. If there is a subject that needs an expert opinion, then the expert on that subject matter will be allowed to speak

Chairman Joshua Deriso asked all attendees of the Meeting to put their phones on silent or vibrate, preferably silent. If anyone needs to take a call, please step outside the door, away from the doors, so your conversation will not be heard.

**Invocation:** Prayer was rendered by Pastor Lamar Thomas.

**Pledge Allegiance to the United States Flag:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Owens.

**Roll Call:** A quorum was established

Attendee's Name	Title	Present	Absent
Joshua Deriso	Commission Chairman	✓	
J. Wesley Rainey	Commission Vice Chairman Ward Four	✓	
Vesta Beal Shephard	Commissioner Ward One	✓	
Vacant	Commissioner Ward Two		
Isaac H. Owens	Commissioner Ward Three	✓	

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** April 15, 2025: Vice Chairman Rainey moved to approve the Agenda for April 1, 2025; seconded by Commissioner Shephard. The Commission approved the Agenda.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES** – April 1, 2025: Commissioner Shephard moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 15, 2025; seconded by Vice Chairman Rainey. The Regular Meeting Minutes were approved by the Commission.

**RETIREE RECOGNITION:**

- a. Mr. Jessie Mercer: 60 years – Commissioner Vesta Beal Shephard presented a plaque to Mr. Mercer for his 60 years of service.

**SPEAKERS APPEARANCES:** No Requests.

**SPEAKER ON A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM:** No Requests.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS AND GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

**1. Community Advancement/Community Development Report: Maurice Hill Reported**

I have continued to reach out to residents and members of the business community to advance housing, business development and educational initiatives.

- Collected additional surveys, flooding photos, Letters of Support, and required documents to complete the CDBG Infrastructure Grant process.
- Attended the Gillespie Seldon Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on April 8th.
- Talked with a developer from the Macon Developers Summit and we scheduled a meeting for him to come Cordele and look at property on April 9th.
- Met with the UGA SBDC Public Service and Outreach Area Director on April 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss Business Development classes at the Cordele Albany State Campus in May 2025.
- Talked with the Recreational Trails Coordinator for the Department of Natural Resources regarding their funding opportunities. She is scheduled to visit Cordele on May 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended the Ministers Meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup> and a representative from SWGU talk about the YouthBuild Program.
- Attended the GALBA Land Bank Monthly Virtual Meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Hill was inducted as Vice Chairman.

**Community Development Report**

Historic Preservation Committee	No April Meeting Scheduled at this time.
Board of Zoning Appeals Committee	No April Meeting Scheduled at this time.
Planning Commission Committee	Meeting Scheduled for April 17 <sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.

The application for rezoning The Orchard Subdivision from Single Family R-7.5S to PD is scheduled for the Planning Commission to review the information for consideration.

Revolving Loan Fund Committee	No Meeting Scheduled at the time.
-------------------------------	-----------------------------------

**2. Finance Department: Sonya Alexander -- Finance Director**

**Financial Summary**

- Increase in Business License Fees – Amount Collected for March - \$227,123.92  
Due date for Business License has passed and any business that has not renewed will incur penalties and fees.
- Increase in Total Invoice Disbursements, \$2,005,798.05. The City paid off a Bond payment and had Invoices for the ARPA Project.
- Crystal Wilson was promoted to Account Payable Clerk, which leaves her position of Utility Billing Clerk open, the City will hire for that position soon.

**3. Fire Department: Fire Chief Todd Alligood Reported.**

**Goals**

Provide best possible service to the citizens and visitors of Cordele through firefighter recruitment and retention, professionalism (actions and appearance), extensive training, quick response, effective emergency mitigation, community risk reduction programs, and community engagement.

**Accomplishments**

Completed testing for our MSA Airpacks.

- Completed hose testing this month.
- Attended the monthly Safety Committee Meeting 4/9/25.
- Completed the 2026 budget meeting with City Manager Redding and Finance Director Alexander.
- Attending the Public Safety Roundtable this week.
- Looking forward to the Autism Stroll/ Touch-a-Truck event 4/26/25.
- Chief Alligood thanked Home Depot for donating smoke detectors and small tools.

**4. Human Resource Director – David Wade Reported**

**Develop a workforce profile that identifies strengths, weaknesses, and potential areas for improvement** – Conduct a thorough analysis of the current workforce, including:

- Position Analysis: Review job roles and responsibilities to ensure they meet current and future service demands.
- a. Continued updating job descriptions to ensure roles and titles are accurately detailed. Distributed updated job descriptions to Public Works.
- b. Performance Appraisals along with job description have been distributed to all departments with May 16, 2025 return date.

**Align HR goals with the City's objectives to improve public service delivery** – Set measurable goals that support both the short-term and long-term priorities such as:

- Encourage and provide leadership development by setting clear paths for advancement within the organization.
- a. Extended in-house promotions of a Heavy Equipment Operator to Assistant Superintendent in Cemetery and Parks; A Utility Billing Clerk to Accounts Payable Clerk; and a Customer Service Clerk to Deputy Court Clerk. Hired two Water and Sewer Technicians and an Administrative Assistant from the external applicant pool. Began hosting a Work-Based Learning student in the Fleet Department.

**5. Municipal Court – Nancy Crook Reported.**

**Department Report:**

Traffic Cases	208
Criminal Cases	33
Total Court Cases	241
Bench Warrants Ordered	6
License Suspensions Ordered	19
Total of all deposits	\$55,286.50
Total deposits GA Dept. Corrections	\$ 98.00
Total Court Ordered Refunds	\$ 1,246.00
Total Defendants Incarcerated	0
Total Days Jail Sentenced	0

**Municipal Court Goals and Accomplishments – Nancy Crook Reported.**

**Goals**

- Report accurate and complete information for the Court and Public.
- Complete Court Docket for the Judge in a timely manner.
- Fill the open position of Deputy Court Clerk.

**Accomplishments**

- All dockets and Court Dispositions were turned into the State on time.
- After interviewing multiple applicants, we are excited to announce Jarmiah Burks has been transferred to Deputy Clerk of the Cordele Municipal Court.

**6. Cordele Police/Codes/Animal Control – Chief Jalon Heard Reported.**

**Department Heads Report:**

Police Department – Reporting Period: February 25 – March 24, 2025

<b>Part I Crimes</b>	<b>25</b>
Rape	1
Robberies (Armed By Force/Strong Arm)	1
Motor Vehicle Thefts	2 (2 recovered; 1 arrested and 1 warrant Issued for arrest)
Aggravated Assaults	8 (2 arrests)
Larceny (Thefts)	10 (1 entering auto, 3 shoplifting with 2 adults and 5 juveniles arrests, 6 others thefts)
<b>Part II Crimes</b>	<b>59</b>
Incidents Reported	126
Community Contacts	6
Citations Issued	153
Warnings Issued	55
Total Call for Service	1,180

**Cordele Police Department Goals and Accomplishments**

We will continue to provide professional Law Enforcement Service through our hiring process, training, and self-accountability.

Chief Heard attended the GACP (Georgia Association Chief of Police) Training, last week. Chief Heard stated that he focused his training on developing supervisors and developing management staff.

Develop strategies to attract more experienced personnel. The Police Department currently has offered a formal employment to one person, he is not experienced, he will be a brand-new hire. We had two applicants in the process, one which has seventeen years of experience.

The Police Department has a host of events scheduled for April. **The Easter Express Egg Hunt on the 12<sup>th</sup> with SAM Shortline. Chief Heard will be participating in Pickleball for a Purpose on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Also on the 19<sup>th</sup>, we will partner with Greater New Birth Outreach Ministries at the Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt at the Recreation Department. Our Department has been invited to attend Crisp County Primary School's "Community Helper Day: on April 24<sup>th</sup>. On April 26<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting the Autism Stroll and will participate in City of Cordele's Touch a Truck Event.**

We will continue to make advancements towards obtaining the Excellence in Policing Certification with the larger goal of state certification. We are continuing with policy reviews to make them align with state requirements.

**Animal Control – February 25, 2025 – March 24, 2025**

Dogs and Cats Intake	138
City Intakes	47
Intakes from Crisp County	62
Oher Entities	29
Number of Calls received	44

Adoptions	31
Rescues	7
Owner reclaims	1
Animals currently at the Shelter	32 dogs, 12 cats, but the numbers have changed since the last reporting period.
Citations issued	8
Warnings issued	19

**Cordele Animal Control Goals and Accomplishments**

**Get more animals rescued/adopted by being more active in the community and on social media.**

- a. The Animal Shelter had 40 animals adopted/reclaimed for March.
- b. The volunteer has started and there has been an increase in the participation on the Facebook page.

**Work towards implementing a volunteer program at the Shelter.**

- a. We are working on a schedule and paperwork to have volunteers. Several people have inquired and are very interested in helping the Shelter.

**Make Shelter improvements: grates for drains, seal the floors, replace rusted kennel pipes, add a few more kennels outside.**

- a. The play yard is a big hit with the dogs at the Shelter.
- b. Received another kennel for outside and several crates.

