



Town Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 7:00 PM

706 NE Chokolka BLVD

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jiana Williams called the meeting to order 7:00 pm

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Commissioners:

Mayor Jiana Williams, present

Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Putansu, present

Commissioner Judy Galloway, present - arrived 7:05 pm

Commissioner David Massey, present

Commissioner Ken Wessberg, present

Staff Present:

Attorney Derek Folds, present

Administrator Sara Samaraio, present

Deputy Town Clerk Patty Polk present

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made and seconded (Massey/Putansu) to approve the consent agenda as submitted; passed 4-0

Commissioner Judy Galloway arrived at 7:05 pm

1. Agenda Approval
2. Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2026

GUESTS

3. Micanopy Branch Library Update
Micanopy Librarian Wendy Schneider gave a verbal report.
4. Willie Mae Stokes Community Center

Community Update

Bishop Christopher Stokes gave a written and verbal report.

5. Alachua County Sheriff's Office

Community Update

Unavailable

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Public Comment (public comments limited to 2 minutes per speaker, please)

Bud DesForges discussed Cox internet which is available. Call them, and they will come out and hook you up; no charge for installation at this time. Act soon.

H. Grace Fuller discovered that our Fire Department has moved. Her neighbor recommended installing EADs at multiple locations in Micanopy, a necessary life-saving device. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Wessberg would be happy to demonstrate the AED and research AED's and bring information to the next commission meeting.

Melik Moore, candidate for the House of Representatives, introduced himself. He is running for Yvonne Hinson's open seat, which she is retiring from.

Brenda Maynard, Micanopy Area Cooperative School (MACS), has two AED's at the school, one in the office and one in the cafeteria. They are finalizing their RAD kid training for this school year, which is Personal Empowerment Safety Education, and will have a demonstration in the first two weeks of March 2026.

Stoney Slaton discussed the center striping on Seminary Ave and the stop bar at the entrance to SE Co Rd 234, which are great. He asked who authorized the striping and was told that Alachua County had hired the contractor and that it was a mistake to stripe the Micanopy road. He is concerned that the side striping should be removed, as it wasn't originally there and makes the road appear narrower. Commissioner Massey noted that traffic calming is intended to make the road appear narrower and to slow traffic. Slaton would like them to return and correct inconsistencies in the side-of-the-road striping. Administrator Samario inspected the striping today and noted inconsistencies, which are normal.

TOWN COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

6. Alachua County League of Cities

Commissioner Massey and Administrator Samario attended the League of Cities days. It was very crowded, but they were able to see Representative Hinson and Senator McClain and speak with the staff. Administrator Samario stated that you do not wait until the session to discuss the town's needs. You attend the session, introduce yourself, and leave them with a Good Morning Micanopy coffee to remind them we exist.

7. Alachua County Children's Trust

Mayor Willaims gave a verbal report.

8. Thrasher Warehouse Board

Commissioner Wessberg gave a verbal report. The Thrasher Warehouse Board is planning a fundraiser. Everyone is welcome to visit the Museum and Warehouse. Raquel Vallejo questioned if there is an endowment connected to the warehouse; no there is not.

CITIZEN BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. Planning and Historic Preservation Board

The January 2026 P&HPB meeting was cancelled.

10. Tree Committee

Unavailable

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

11. Ordinance 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MICANOPY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE FOR THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CERTIFIED RECOVERY RESIDENCES CONSISTENT WITH FLORIDA SENATE BILL 954 (2025) AND FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING LAWS; AMENDING CHAPTER 25, ARTICLE I OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CREATE SECTION 25-13; PROVIDING AN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CERTIFIED RECOVERY RESIDENCES

Attorney Derek Folds read Ordinance 2026-01 on the short title on final reading.

Motion made and seconded (Putansu/Galloway) to adopt Ordinance 2026-01 on final reading; passed 5-0

12. Ordinance 2026-02

An Ordinance of the Town of Micanopy, Florida Amending the Town of Micanopy Code of Ordinances, as Amended; Providing for the Amendment of Chapter 30 of the Town of Micanopy Code of Ordinances to Add Chapter 30, Article IV, Section 86 - Prohibiting Public Camping or Sleeping on any Public Property, Public Building, or Public Right-of-Way; Providing for Codification; Providing for Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances; Providing Severability; Providing for Incorporation in the Town of Micanopy Code of Ordinances; and Providing an Effective Date.

Attorney Derek Folds read Ordinance 2026-02 on the short title on first reading. Discussion ensued at length.

Motion made and seconded (Putansu/Wessberg) to adopt Ordinance 2026-02 as presented on first reading; passed 5-0

13. Set Quasi-Judicial Hearing Date

Micanopy Area Cooperative School (MACS) Special Use Permit and Site Plan Appeal Hearings

Administrator Samario discussed scheduling a meeting for the appeal hearing for Micanopy Area Cooperative School (MACS). Discussion ensued at length.

Special Called Town Commission Meeting is set for Monday, March 9, 2026 - 6:00 pm

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND REPORTS

14. Financial Reporting for Period Ending January 31, 2026

Administrator Samario presented the financial reports. Discussion ensued.

Motion made and seconded (Galloway/Wessberg) to accept the financial reports as submitted; passed 5-0

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

15. Report

Administrator Samario stated that we have hired a new employee, Cindy Bishop; she is a good fit.

We will not have a commissioner election in March 2026, as our two open seats were filled without opposition. Welcome again, Kevin Putansu, seat #4, and Ken Wessberg, seat #5.

We have recently noticed some cracks in our building and today a structural engineer came and gave us a complimentary inspection and will provide a report.

NEW BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TOWN COMMISSIONER REPORTS

16. Commissioner (Seat 1) Judy Galloway

Commissioner Judy Galloway greeted everyone with a good evening. February is black history month, and she is one of the oldest citizens in Micanopy; she's been here since 1956. Her dad Eddie Glover was our first black Mayor.

17. Commissioner (Seat 4) Kevin Putansu

Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Putansu thanked everyone for joining us and partaking in democracy.

March 2, 2026 - 6:00 pm is the next Town potluck. The invitation will be emailed to our residents who are registered on our email and will be posted on face book posted on social media.

18. Commissioner (Seat 3) David Massey

Commissioner David Massey thanked everyone for joining us for this meeting. He emphasized the importance of the literacy program at the Willie Mae Stokes Community Center; it is working and they are reading better; he's pleased with the program.

Commissioner Massey is requesting a resolution supporting the rails to trails program. Administrator Samario will discuss this with Aaron Weber.

19. Commissioner (Seat 5) Ken Wessberg

Commissioner Ken Wessberg suggested inviting Aaron Weber to our next meeting to discuss rails to trails. Thank you for the last 3 years and he looks forward to our next 3 years.

MAYOR (SEAT 2) JIANA WILLIAMS REPORT

Mayor Jiana Williams attended the elected officials meeting via zoom and they discussed transportation to and from schools. The schools will change zoning next year with a couple closures.

The quilt exhibit was great. The Micanopy quilt was in a few pictures. It is love month. Her quote for the day. All you need is love and a little bit of chocolate is good to. She handed out chocolate for Valentines Day.

ADJOURN

PLEASE NOTE: PURSUANT TO SECTION 286.015, FLORIDA STATUTES, IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED DURING THIS MEETING, HE OR SHE WILL NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT, A PERSON WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING ANY SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN TOWN MEETINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, 706 NE CHOLOKKA BLVD., MICANOPY, FLORIDA 32667-0137, TELEPHONE (352) 466-3121.

Mayor Jiana Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:37 pm