

OFFICIAL MINUTES

VILLAGE OF MELROSE

P.O. Box 235

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The Village Council met in regular session on, March 09, 2026 at 4:59pm at Melrose Village Hall.

Board members present: Alan Daugherty, Ronald Moore, William Frazier, Richard Swopes, and James Mitchell

Staff Present: Amanda Vineyard- Water/Deputy Clerk, Brian Fulkrod- Public Works Director

Prayer by Mark Latham Sr

Pledge of Allegiance by Ronald Moore

Guests: Viki Lee, Mark Latham Sr, Virginia Wood, Joanne Martin, Michael Brockett (CCSO), Brian Encinias (CCSO)

Absent: Jamie Stagner

Melrose Fire Department Report

William Frazier reports that there was one ambulance call in the last two weeks and there was a fire call today south of town. William states that the new command truck had lights and decals put on in Belen and it will be picked up soon.

Approval of February 23, 2026 Minutes

Motion: Ronald Moore

Second: William Frazier

Roll Call

William Frazier- Aye

Richard Swopes- Aye

Ronald Moore- Aye

James Mitchell- Aye

Motion Carried: 4-0

Approval of February Bills & Financials

Motion: Ronald Moore

Second: James Mitchell

Roll Call

William Frazier- Aye

Richard Swopes- Aye

Ronald Moore- Aye

James Mitchell- Aye

Motion Carried: 4-0

Approval of purchasing dispatch furniture with LEPF funds for curry county sheriff's office

Motion: James Mitchell

Second: Richard Swopes

Roll Call

William Frazier- Aye

Richard Swopes- Aye
Ronald Moore- Aye
James Mitchell- Aye
Motion Carried: 4-0

Brice Stacy- Police Officer (MOVE)

Public Comment

Mark Latham Sr reports for an update of the 4th of July events: Facebook page is up and running and have a flyer for the cornhole tournament. Mark states that the Mayor is in charge of the organization of the pie eating contest. Mark advises the next meeting is March 16th at 5:00pm.

Virginia Wood would like to know if the equipment has been received for the park.

Employee Report

Brian Fulkrod reports that the SERPO meeting was last week and spoke with Waylynn Jones about taking roll off containers to the dump for tires. Brian states that the county is trying to prevent people from dumping tires on the county roads. Brian states that they had the demonstration last week for the ground penetrating radar and was not impressed with the technology but will continue to look for others. Brian states that we have put up a public notice at city hall, senior citizens, and the post office about non-compliance with the lead and copper inventory and that was a reporting problem not being able to access the state portal. Brian states that the EPA came in and assisted and got it submitted. Brian states that we are in compliance now and just need to identify the unknown lines and the removal of galvanized lines in the system. Brian advises that AEG is going to assist with the next few steps hopefully in April. Brian states as the weather warms up, they will start maintenance on the mowing equipment. Brian states that the park should be started around March 15th. Mayor Alan Daugherty states that the easter egg hunt has been moved to the football field.

Council Reports

Councilman Richard Swopes reports thank you for getting the holes filled in at the coffee shop.

Councilman James Mitchell: None

Councilman Ronald Moore asks about the status of the stop sign. Brian states that he has spoken to DOT to see if there is any money available to get the feasibility study done and to see if it is our road or the counties road. Brian states that SMH may be \$17,000.00 for the study. Ronald Moore asks what is happening with the water fill station. Brian states that the survey has been done.

Councilman William Frazier: None

Mayor's Report

Mayor Alan Daugherty reports that the JPA and MOU for the curry county sheriff's office has been signed.

Mayor Daugherty states that if we decide to hire a police officer the county is willing to work with us. Mayor Daugherty advises that he has talked to Lance and Brockett about a possible JPA with curry county to be able to enforce the ordinances and would come back to our municipal judge. Mayor Daugherty states that the dates for village clean up could be April 23-25. Mayor Daugherty advises that in the past the county has helped with some road repair and can give us quotes. Mayor Daugherty advises that tomorrow there is someone from ALTSD coming to the Sr Center to tour. Mayor Daugherty states that rotary is moving the easter egg hunt from the park to the football field. Mayor Daugherty states that the county has asked about how the trash cans have been working out. Brian states that they are holding off until the park is complete but will putting one out for now. Mayor Daugherty advises that Ed's Recycling is going to help out with the community clean up as well. Mayor Daugherty states that the county has money through beautification to pay for groups to come in and help clean up as well, and will ask the school. Behavioral healthcare proposed the use the medical clinic from 9-5/ 5 days a week for people they will bring in, Mayor Daugherty asked about community healthcare for Melrose and they responded with possibly 10 hours a week. Mayor Daugherty advises that there is a possibility of Melrose getting a Narcan station and wanting to put it at the tire store or Allsup's. Mayor Daugherty stated that he would like to see it put up at the fire station possibly. Mayor Daugherty states that spring break is coming up for the students and that both basketball teams have made it to state and that

Thursday will be a remote learning day for school. Mayor Daugherty advises that we have applied for CDF through Congress woman Ledger-Fernandez for funding for community space asking for a total of \$750,000.

Topics For Next Agenda: Status on the park project.