**Actively promote better animal welfare (spay/neuter, vaccinations, correct shelter (housing), kennel ordinance control).**

- a. We have not loaned out dog houses this month.

**Host events with the hope of bring awareness to the shelter, animal health, and welfare and increasing donations.**

- a. Working on having an adoption event at the Shelter on a weekend day where people can come and meet all the dogs/cats. This will help the ones not able to come during the week.

**Code Compliance Division – Reporting Period: February 25, 2025 – March 24, 2025**

Abandoned Vehicle	7
Unsafe, Unsanitary, Etc., Structures Prohibited	3
Weeds, Junk, Etc., Prohibited	23
Other	10

**Code Compliance Division Goals and Accomplishments**

The codes division will continue code enforcement efforts to increase code compliance in all Wards. This will provide more attractive and presentable neighborhoods for the current citizens, future citizens, workers and travelers with the hopes to attract new businesses, industry and potential residents to the City.

**Code officers have now started issuing Spring high weeds violations to keep our community looking attractive.**

The codes division will continue sending codes officials to advanced training and certification seminars through the International Code Council (ICC) and the Georgia Association of Code Enforcement (GACE) with the hopes of each official becoming certified in multiple inspection categories.

**The Codes Officers have continued training with the England ICC property maintenance module to obtain ICC property maintenance certification.**

Address blighted commercial and residential properties through education, code enforcement, private funding, grant opportunities and working relationships with reliable, certified contractors.

**Code Compliance Team is working to identify and record three levels of blighted homes in all Wards.**



Increasing our social media presence and utilizing other innovative ways to relay information and announce code issues and problems. The aim is to educate and keep the public informed about code related issues that concern them.

**The first week of April 2025, Code Officers, as directed, have issued 80 Court Summons to LOCAL BUSINESSES that failed to renew their Occupational Tax Certificate Licenses by 3.31.2025.**

**Commissioner Owens** inquired about a person (Peddler) who is cited operating a business without a business license, in front of another business.

What are the steps to get a Peddlers License?

**Chief Heard:** We would like to see written permission from property owner, filed with the City Clerk's Office, the person would also have to get a Peddler's License from the City Clerk.

### **Departmental News**

Code Compliance Division have two officers that started study guides and sample tests for ICC Property Maintenance Certification. The officers are actively documenting and photographing blighted properties in all Wards and categorizing them into three stages of disrepair. All Code Compliance Officers attended the GACE Conference. Two of the officers began Level 1 Code Official Training. Officers met with Main Street to identify Façade deterioration issues in multiple buildings downstairs.

#### **7. Public Works Department – Marcia Pridgen Reported.**

##### **Department Report:**

##### **Cemetery/Parks**

Routine grass maintenance is ongoing.

Cemetery/Parks has completed 57 customers reported and routine maintenance work orders since the last Commission Report.

##### **Gas**

The 7100 is complete. We were granted an extension to attempt to resolve discrepancies with the EIA 176 annual report.

##### **Street**

Street Department continues to work towards eliminating potholes and troublesome utility cuts. The Department has continued to work on the retaining wall on 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 7<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

The Street Dept. has so far hauled 67 loads of inert material to the landfill. This is required by EPD for disposal.

##### **Water/Sewer**

ARPA Project:

Excavation work for point repairs and service replacements is ongoing.

**March 2025 GovDeals Sale Report:**

**\$17,080.00**

**Public Works Goals and Accomplishments:**

**Goal 1: Improve the working order and functionality of the seven (7) Holding Ponds**

Contractor has completed work on holding pond on 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Contractor is ready to coordinate with Public Works for removal of dirt. Per contract, City will furnish dump trucks for the purpose of hauling off silt and other debris.

**Goal 6: Prevent ground water infiltration into the City's Sewer System.**

Phase 1 of ARPA Project is 60% complete.

Phase 2 – Approval letter from EPD received on April 1, 2025. This project will go out for bid on Wednesday.

Commissioner Shephard requested that the ditches be clean routinely.

**8. Social Media/Marketing Manager – Rick Smarr Reported.**

The issue with the website was resolved yesterday, Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Some of the team has confirmed that they have logged in. Hopefully, the three-hour users basic training will be next week.

**9. Utilities Control and Treatment – Debbie Wright Reported.**

March Report: pumped 51 million gallons of water; treated 92 million gallons of waste water.

Debbie Wright and Hal Little performed the annual PT Test in the Water Lab. All tests passed and we were awarded a certificate of excellence!

The City of Cordele Water System was awarded the Gold Award by GAWP!

Debbie Wright attended the Utility Leadership Forum in March. This is one of the best short Forums of the year.

**Goals**

UC&T will finally get finish with the Water Quality Report, since we have received the particular verbiage needed for the report.

**10. IT Department – Brett Lavender Reported.**

- a. Mr. Lavender stated that the Windows 10 is an end-of-life product, the support will end October 14<sup>th</sup>. All devices that are capable to transitioning to Windows 11 is necessary for this to be done.
- b. We installed Ninja on the devices which can report to InterDev, all devices that are capable of being upgraded to Windows 11 without any cost. About 59% of the devices the City currently have, has been identified being capable to be upgraded to Windows 11.
- c. We have upgraded 44% of the devices that are capable of being upgraded.

Chairman Deriso apologized sincerely to the City of Cordele Department Heads and the citizens of Cordele for not being able to continue with the last City Commission Meeting. He stated that he truly had other things to do, that usually arrangements are made. His goal is when it comes to City business, that politics is not played.

Chairman Deriso stated that his apologies are specific to the Department Heads and to the citizens for not taking care of City business.

### AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider and Approve an Event Permit: Cross Walk, April 18, 2025 at 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Sponsoring Organization: Hand of Hope, Inc. Procession: Leave heading North on 7th Street to the intersection of 16th Ave to 2401 East 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. Police escort is required.  
Commissioner Shephard moved to approve the Event Permit – Cross Walk; seconded by Commissioner Owens.  
Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens, Vice Chairman Rainey voted aye.  
The Commission approved the Event Permit – Cross Walk.
2. Consider and Approve an Event Permit: Family Event – National Train Day, May 10, 2025, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, 105 East 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Sponsoring Organization: Cordele Main Street; Organizer: Monica Rentfrow, Downtown Director.  
Commissioner Owens moved to approve the Event Permit – Family Event; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.  
Commissioner Owens, Vice Chairman Rainey, Commissioner Shephard voted aye.  
The Commission approved the Event Permit – Family Event.
3. Consider and Approve an Event Permit: Silent Protest, April 17, 2025, 6:00 PM, 500 Block of North 7<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk – City Hall. Organizer: Davontae Hunt.  
Commissioner Owens moved to approve the Event Permit – Silent Protest; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.  
Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Shephard, Vice Chairman Rainey voted aye.  
The Commission approved the Event Permit – Silent Protest.
4. Consider and Approve New Board Appointment:  
Mrs. Jean Oliver Burks - Cordele Community Clubhouse Committee  
Commissioner Owens moved to approve the New Board Appointment; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.  
Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens, Vice Chairman Rainey voted aye.  
Mrs. Jean Oliver Burks was approved by the Commission to serve on the Cordele Community Clubhouse Committee.
5. Consider and Approve New Board Appointments:  
Lin Barnes – DDA Board  
Roger Buxani – DDA Board  
Commissioner Shephard moved to approve the New Board Appointments on the DDA Board; seconded by Vice Chairman Rainey.  
After a brief discussion on the qualifications to serve on the Board. A vote was taken by the Commission.  
Commissioner Shephard, Vice Chairman Rainey voted aye; Commissioner Owens voted nay.  
The appointments failed.
6. Consider and Approve an Elected Official to serve on the City/County Board of Health.

Commissioner Shephard moved to nominate Vice Chairman Rainey to serve on the Crisp/County Health, seconded by Vice Chairman Rainey.  
Commissioner Shephard nominated Vice Chairman Rainey; Commissioner Owens nominated Chairman Deriso.  
Vice Chairman Rainey stated to carry the nominations one at a time.  
Vote was taken for Vice Chairman Rainey to be appointed to serve on the board.  
Commissioner Shepard voted aye, Vice Chairman Rainey voted aye, Commissioner Owens voted nay.  
Nomination for Vice Chairman Rainey failed.  
Vote was taken for Chairman Deriso to be appointed to serve on the board.  
Commissioner Owens voted aye; Vice Chairman Rainey voted nay; Commissioner Shephard voted nay.  
Nominations for Chairman Deriso failed.

