



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
YANKEETOWN TOWN COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 2, 2026**

The Regular Meeting of the Yankeetown Town Council was called to order by Mayor Laurence Vorisek at 6:00 p.m. on February 2, 2026, at Yankeetown Town Hall, 6241 Harmony Lane, Yankeetown, Florida. Mayor Vorisek welcomed those in attendance and noted a full house. He requested that all cell phones be silenced.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Vorisek.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present were Mayor Laurence Vorisek; Vice Mayor, Tim Ecker; Council Members, Bob Terrian and Allen Casey; Non-Voting, Town Administrator Seante Gyukeri and Town Attorney Norm Fugate.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Vorisek presented the January 5, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes for approval. Motion was made by Council Member Tim Ecker and seconded by Council Member Allen Casey to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

**YANKEETOWN SCHOOL – MONTHLY REPORT:**

Alexis Richardson, Yankeetown School teacher, provided a monthly school report. Alexis apologized for missing the previous month and shared that December included semester testing, which students performed well on. She thanked the Town of Yankeetown, Inglis, and local organizations and businesses for their support during the holiday season, noting that students had a positive Christmas experience.

Alexis reported that Literacy Week and Literacy Night were successfully completed, with approximately 50 parents in attendance. Through donations from the Town and community organizations, each student from Pre-K through 8th grade was provided with funds to purchase at least one book from the book fair.

Discussion followed regarding school grading. Mayor Vorisek inquired about the projected school grade. Alexis explained the state grading formula, noting that certain grade levels and student groups are weighted more heavily. She stated that students are working hard, data chats are ongoing, goals have been set to maintain an “A” grade, and testing results show growth across grade levels.

**SAVINACIUS – MONTHLY GRANT REPORT:**

Jason Benoit of Savinacius provided a detailed grant status update and distributed written materials, which will be posted to SAVVY by the Town Administrator.

Jason reported that Hurricane Idalia Public Assistance remains open, with closeout anticipated in March 2026. He explained that funds previously awarded were largely for debris removal and have already been reconciled.

Jason discussed Idalia HMGP residential elevation projects, totaling approximately \$3 million, noting that the Town has applied for a match waiver that could eliminate the 25% homeowner contribution. He

further explained that the State is reviewing match waiver requests statewide.

Hurricane Helene Public Assistance remains open, with additional insurance-related reimbursements expected. Jaison complimented the improvements made to Town Hall following storm repairs.

Several upcoming and recurring grant opportunities were reviewed, including Hurricane Loss Mitigation, CDBG, CDBG-DR, State Appropriations for the Harmony Drive waterline project, and Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding. Mr. Benoit emphasized the importance of continued applications and community advocacy.

Jaison provided an update on historic review requirements affecting elevation grants, explaining that the State has required cultural resource review for homes over 45 years old. A proposal from a qualified Cultural Resource Architectural Specialist (CRAS) is expected, and he advised that this cost should qualify as an eligible project expense.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Discussion regarding the Coast Guard property remains tabled.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Council Member Allen Casey reported a roadway depression on Riverside Drive. Due to initial delays in county response, safety cones will be purchased to allow for immediate marking of future roadway hazards.

Council Member Bob Terrian provided law enforcement statistics for January, reporting approximately 902 calls between Inglis and Yankeetown, 124 traffic stops, and 27 citations. Fire Department activity included eight medical-related incidents. Mr. Terrian also discussed an appraisal of the Town's fire tanker, noting estimated values ranging from \$40,000 for a quick sale to \$100,000 if marketed longer. He further reported on Inglis meetings, employee handbook updates, and shared services discussions.

Council Member Tim Ecker reported Parks Board vacancies and requested interested residents apply. He also shared that Levy County has expressed interest in discussions regarding the Withlacoochee Gulf Preserve and potential boat ramp arrangements. A public workshop will be scheduled.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

Town Administrator Seante Gyukeri presented monthly Animal Control and Code Enforcement reports. Code Enforcement activity included eleven total cases, with seven closed in compliance. Resolution 25-02 was discussed, and Council provided direction to hold a workshop for further clarification and revision. Comprehensive Plan revisions requiring hearings and a referendum were also noted.

**AREA RESIDENT COMMENTS:**

Dan Oats announced the Lions Club will host its annual pancake breakfast, to be held Saturday morning.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Tim Ecker and seconded by Council Member Bob Terrian. Motion carried unanimously (4-0). The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.