Motion to adjourn: James Mitchell

Second: William Frazier

Roll Call

William Frazier- Aye

Richard Swopes- Aye

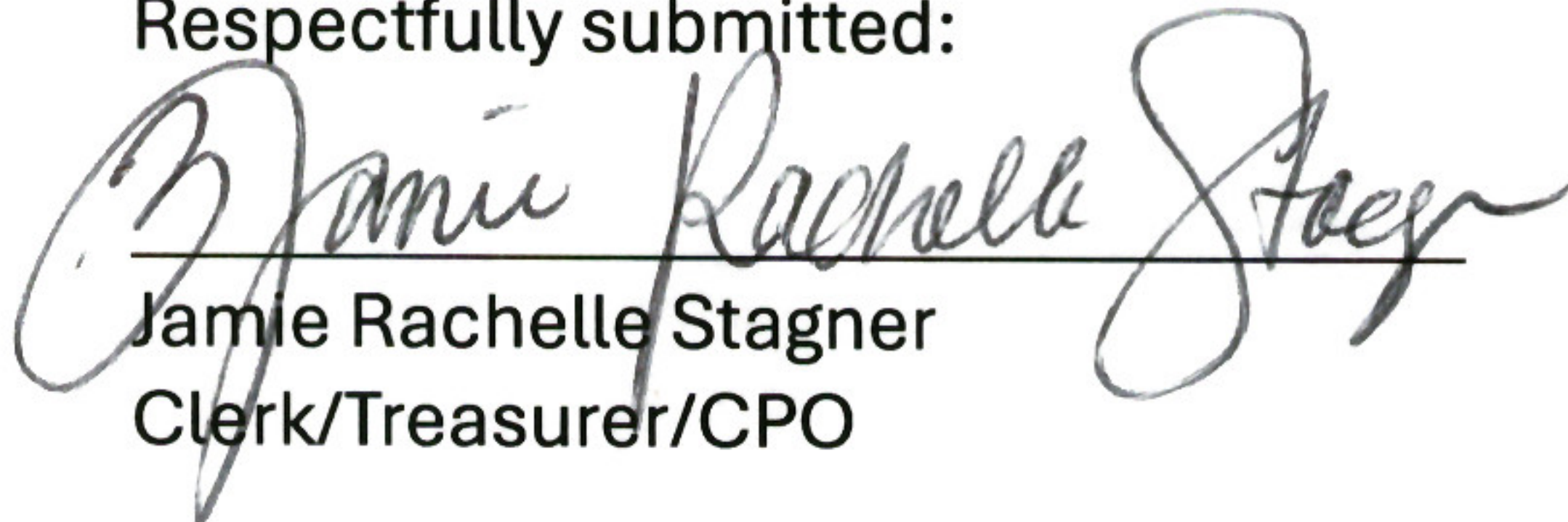
Ronald Moore- Aye

James Mitchell- Aye

Motion Carried: 4-0

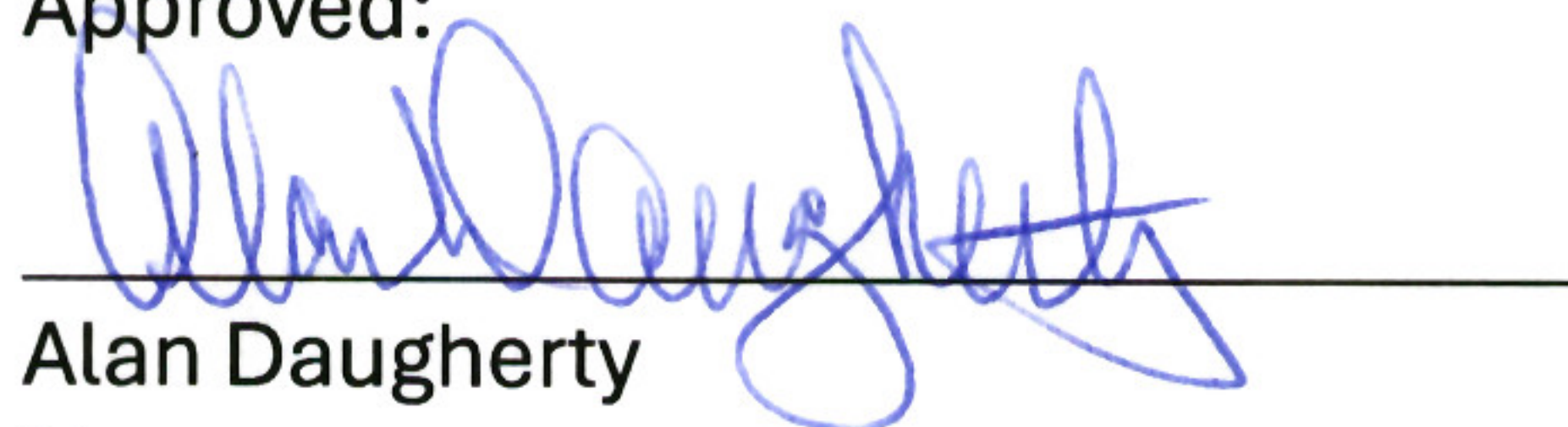
Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:44pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Jamie Rachelle Stagner
Clerk/Treasurer/CPO

Approved:



Alan Daugherty
Mayor

Date: 3/23/26