7. Proclamation – Week of the Young Child - April 5-11, 2025. Crisp County Headstart  
Commissioner Owens moved to approve the Proclamation for Week of the Young Child; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.
8. Resolution - Georgia Cities Week – April 21 – 26, 2025.  
Commissioner Shephard moved to approve the Georgia Cities Week Resolution; seconded by Commissioner Owens.  
Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens, Vice Chair Rainey voted aye.  
The Resolution was approved by the Commission.
9. Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of Funds for a Workshop Series to Support Nonprofits in the City of Cordele; Repealing all Resolutions In Conflict Herewith; and for Other Purposes.  
Commissioner Shephard moved to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Expenditures for a Workshop Series to Support Nonprofits in the City of Cordele; seconded by Commissioner Owens.  
Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens, Vice Chair Rainey voted aye.  
The Resolution was approved by the Commission.
10. Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure for Certain Equipment for the Cordele Police Department; Repealing all Resolutions In Conflict Herewith; and for Other Purposes.  
Commissioner Owens moved to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure for Certain Equipment for the Cordele Police Department; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.  
Vice Chair Rainey, Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Shephard voted aye.  
The Resolution was approved by the Commission.
11. Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing Expenditure of Public Dollars for Abandoned Grave Sites and for the Purchase of Flags for Veteran's Graves; Repealing all Resolutions in Conflict Herewith; and for Other Purposes.  
Commissioner Owens moved to approve a Resolution Authorizing Expenditure of Public Dollars for Abandoned Grave Site; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.  
Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens, Vice Chair Rainey voted aye.

The Resolution was approved by the Commission.

12. Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Tickets for Children to Attend the Day Out With Thomas; Repealing all Resolutions in Conflict Herewith; and For Other Purposes.

Commissioner Shephard moved to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Tickets for Children to Attend the Day Out With Thomas; seconded by ; seconded by Commissioner Owens.

Vice Chair Rainey, Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Shephard voted aye.

The Resolution was approved by the Commission.

13. Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of \$500.00 for the IndigoLife Business Symposium; Repealing all Resolutions in Conflict Herewith; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Shephard moved to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of \$500.00 for IndigoLife Business Symposium; seconded by Commissioner Owens.

Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens, Vice Chair Rainey voted aye.

The Resolution was approved by the Commission.

14. Consider and Approve a Resolution Removing the City Attorney and the Assistant City Manager/Director of Community Development from the Revolving Loan Committee; Repealing all Resolutions in Conflict Herewith; and for Other Purposes.

Commissioner Owens move to approve a Resolution Removing the City Attorney and the Assistant City Manager/Director of Community Development from the Revolving Loan Committee.

Vice Chairman Rainey, Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Shephard voted aye.

The Resolution was approved by the Commission.

15. Consider and Approve the Contract with Crisp County Board of Elections.

Commissioner Owens moved to approve the Contract with Crisp County Board of Elections; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens, Vice Chairman Rainey voted aye.

The Commission approved the Contract with Crisp County Board of Elections.

16. Consider and Approve an Alcohol License: Beer and Wine Consumed Off Premises, Speedway #42394, 510 N Greer St., Simayah Savage – Store Manager. No exceptions noted. Reviewed by Chief Heard March 28, 2025.

Commissioner Shephard moved to approve an Alcohol License; seconded by Vice Chairman Rainey.

Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Shephard, Vice Chairman Rainey voted aye.

The Commission Approve the Alcohol License.

17. Consider and Approve a Quote for Demolition at 112 S 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Background Information**

An order was granted by the Court to abate the former TV Station building located at 112 S 7th Street. Three quotes were received. Davis Mulching & Digging, LLC provided the lowest quote. Two (2) Million dollars in liability insurance is required.

Commissioner Owens moved to approve the quote for Demolition at 112 A. 7<sup>th</sup> St.; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

Vice Chairman Rainey, Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Shephard voted aye.

The Commission approved a quote for demolition at 112 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

18. Consider and Approve the Proposal from TTL, Inc for 2025 Watershed Monitoring and Annual Report.

**Background Information**

The scope of work in the proposal includes chemical and bacteriological sampling, and reporting services.

Commissioner Shephard moved to approve the Proposal from TTL, Inc., seconded by Commissioner Owens.

Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Shephard, Vice Chairman Rainey voted aye.

The Commission approved the Proposal from TTL, inc. for 2025 Watershed Monitoring and Annual Report.

19. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (For Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate)

Commissioner Owens moved to go into Executive Session at 10:28 AM to discuss Agenda Items 19-23 and litigation; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens, Vice Chairman Rainey voted aye.

The Commission approved to go into Executive Session to discuss Agenda Items 19-23 and litigation.

20. **REGULAR MEETING RECONVENE:**

Commissioner Owens moved to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 10:56 AM; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

The Commission approved to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 10:56 AM.

**\*\*\*NOTE:** The Businesses that have suspensions will have to pay \$250 to be reinstated.

The Businesses that have Alcohol Licenses revoked can reapply January, 2026.

21. Consider Suspension or Revocation of Family Food Mart (Valero) Alcohol License.  
(601 E 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue)

Commissioner Owens moved to revoke Family Food Mart (Valero) Alcohol License; seconded Commissioner Shephard.

Vice Chairman Rainey, Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens voted aye.

The Commission revoked Family Food Mart (Valero) Alcohol License.

22. Consider Suspension or Revocation of Cordele Food Mart Alcohol License.  
(316 E 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue)

Commissioner Owens moved to suspended the Alcohol License of Cordele Food Mart; seconded by Commissioner Shephard.

Commissioner Owens, Vice Chairman Rainey, Commissioner Shephard voted aye.

The Commission suspended the Alcohol License for Cordele Food Mart.

23. Consider Suspension or Revocation of Party Shoppe Alcohol License.

(204 W 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue)

Commissioner Shephard moved to suspend the Alcohol License of Cordele Food Mart;  
seconded by Commissioner Owens.

Commissioner Shephard, Vice Chairman Rainey, Commissioner Owens voted aye.  
The Commission suspended the Alcohol License for the Party Shoppe.

- 24. Consider Suspension or Revocation of OM Jai LLC (Joe's) Alcohol License.**  
(1305 S Joe Wright Drive)

Commissioner Owens moved to revoke OMI Jai LLC DBA Joe's Alcohol License; seconded by  
Commissioner Shephard.

Vice Chairman Rainey, Commissioner Shephard, Commissioner Owens voted aye.  
The Commission revoked OM Jai LLC DBA Joe's Alcohol License.

- 25. Consider Suspension or Revocation of Sonny's Package Store Alcohol License**  
(412 E 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue)

Commissioner Shephard moved to suspend the Alcohol License of Sonny's Package Store;  
seconded by Vice Chairman Rainey.

Commissioner Shephard, Vice Chairman Rainey, Commissioner Owens voted aye.  
The Commission suspended the Alcohol License for Sonny's Package Store.

**26. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**Upcoming Events:**

Pickleball For A Purpose

April 19, 2025

Crisp County Middle School

Police and Fire Department will participate

Autism Awareness Stroll 2025 and City of Cordele Touch-A-Train

April 26, 2025

Crisp Regional Hospital – Perry Busbee Walking Track

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Back to School Bash – August 2, 2025

Thomas the Train returns in June.

**Upcoming Meetings/Events:**

Keep Crisp Beautiful Meeting

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

Chamber of Commerce

Planning Commission Meeting

Thursday, April 17, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

City Hall – Courtroom

Annual CHAMPS Graduation

Friday, April 18, 2025 @ 9:00 AM

CITY OF CORDELE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 15, 2025  
PAGE 14

Crisp County Middle School Auditorium

Chamber of Commerce Administrative Professionals Day Luncheon  
Wednesday, April 23, 2025 @ 11:30 AM  
Cordele First Church Activities Center

Southwest Georgia United 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
Thursday, April 24, 2025 – 6:00 PM  
South Georgia Technical College – Cordele Campus

Tourism Committee Meeting  
Friday, April 25, 2025 @ 10:00 AM  
Chamber of Commerce

Georgia Municipal Association 2025  
District 8 Spring Listening Session  
April 17, 2025  
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Community Clubhouse

Gillespie Gardens Ribbon Cutting was held April 8, 2025

**Georgia Cities Week – April 21-26, 2025 - Imagine the Possible  
Activities**

Monday April 21, 2025  
Employee Service Awards Luncheon  
11:30 AM

Friday, April, 2025  
Employee Appreciation Lunch  
Grab-and-go lunch  
Coloring Contest Deadline  
Entries for the contest are due by 4:00 PM on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Saturday, April 26, 2025  
Autism Stroll/Touch-A-Truck Event  
Crisp Regional Hospital Perry Busbee Waking Track  
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**Updates/Reminders**

City Dumpster Location – Temporary Hours  
Temporary Operating Hours are Thursday and Friday, 12:00 PM (Noon) until 4:00 PM

Work Session – May 6, 2025 – Retirement Plan  
RFP – Solicitor & Public Defender – being advertised in the newspaper  
Request for street lights on Cloverdale Circle and Elbert Court  
Budget Meetings with Department Directors



New traffic light installation at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue East and Third Street

**2025 Goals**

Retirement Benefit Plan – Schedule Pension Committee Meeting  
Meeting will be scheduled after update from GMA in May.

**Holiday Observed**

City Offices will be closed on Friday, April 18, 2025, in observance of Good Friday.

**27. CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT:** No Report.

**28. ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Owens moved to adjourn the Meeting at 11:00 AM;  
seconded by Commissioner Shephard. The Commission adjourned the Meeting.

**MINUTES  
CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION  
APRIL 15, 2025**

The Cordele City Commission held a Work Session on April 15<sup>th</sup>, at 11:16 AM, in the Cordele City Hall Courtroom, 501 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Cordele, Georgia with the following present:

Joshua Deriso, Commission Chair	Vice Chairman J. Wesley Rainey
Vesta Beal-Shephard, Commissioner	Isaac Owens, Commissioner
Angela Redding, City Manager	Tommy Coleman, City Attorney
Genivieve Mumphery, Recording Secretary/City Clerk	

**Staff Present:** Maurice Hill – Community Advancement Manager, Sonya Alexander – Finance Director, Fire Chief Todd Alligood, David Wade – Human Resource Director, Nancy Crook – Municipal Court Clerk, Police Chief Jalon Heard, Marcia Pridgen – Interim Public Works Director, Rick Smarr – Social Media Marketing Manager, Debbie Wright – UC&T Director, Brett Lavender – Interdev Representative.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commission Chair Joshua Deriso called the Work Session to order at 11:16 AM.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** There was a moment of silence. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Shephard.

**ROLL CALL:** A quorum was established.

Attendee's Name	Title	Absent	Present
Joshua Deriso	Commission Chairman		✓
J. Wesley Rainey	Commission Vice Chairman Ward 4		✓
Vesta Beal-Shephard	Commissioner Ward 1		✓
Isaac Owens	Commissioner Ward 3		✓
Vacant	Commissioner Ward 2		

**APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION AGENDA** – April 15, 2025: Commissioner Owens moved to approve the Work Session Agenda for April 15, 2025; seconded by Commissioner Shephard, the Work Session Agenda was approved by the Commission.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Sheriff Billy Hancock: Discussion on Cash Bonds and Property Bonds.  
Sheriff Hancock stated that there are a lot of different dynamics in the bonding business. The Sheriff Office and the County works differently, a couple different ways. The Sheriff Department gives out a Property Bond Affidavit and a Surety Questionnaire to people that they ask to sign Bonds and make sure that the surety is there.

Sheriff Hancock included the Georgia Law:

## **CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION MINUTES**

**APRIL 15, 2025**

**PAGE 2**

Georgia law §§ 17-6-15 provides the Sheriff the authority to establish, publish, and regulate the guidelines and rules for bonding arrested individuals. The Bonding Administration personnel of the Sheriff's Office administer this process.

It talks about who is prohibited on Engaging in Bail Bond Business:

Elected officials, including Commissioners, are prohibited from engaging in the bail bond business directly and indirectly. This includes any activity related to bail bonds, such as signing or securing individual bonds. This law came into effect around 2014.

Before this law, it was customary for Commissioners (City or County), Farmers or someone else, they could come and sign those bonds. This law came into effect and this law will not allow anyone that is on a Board, other than a School Board, School Board people can, because of the way it is structured, but any other Commissioner cannot.

It talks violations and purpose of the Restrictions. Because the County does house the City inmates, it gives the County a different platform. The Sheriff does not approve City inmates, the City Chief approves those or the City Charter states how that is done.

O.C.G.A 5-4-20 talks about a bond payable to the Municipal Court and payable to the municipality.

Arrest: A person is arrested and taken into custody.

The City is responsible for making sure that the person makes their appearance in the City Court.

“Types of Bonds”: Depending on the circumstances, a cash bond, surety bond and property bonds. Sheriff Hancock stated, that bond changed a little in the last year. He stated that they used to OR (Own Recognizance) Bonding with a lot of people. If they were well known in the City or County, if they had a good reputation, they lived here, they had a home here, we would allow people to be released on their own recognizance.

Cash Bonding – The total bail amount is paid in cash. Various things are included with the total cash bond. A cash bond is returned when the case is resolved, provided the defendant attends all court appearances.

Surety Bond – A bail bondsperson pays the bail amount in exchange for a fee (Typically 10-15% of the total bail), and the bondsperson guarantees the court that the defendant will return for their court dates.

Court Appearance: The defendant must appear in court on scheduled dates.

Last year they expanded the list of charges requiring cash or property bail: the bill adds approximately thirty charges that now require cash or property bail including unlawful assembly, obstruction of a law enforcement officer, racketeering, and conspiracy. This assures that the individual show up to court and they cannot be released on their recognizance under those charges. The individual will have to acquire a surety bond from a bondsman or a property bond.

## **CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION MINUTES**

**APRIL 15, 2025**

**PAGE 3**

Sheriff Hancock stated, when you start talking about property bonds instead of cash, they make sure there is a house on the property. If there is a manufactured home on the property, where someone can remove it from that property, then the value is not there for what was accepted for the property bond. We make sure the property and home are double the value. A lot of things will have to be secured when that bond comes forward, if that person does not go to jail. So, it has been a standard of the Sheriff's Office, if anything is over \$5,000 to \$6,000 and they want to bring property; that property has to have that market value of over double what the bond amount is.

The law also says, that no one individual can sign bonds, more than three times a year. To charge to get someone out of jail (bondsmen), is illegal. The affidavit states that the person putting up the bond is not getting any compensation.

Another point for property bonds, make sure the taxes are paid. Because if a piece of property the taxes are not paid on, you cannot get that bond paid from that property.

There are a lot of things that goes into property bond. I was requested to come and elaborate on property bonds; if the City wanted to move into property, other than the cash bond or bondsmen, what are the rules and regulations.

If it's a City Case and it is handled in City Court, we allow the City to handle their own bonding situation, the way the City chooses to do so.

Now, the only thing the City recognizes is L & W Bonding Co. You could recognize cash; a bonding company and property bonds can be recognized if the City chooses to do so and put the guidelines into your Charter or your working operations policy and procedures that fit with your situations.

Sheriff Hancock stated, once it goes to the State, they handle all those bonding procedures on any inmate or on anybody that is brought to the Sheriff's Office with a State warrant for a State charge.

City Manager Angela Redding stated she has a copy of the City 's Ordinance. You are saying if the City recognizes cash, property bonds, then City residents can put up property?

Sheriff Hancock stated, yes, if the City chooses to do that. It might be a problem verifying information. We verify properties of value, that there are no taxes or liens. They are several requirements for a bonding company.

City Manager Angela Redding asked the City Attorney if the City Ordinance covers Municipal Court if City residents wanted to put up cash or property?

City Attorney Tommy Coleman stated, yes, the Ordinance covers that.

## **CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION MINUTES**

**APRIL 15, 2025**

**PAGE 4**

Sheriff Hancock suggested if the City goes to property bonds, do it during regular business because the property will have to be checked.

The City of Cordele Ordinance does covers cash and property bonds.

After a discussion on will it be feasible for the City to accept property bonds with the low bonds amount. City Attorney Tommy Coleman stated the he thinks that it is not feasible for the City of Cordele to accept property bonds because of the low amount of City bonds.

The City Commission received understanding of cash bonds, surety bonds, and OR (Owner Recognizance).

2. **ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Owens moved to adjourn the Work Session at 11:40 AM; seconded by Commissioner Shephard; the motion was approved by the Commission,



**JOSHUA DERISO**  
Commission Chair

**WESLEY RAINEY**  
Vice-Chair, Ward 4

**VESTA BEAL SHEPHARD**  
Commissioner, Ward 1

**VACANT**  
Ward 2

**ISAAC OWENS**  
Commissioner, Ward 3

**ANGELA REDDING**  
City Manager



**TO: Angela Redding, City Manager**

**FROM: Maurice Hill**

**DATE: May 6, 2025 - Cordele City Commission Meeting**

**SUBJECT: Community Advancement Manager Report  
Community Development Director Report**

---

### **Community Advancement Manager Report**

Good morning,

I have continued to reach out to residents and members of the business community to advance housing, business development and educational initiatives.

- Attended the Homeless Coalition Meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon discussing events.
- Attended the Planning Commission Meeting for The Orchard Subdivision on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 am, they withdrew the zoning request and will resubmit a new design for PD Request.
- Attended the GALBA Intergovernmental Meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm and we discussed Legislative Initiatives and creating a "Lunch with Legislators" series.
- Met with President of Colony Bank on April 21<sup>st</sup> about the Angel Investor Program and tying it to the Land Bank 25 By '25 Housing Initiative. Additionally, I met with their Mortgage Department about renovation loans for current homeowners.
- Attended the Employee Awards Luncheon on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 am for employees.
- Talked with Tom Sloop on April 22<sup>nd</sup> of Carter and Sloop, scheduled a meeting with UCT to discuss Hurricane Helene GEFA Funding for additional infrastructure projects.



**GEORGIA**  
♦ MAIN STREET ♦

**JOSHUA DERISO**  
Commission Chair

**VACANT**  
Ward 2

**WESLEY RAINEY**  
Vice-Chair, Ward 4

**ISAAC OWENS**  
Commissioner, Ward 3

**VESTA BEAL SHEPHARD**  
Commissioner, Ward 1

**ANGELA REDDING**  
City Manager

## **Community Development Director Report**

**Historic Preservation Committee - Meeting Scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm**

The property owned by Thomas Marshall / Curlene Thomas at 708 E. 14th Ave Cordele, GA 31015 has applied to add an addition, enclosing the existing open front porch with a screened-in design.

This property is owned by Andrieka Oliver located at 806 Cloverdale Circle Cordele, GA 31015 has applied to replace the windows, replacing the wood on the exterior and painting the outside of the home.

**Board of Zoning Appeals Committee - No Meeting Scheduled at this time**

**Planning Commission Committee - No Meeting Scheduled at this time**

**Revolving Loan Fund Committee - No Meeting Scheduled at the time**

The City Manager and City Attorney have been removed from the RLF Committee and serve in an advisory capacity. The Commissioners selected Chairman Deriso to fill the elected official seat on the RLF Committee. Two additional members are needed for this Board.

**Thank you for the honor of serving the Community of Cordele!**

**Maurice Hill**  
**Community Advancement Manager**

TO: Angela Redding, City Manager  
FROM: Sonya Alexander, Finance Director

DATE: May 1, 2025  
RE: City Commission Report



City of Cordelle  
Sales Tax Receipts

LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX			SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX			TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX			Monthly
Received	Amount	Collected	Received	Amount	Collected	Received	Amount	Collected	Total
1/30/2023	\$237,469.63	December	1/30/2023	\$222,089.70	November	1/31/2023	\$33,427.28	December	\$492,986.61
2/27/2023	\$213,693.35	January	2/24/2023	\$228,904.97	December	2/28/2023	\$26,894.52	January	\$469,492.84
3/30/2023	\$204,834.30	February	3/28/2023	\$207,086.70	January	3/31/2023	\$28,042.50	February	\$439,963.50
4/28/2023	\$247,792.98	March	4/24/2023	\$198,730.99	February	4/28/2023	\$31,510.17	March	\$478,034.14
5/30/2023	\$218,788.37	April	5/22/2023	\$240,741.01	March	5/31/2023	\$28,935.47	April	\$488,464.85
6/29/2023	\$225,004.69	May	6/20/2023	\$211,944.08	April	6/30/2023	\$29,283.20	May	\$466,231.97
7/28/2023	\$247,284.48	June	7/31/2023	\$218,103.45	May	8/1/2023	\$30,471.24	June	\$495,859.17
8/30/2023	\$247,433.94	July	8/28/2023	\$240,433.14	June	8/31/2023	\$32,988.99	July	\$520,856.07
9/28/2023	\$204,631.16	August	9/16/2023	\$243,707.02	July	9/29/2023	\$34,002.30	August	\$482,340.48
10/30/2023	\$244,359.40	September	10/27/2023	\$198,640.37	August	10/31/2023	\$29,716.36	September	\$472,716.13
11/29/2023	\$227,086.31	October	11/20/2023	\$237,146.15	September	11/30/2023	\$31,686.43	October	\$495,918.89
12/28/2023	\$238,845.35	November	12/18/2023	\$220,394.40	October	1/4/2024	\$29,656.19	November	\$488,895.94
1/30/2024	\$238,707.49	December	1/22/2024	\$231,817.48	November	1/31/2024	\$33,271.42	December	\$503,796.39
2/28/2024	\$213,408.03	January	2/23/2024	\$231,681.86	December	2/29/2024	\$27,552.78	January	\$472,642.67
3/27/2024	\$234,937.72	February	SPLOST 2018-2023 Ended December 2023		December	3/28/2024	\$31,655.81	February	\$266,593.53
4/29/2024	\$232,723.34	March	4/29/2024	\$98,250.92	February	4/30/2024	\$30,706.67	March	\$361,680.93
5/30/2024	\$220,651.01	April	5/21/2024	\$154,349.08	March	5/31/2024	\$29,908.29	April	\$404,908.38
6/27/2024	\$226,427.34	May	7/1/2024	\$146,348.15	April	6/28/2024	\$30,675.82	May	\$403,451.31
7/30/2024	\$255,423.79	June	7/29/2024	\$149,899.91	May	7/31/2024	\$30,591.52	June	\$435,915.22
8/29/2024	\$247,676.79	July	8/27/2024	\$169,379.79	June	8/30/2024	\$31,553.77	July	\$448,610.35
9/27/2024	\$211,223.28	August	9/23/2024	\$164,273.44	July	9/30/2024	\$31,289.72	August	\$406,786.44
10/30/2024	\$227,094.71	September	10/21/2024	\$140,093.19	August	10/31/2024	\$29,702.64	September	\$396,890.54
11/26/2024	\$251,968.06	October	11/21/2024	\$150,566.72	September	11/27/2024	\$30,927.25	October	\$433,462.03
12/30/2024	\$246,347.33	November	12/30/2024	\$167,121.68	October	12/31/2024	\$30,993.83	November	\$444,462.84
1/30/2025	\$257,928.43	December	1/27/2025	\$163,393.95	November	1/31/2025	\$35,116.13	December	\$456,438.51
2/27/2025	\$220,806.44	January	2/25/2025	\$171,073.76	December	2/28/2025	\$28,700.10	January	\$420,580.30
3/28/2025	\$244,113.04	February	3/24/2025	\$146,453.62	January	3/31/2025	\$29,113.16	February	\$419,679.82
4/29/2025	\$241,564.23	March	4/21/2025	\$161,906.45	February	4/30/2025	\$31,405.76	March	\$434,876.44



# **CORDELE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

509 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street Cordele GA, 31015

Fire Chief Todd Alligood

*"We Train Harder So That We May Serve Better, And It Is with  
Dedication That We Serve "*

---



To: Joshua Deriso, Commission Chairman

Commission Ward 2

Vesta Beal Shephard, Commissioner Ward 1

Isaac Owens, Commissioner Ward 3

Wesley Rainey, Vice Chairman Ward 4

Angela Redding, City Manager

From: Todd Alligood, Fire Chief

Date: April 29, 2025

Reference: **Commission Report**

Reporting Period: March 24, 2025 – April, 29, 2025

## **1. Calls for Service: Total 98**

<b>SMOKE SCARE</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>GRASS/RUBBISH FIRE</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>MEDICAL</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>ELECTRICAL</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>STRUCTURE FIRE</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>FALSE ALARM/OTHER</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>GAS LEAK</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>OTHER</b>	<b>10</b>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

## **2. Department News**

- Completed annual pump testing.
- Attended the employee service and employee appreciation luncheons. Want to thank City Manager Redding and Commission for those!
- Attended the Website training.
- Enjoyed participating in the Primary School Community Helper Day.
- Enjoyed participating in the Autism Stroll/Touch a Truck event.
- Cordele Fire competed in the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Firefighter's Combat Challenge at the WR Fire Training Grounds.
- Attended RaceTrac Pre-Con Meeting

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!





















**JOSHUA DERISO**  
Commission Chair

**WESLEY RAINEY**  
Vice-Chair, Ward 4

**VESTA BEAL SHEPHARD**  
Commissioner, Ward 1

**Vacant**  
Commissioner, Ward 2

**ISAAC OWENS**  
Commissioner, Ward 3

**ANGELA REDDING**  
City Manager

**GEORGIA**  
◆ MAIN STREET ◆

**DATE:** April 29, 2025

**TO:** Angela Redding, City Manager

**FROM:** David Wade, Director of Human Resources

**REF:** Commission Report

Attached is the Personnel Department's report for the May 06, 2025 City Commission meeting.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.



**CITY OF CORDELE**  
**PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT REPORT**  
**MAY 06, 2025**

Accepting applications for Police Officer, Community Development Specialist, Community Development Director, Refuse Facility Attendant, and Public Works Director.

March 26, 2025	Hired a Work-Based Learning student in the Fleet department.
March 26, 2025,	Participated in an interview for Public Works Director. Interviews were also conducted on March 31, and April 14, 2025.
March 27, 2025	Participated in interviews for Deputy Municipal Court Clerk. Interviews were also conducted on March 28, 2025.
March 29, 2025	Attended and participated in the opening day ceremonies at Crisp County Recreation Department's baseball field.
March 31, 2025	Promoted a Heavy Equipment Operator to Assistant Superintendent in the Cemetery and Parks department.
April 02, 2025	Participated in the GMA Municipal Workforce Development Advisory Council meeting.
April 02, 2025	Attended the recognition ceremony for County Administrator Clark Harrell.
April 07, 2025	Hired two Water and Sewer Technicians in the Water and Sewer Department.
April 09, 2025	Participated in the Safety and Accident Review Committee meeting.
April 10, 2025	Hired an Administrative Assistant in the Community Development department. A temporary employee in Community Development was transferred to the Finance department.
April 16, 2025	Attended the Advisory Committee meeting at South Georgia Technical College.
April 17, 2025	Updated and submitted the Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration (FMCSA) Q2 testing rosters.
April 17, 2025	Received the pending resignation of an Assistant Superintendent in the Water and Sewer department. Resignation is effective May 05, 2025.
April 17, 2025	Melinda Spillers attending the monthly H.R. Roundtable hosted by Cordele/Crisp IDC. Tim Powers presented the PROPEL program.

**CITY OF CORDELE  
PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT REPORT  
MAY 06, 2025 – CON'T**

April 19, 2025	Assisted with the Cordele Kiwanis Club's annual Easter Egg Hunt held at Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park.
April 21, 2025	Attended the Employee Service Awards luncheon.
April 21, 2025	Met with Abigail Bowman of Nationwide Retirement Services.
April 24, 2025	Attended the Website Development Committee meeting.
April 25, 2025	Attended the Employee Appreciation luncheon.
April 28, 2025	Promoted a Customer Service Representative to Deputy Municipal Court Clerk.
April 29, 2025	Received the pending retirement notice of the Fleet Superintendent. Retirement is effective May 23, 2025.
April 29, 2025	Attended the Career Technical Agricultural Education (CTAE) Advisory Council meeting and Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment meeting held at Crisp County Middle School.
April 29, 2025	Exchanged several phone calls and e-mails throughout the month with Michael Shurley and Trident insurance representatives regarding new and ongoing claims.

**MANPOWER and VACANCY SUMMARY**

As of April 29, 2025

DEPT.	APPROVED POSITIONS	REGULAR EMPLOYEES	TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES	CONTRACT EMPLOYEES	VACANCIES	NOTE
Executive	8	8	0	0	0	
Human Resources	2	2	0	0	0	
Finance	10	6	1	0	3	
Police Department	44	33	0	0	11	
Fire Department	27	27	0	0	0	
Public Works	53	44	0	1	8	
Community Dev.	3	1	0	0	2	
U, C & T	12	11	0	0	1	
TOTALS	159	132	1	1	25	



JOSHUA DERISO  
Commission Chair

WESLEY RAINEY  
Vice-Chair, Ward 4

VESTA BEAL SHEPHARD  
Commissioner, Ward 1

VACANT  
Ward 2

ISAAC OWENS  
Commissioner, Ward 3

ANGELA REDDING  
City Manager



**CITY OF CORDELE MUNICIPAL COURT 40-50**  
**\*MONTHLY COURT SUMMARY REPORT\***  
**APRIL 2025**

**CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT**

<u>TOTAL TRAFFIC CASES:</u>	<u>334...</u>
<u>TOTAL CRIMINAL CASES:</u>	<u>103...</u>
<u>TOTAL COURT CASES:</u>	<u>437...</u>
<u>BENCH WARRANTS ORDERED:</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>LICENSE SUSPENSIONS ORDERED:</u>	<u>22....</u>
<u>TOTAL CASH BONDS PAID:</u>	<u>\$17,372.00...</u>
<u>TOTAL FINES COLLECTED (LATE PAYMENTS [CITATIONS]):</u>	<u>\$5,627.00...</u>
<u>TOTAL DEPOSITS FROM CSRA:</u>	<u>\$11,420.00...</u>
<u>TOTAL DEPOSITS FROM CSRA PRETRIAL SENTENCES:</u>	<u>\$3,811.00...</u>
<u>TOTAL DEPOSITS FROM RESTITUTION:</u>	<u>\$ .00...</u>
<u>TOTAL DEPOSITS FROM WEB PAYMENTS COLLECTED</u>	<u>\$11,280.00...</u>
<u>TOTAL DEPOSITS GA DEP. CORRECTIONS</u>	<u>\$ .0...</u>
<u>TOTAL DEPOSITS MISCELLANOUS</u>	<u>\$ .00</u>
<u>TOTAL COURT ORDERED REFUNDS:</u>	<u>\$2,246.00...</u>
<u>TOTAL CASES TRANSFERRED TO SUPERIOR COURT:</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>TOTAL DEFENDANTS INCARCERATED</u>	<u>0.</u>
<u>TOTAL DAYS JAIL SENTENCED</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>REPORT COMPLETED ON</u>	<u>MAY 01, 2025...</u>

REPORT COMPLETED BY: NANCY CROOK, CHIEF CLERK OF MUNICIPAL COURT  
501 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street \* P. O. Box 569 \* CORDELE, GA 31010 \* PHONE (229) 273-3102 \* FAX (229) 276-2907



# *Cordele Police Department*

---

501 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street Cordele, GA 31015 Telephone 229-276-2921 Fax 229-273-6773

**Jalon Heard, Chief of Police**

**To:** Angela Redding, City Manager

**From:** Chief Jalon Heard   
Chief of Police

**Date:** April 29, 2025

**Reference:** Commission Report

Attached you find the department's information to be submitted for the Commissioners' review.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly.



## Cordele Police Department (Police) Commission Report

Reporting Period: March 25, 2025 thru April 28, 2025

### I. Calls for Service – Numerical Breakdown

Type of Activity	Number of Incidents Reported*
<b>Part I Crimes</b>	<b>47</b>
<i>Homicide/Murder</i>	0
<i>Rape</i>	0
<i>Robberies (Armed/By Force/Strong Arm)</i>	1
<i>Motor Vehicle Thefts</i>	3 (3 recovered)
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	8 (4 arrests)
<i>Larceny (Thefts)</i>	34(8 entering auto, 12 shoplifting with 9 adult arrests, 14 other thefts)
<i>Burglary</i>	1 (1 residential)
<b>Part II Crimes</b>	<b>116</b>
<b>Incidents Reported</b>	<b>253</b>
<b>Community Contacts</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Citations Issued</b>	<b>266</b>
<b>Warnings Issued</b>	<b>119</b>
<b>Total Calls for Service from Dispatch</b>	<b>1,620</b>

### II. Departmental News

We have one applicant that starts on May 12<sup>th</sup> as a cadet and one applicant still in the hiring process. We have one cadet in week 16 of the academy whom is scheduled to graduate on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We will be attending the Public Safety Memorial Service at Ga Public Safety Training Center on May 8<sup>th</sup> in Forsyth. Each year Georgia Law Enforcement Officers that died in line of duty are honored. This year former Chief William Forrest of Cordele Police Department will be honored. Chief Forrest was assassinated outside of the Central Hotel in 1909. The gunman was the son of the previous police chief, whom held the office for many years, having only recently been defeated by Chief Forrest for the office. Chief Forrest served for almost 3 months. Chief Heard will be accepting the award on his behalf.

A group of officers will be attending ceremonies in Washington DC in May at the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial. Chief Forrest will be honored and his name will be engraved on the Fallen Officers Memorial Wall.

Our department will also be participating in National Train Day on May 10<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm at Sam Shortline.



## **Cordele Police Department (Codes) Commission Report**

Reporting Period: March 25, 2025 – April 28, 2025

### **I. Code Compliance Division - Numerical Breakdown**

<b>Type of Activity</b>	<b>Number of Incidents*</b>
Abandoned Vehicle	4
C&D (Construction & Demolition)	0
Inspections	0
Keeping & Maintaining Disorderly Property	0
Tampering With Utility Property	2
Unsafe, Unsanitary, Etc., Structures Prohibited	2
Violations	0
Weeds, Junk, Etc., Prohibited	28
Other	13

### **II. Departmental News**

Code Compliance Officers participated in the Autism Walk on April 26, 2025. Code Officer Lin Mercer renewed his ICC plumbing certification. The Code Compliance Division collaborated with “Keep Crisp Beautiful” to coordinate trash pile reporting and enforcement.

## MAY 2025 REPORT

### PERMITTED COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

CRM Company, LLC	Tire Recycling Facility 4706 Pateville Road Job Valuation: \$1,500,000.00    Permit Fee: \$3,680.00
Retail Space	Darrin Felton. 515 West 16 <sup>th</sup> Avenue. Job Valuation: \$350,000.00    Permit Fee: \$1230.00
Pinecrest Church	Renovation of the sanctuary at 1007 East 10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Job Valuation: \$900,000.00    Permit Fee: \$2480.00

**Total of Commercial Job Valuations: \$2,750,000.00      Total of Permit Fees: \$7,390.00**

### PERMITTED RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Single-Family Home	Single-Family Home for Jud Lanneau at 1902 Quail Run Job Valuation: \$580,000.00    Permit Fee: \$1840.00
Christian Homes Community	24 apartment complex on West 25 <sup>th</sup> Avenue. Job Valuation: \$5,598,766.00    Permit Fee: \$11,878.00

**Total of Residential Job Valuations: \$6,178,766.00      Permit Fees: \$13,718.00**

**Combined Total of Commercial/Residential: \$8,928,766.00**



**PENDING JOBS:**

-Jones Petroleum Truck Stop	New Truck Stop at 2302 Highway 300. Plans received. On hold.
Single Family Home	1502 Fleming Road. Waiting on payment for permit.
RaceTrac Gas Station	New gas station at Corner of Hwy 300 and Frontage Road Waiting on plans and permit.
Single Family Home	1508 Fleming Road. Waiting on permit.
Advanced Drainage Systems	1013 West 11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue. Expansion part City/part County
Harvey's/Aldi	1011 East 16 <sup>th</sup> Avenue. Harvey's converting into Aldi. Plans approved. Waiting on permit.

**Projects Completed in 2025**

Speedway Truck Stop	\$1,650,000.00
Crisp Regional OR Expansion	\$17,200,000.00
Crisp Regional MRI Re-model	\$197,000.00

**Demolition Permits completed in 2025**

<b><u>Address</u></b>	<b><u>Commercial/Residential</u></b>	<b><u>By Owner/City</u></b>
408 West 17 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Residential	Owner
903 West 11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Commercial	Owner
401 East 9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Residential	Owner
314 West 18 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Residential	Owner
712 Broad Street	Residential	Owner
902 West 15 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Residential	Owner
601 West 25 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Residential	Owner
602 West 25 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Residential	Owner



## Cordele Police Department (Animal Control) Commission Report

Reporting Period: March 25 – April 28, 2025



### I. Calls for Service – Numerical Breakdown

Type of Activity	Reported Numbers
Dog & Cat Intake Total:	144
City Intake	85
Intakes from Crisp County	82
Intakes from Other Entities	26
Number of Calls Received:	68
Number of Adoptions/Rescues:	45 Adoptions 33 Rescued 3 Owner Reclaim
Animals Currently at The Shelter:	14 Cats + 30 kittens under 3 wks 30 Dogs + 7 newborn puppies
Citations Issued:	8
Warnings Issued:	10
Open Shelter Slots:	5 Cat Cages / 3 Dog Kennels

### II. Division News:

- Dog food donations are still coming in strong.
- Participated in Sam Shortline Egg Hunt, Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt, Community Craze Day @ Primary School, Autism Stroll, and Touch a Truck.
- Puppy and kitten season is here and hitting full force! Please get your pets spayed/neutered!



**JOSHUA DERISO**  
Commission Chair

**ROYCE REEVES, SR.**  
Vice-Chair, Ward 2

**VESTA BEAL SHEPHARD**  
Commissioner, Ward 1

**WESLEY RAINEY**  
Commissioner, Ward 4

**ISAAC OWENS**  
Commissioner, Ward 3

**ANGELA REDDING**  
City Manager



## Memo

**Date:** April 29, 2025  
**To:** Angela Redding, City Manager  
**From:** Marcia Pridgen, Interim Public Works Director  
**Re:** Public Works Commission Report – May 6, 2025

---

Please see the attached commission report for the Public Works Department.

# Commission Report

## Public Works Department

5/6/2025

### **Cemetery/Parks**

- Routine grass maintenance is ongoing.
- Cemetery/Parks has completed 75 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders since our last commission report.

### **Engineering**

- PRIME TRUCK PARKING LLC. In progress.
- The Engineering Department has completed 9 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders for the storm water system.

### **Gas**

- The Annual Regulator and Relief inspections are set to begin this week.
- We are to begin our annual valve maintenance in May.
- The crew continues to perform routine job tasks such as responding to customer complaints, suspected leak response, new service installation, requested removal of gas services, and general operations and maintenance tasks
- The Gas Department has completed 36 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders.

### **Street**

- The street sweeper was rear ended on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and will not be running again until it is repaired. The shop is currently in the process of getting the repair process started. We hope to get a rental unit as soon as one becomes available.
- The department has worked to clear storm drains both before and after rains.
- Street Department has been constantly working to combat the ever growing pothole and utility cut problem.
- The Street Department has completed 25 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders.

### **Water/Sewer**

- ARPA Project:
  - Phase 1 - Excavation work for point repairs and service replacements has begun.
  - Phase 2 – Project is out for bid. Bid opening is scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 10 AM.
- The Water/Sewer Department has completed 63 customer reported and routine maintenance work orders.

## April 2025 GovDeals Sales Report

Item Description	Date Approved by Commission	Sold Amount
5 Lug Golf Cart Tires	1/21/2025	\$156.00



**GEORGIA**  
◆ MAIN STREET ◆

**JOSHUA DERISO**  
Commission Chair

**WESLEY RAINEY**  
Commissioner, Ward 4

**ROYCE REEVES, SR.**  
Vice-Chair, Ward 2

**ISAAC OWENS**  
Commissioner, Ward 3

**VESTA BEAL SHEPHARD**  
Commissioner, Ward 1

**ANGELA REDDING**  
City Manager

### **April 2025 GovDeals Sales Report**

<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Date Approved by Commission</b>	<b>Sold Amount</b>
5 Lug Golf Cart Tires	1/21/2025	\$156.00



**JOSHUA DERISO**  
Commission Chair

**WESLEY RAINEY**  
Vice-Chair, Ward 4

**VESTA BEAL SHEPHARD**  
Commissioner, Ward 1

**VACANT**  
Ward 2

**ISAAC OWENS**  
Commissioner, Ward 3

**ANGELA REDDING**  
City Manager

**GEORGIA**  
◆ MAIN STREET ◆

**April 8<sup>th</sup>: I attended and recorded the Gillespie Gardens “Celebrating New Beginnings” Ribbon Cutting. Link: <https://youtu.be/gEdQmhmBURw>**



**April 10<sup>th</sup>: I attended the Faith-Based Ministers’ Meeting. Marisa Wedges from Empowerment Pathways YouthBuild was our guest speaker. She presented information on YouthBuild, age requirements for participation, and how to become a part of the YouthBuild team.**





**JOSHUA DERISO**  
Commission Chair

**WESLEY RAINEY**  
Vice-Chair, Ward 4

**VESTA BEAL SHEPHARD**  
Commissioner, Ward 1

**VACANT**  
Ward 2

**ISAAC OWENS**  
Commissioner, Ward 3

**ANGELA REDDING**  
City Manager



**April 11<sup>th</sup>: I completed work on the April “Cordele Connection” Newsletter and submitted to City Manager Redding for approval. Upon approval it was released to all city.**

**April 12<sup>th</sup>: I attended the Easter Train/Easter Egg Hunt with Cordele Police Department, Downtown Cordele & SamShortline. There were 3 hunts and over 300 participants throughout the day. Our two LIVE feeds brought people off I-75 just to ride the train and participate in the egg hunt.**



**April 14<sup>th</sup>: I attended the Department Head meeting at 8:15 AM at the Cordele Community Clubhouse in preparation for the Commission meeting on 4/15/25.**

**April 15<sup>th</sup>: I attended, produced, and published coverage of the Cordele City Commission Meeting and work session that followed. Both were published on the city’s social media platforms.**

**Commission Meeting - YOUTUBE: <https://youtu.be/pAAHKCv-r9I>**

**Work Session – YOUTUBE: <https://youtu.be/Rh44wb8Lsg0>**





**JOSHUA DERISO**  
Commission Chair

**WESLEY RAINEY**  
Vice-Chair, Ward 4

**VESTA BEAL SHEPHARD**  
Commissioner, Ward 1

**VACANT**  
Ward 2

**ISAAC OWENS**  
Commissioner, Ward 3

**ANGELA REDDING**  
City Manager

**GEORGIA**  
◆ MAIN STREET ◆

**April 17<sup>th</sup>:** I had asked for, and received permission to take some time off, but I attended the 2025 GMA Spring District 8 Meeting at the Cordele Community Clubhouse. I published pictures from the meeting on your social media platforms and also produced a news package with voices from CM Redding, Commissioner Shephard, and GMA CEO/Executive Director Larry Hanson. The video and interviews were submitted to local television outlets for inclusion in their newscasts at their discretion. <https://www.southgatv.com/cordele-hosts-georgia-municipal-associations-spring-district-8-meeting/>  
<https://youtu.be/CbqxvYOW-7Y>



**April 21<sup>st</sup>:** As part of Georgia Cities Week, I attended the Employee Service Awards Luncheon at the Community Clubhouse. Pictures were taken and published of those receiving awards, plus video, placed on your platforms. <https://youtu.be/sM3VHbT2n8g>





**JOSHUA DERISO**  
Commission Chair

**WESLEY RAINEY**  
Vice-Chair, Ward 4

**VESTA BEAL SHEPHARD**  
Commissioner, Ward 1

**VACANT**  
Ward 2

**ISAAC OWENS**  
Commissioner, Ward 3

**ANGELA REDDING**  
City Manager

**GEORGIA**  
MAIN STREET

**April 25<sup>th</sup>: Thank you for the lunch on Friday. I attended Employee Appreciation at Downtown Cordele and enjoyed Tri-County Seafood**



**April 26<sup>th</sup>: I attended the Autism Stroll and Georgia Cities Week "Touch-A-Truck" event.**





**JOSHUA DERISO**  
Commission Chair

**WESLEY RAINEY**  
Vice-Chair, Ward 4

**VESTA BEAL SHEPHARD**  
Commissioner, Ward 1

**VACANT**  
Ward 2

**ISAAC OWENS**  
Commissioner, Ward 3

**ANGELA REDDING**  
City Manager



April 28, 2025

TO: Angela Redding, City Manager

FR: Debbie Wright, Director of Utilities

**UTILITIES TREATMENT & CONTROL**

**REPORT FOR MONTH OF May 2025**

Water Treated	gallons	MGD average *
Year to Date	155,541,400 gallons	1,728,238 MGD average *
Wastewater Treated	gallons	MGD average *
Year to Date	215,040,000 gallons	2,389,333 MGD average *

Sludge to Landfill	00.00 tons of sludge via Dump Truck
Total Sludge 2025	0.00 tons of sludge via Dump Truck
Grit to Landfill	0.00 tons

Rainfall for the month of May was " \*  
Total Rainfall for 2025 is 12.85 " \*

\*These numbers will be updated by the Commission Meeting.

Water restrictions put in place in 2010 are still in effect and have not changed. This allows for daily outdoor watering between the hours of 4pm and 10am.

Our 500 KW Generator is scheduled to be delivered April 28, 2025. The pad is poured and all electrical stub outs are in place. Hopefully we will have a start-up in the next week.

Teddy Hubbard and John Wright attended the Racetrac Pre-construction meeting at Public Works.





# PROCLAMATION

National & International Firefighters Day  
May 4, 2025



- WHEREAS, International Firefighters' Day is observed each year on May 4<sup>th</sup> to honor and remember past firefighters who have lost their lives while serving their communities, to express gratitude to those that have served in this line of work, and to show support and appreciation for those who presently serve; and
- WHEREAS, Regardless of the language a firefighter speaks, or the country in which he or she works and resides, all firefighters fight against the same enemy - fire; and
- WHEREAS, Firefighters follow a long line of tradition and honor that inspires them to help colleagues, neighbors and strangers alike; and
- WHEREAS, At a moment's notice, firefighters are quick to respond to uncertain situations to mitigate danger and combat the threat of destructive fire in order to protect individuals, families, and the economic being of our community; and
- WHEREAS, The demands of firefighting are accompanied by both personal and physical tolls that all firefighters knowingly accept while risking their lives to protect the lives of others.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Cordele support and appreciate City of Cordele Firefighters who protect our lives and property so diligently throughout the year, and remembering past firefighters who dedicated their lives to preserve our safety.

This 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

## CITY OF CORDELE COMMISSION

---

Commission Chair Joshua Deriso

---

Commission Vice Chair J. Wesley Rainey, Ward Four

---

Commissioner Vesta Beal Shephard, Ward One

---

Vacant, Ward Two

---

Commissioner Isaac Owens, Ward Three



**PROCLAMATION  
DRINKING WATER WEEK  
May 4 – 10, 2025**



**WHEREAS**, water is our most valuable natural resource; and

**WHEREAS**, drinking water serves a vital role in daily life, serving an essential purpose to health, hydration and hygiene needs for the quality of life our citizens enjoy; and

**WHEREAS**, tap water delivers public health protection, fire protection, support for our economy and the quality of life we enjoy; and

**WHEREAS**, the hard work performed by the entire water sector, designing capital projects, operators ensuring the safety and quality of drinking water or a member of a pipe crew maintaining the infrastructure communities rely on to transport high quality drinking water from its source to consumers' taps; and

**WHEREAS**, the coronavirus pandemic has shone a light on the importance of drinking water for health, hydration and hygiene needs; and

**WHEREAS**, we are all stewards of the water infrastructure upon which current and future generations depend; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of our city are called upon to help protect our source waters from pollution, practice water conservation and get involved with their water by familiarizing themselves with it;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that by virtue of the authority vested in the City of Cordele Commission, do hereby proclaim May 4 – 10, 2025 as Drinking Water Week.

This 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

CITY COMMISSION

---

Chairman Joshua Deriso

---

Vice Chair J. Wesley Rainey, Ward Four

---

Commissioner Vesta Beal Shephard, Ward One

---

Commissioner Isaac Owens, Ward Three

---

Vacant, Ward 2



## **PROCLAMATION NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK**

- WHEREAS,** National Hospital Week initially began as a day. Created in 1921 this day was used as a way to promote confidence and education in hospitals following the Spanish flu of 1918. It was lengthened into a week in 1953 to allow for additional public education; and
- WHEREAS,** The initial Hospital Day was chosen to honor the birthday of Florence Nightingale (May 12<sup>th</sup>). Florence was a pioneer of the nursing profession and credited with instituting early sanitation practices. It only makes sense that National Hospital Week and National Nurses Week overlap; and
- WHEREAS,** National Hospital Week recognizes the over 6,000 hospitals, healthcare systems, and outstanding staff members that contribute to the teamwork required to provide quality health care. All hospitals are included in the recognition, from acute care hospitals to Veteran's Administration hospitals, to children's and psychiatric hospitals; clinical staff, maintenance workers, supply chain workers, medical records, billing departments, and so many more are vital to maintaining the seamless flow of hospitals; and
- WHEREAS,** National Hospital Week is sponsored by the American Hospital Association (AHA); their theme for 2024 is "Healthy Hospitals, Healthy Communities." National Hospital Week gives an opportunity to highlight your hospital, health systems, and health care providers. The AHA is asking hospitals and healthcare workers to participate in National Hospital Week by sharing their stories and experiences in working on the frontlines through a pandemic; and
- WHEREAS,** National Hospital Week and National Nurses Week overlap because the nursing profession plays a critical role in the hospitals. The depth and breadth of the Nursing Profession meet the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** the City of Cordele Commission, recognize and celebrate National Hospital Week, May 11 – 17, 2025 and National Nurses Week, May 6 – 12, 2025 for their diligent work in providing health care services to those persons in need and also for their accomplishments and efforts made to improve our health care system throughout the year.

This 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

CITY OF CORDELE COMMISSION

---

Chairman Joshua Deriso

---

Commissioner J. Wesley Rainey, Ward Four

---

Commissioner Vesta Beal-Shephard, Ward One

---

Commissioner Isaac Owens, Ward Three

---

Vacant, Ward Two



## PROCLAMATION

National Police Week – May 11 – 17, 2025

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the City of Cordele Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, since the first recorded death in 1786, more than 24,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including three (3) members of the Cordele Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC; and

**WHEREAS**, 282 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 118 officers killed in 2024 and 164 officers killed in previous years; and

**WHEREAS**, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 37<sup>th</sup> Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which will be observed this year May 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, May 15<sup>th</sup> is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Cordele Commission will observe May 11-17, 2025, as National Police Week in Cordele, Crisp County, Georgia, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

This 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

CITY OF CORDELE COMMISSION

---

Chairman Joshua Deriso

---

Vice Chairman Royce Reeves, Sr., Ward Two

---

Commissioner Vesta Beal-Shephard, Ward One

---

Commissioner Isaac Owens, Ward Three

---

Commissioner J. Wesley Rainey, Ward Four



# **PROCLAMATION**

## **MENTAL HEALTH MONTH 2025**

### **“Turning Advocacy into Action Nationwide”**

**WHEREAS**, the area that someone lives in plays a significant role in their overall health and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, surroundings can impact if, how, and when a person’s needs are met, which in turn affects mental health; and

**WHEREAS**, having safe, stable, and healthy home conditions set the foundation for achieving and maintaining good mental health; and

**WHEREAS**, with early and effective interventions, those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

**WHEREAS**, each business, school, government agency, health care provider, organization, and citizen shares the burden of mental health problems and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts.

**THEREFORE, THE CITY OF CORDELE COMMISSION**, do hereby proclaim May 2025 as Mental Health Month in CORDELE, GEORGIA. **THE CITY OF CORDELE COMMISSION**, also call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools in CORDELE, GEORGIA to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions.

This 6<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2025.

**THE CITY OF CORDELE COMMISSION**

---

Chairman Joshua Deriso

---

Vice Chairman J. Wesley Rainey, Ward Four

---

Commissioner Vesta Beal Shephard, Ward One

---

Vacant, Ward Two

---

Commissioner Isaac Owens, Ward Three



# AGENDA



## **CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION CORDELE CITY HALL – COURTROOM MAY 6, 2025 – FOLLOWING REGULAR MEETING**

**The Honorable Joshua Deriso**  
**Chairman**

**The Honorable Vesta Beal Shephard**  
*Ward 1*

**The Honorable Wesley Rainey**  
*Vice Chairman Ward 4*

**Vacant**  
*Ward 2*

**The Honorable Isaac Owens**  
*Ward 3*

---

### **WORK SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

**ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA – May 6, 2025**

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Mr. Joshua Colley, Sr. Retirement Benefit Analyst with GMA will provide an overview of the city's Retirement Plan.
2. ADJOURNMENT