

Meeting Minutes for June 29, 2026

In Attendance:

Richard Stanley
Mark Bowen
Deborah Gore
Michael Fowler
Janice Brown
Mark Cox

In Attendance:

Kevin Hearst
Shalanda Penamon
Ashley Garrish
Fox 5 News

The meeting was called to order by Richard Stanley.

Prayer by Michael Fowler.

Pledge of allegiance was said by all.

At approximate 9:03 am Renee Godwin attorney, Jack Samuel introduced himself to the council as a representative for her.

Armani Akeem spoke before the council about her son's case for approximately 5 minutes.

Laquana Ramsey spoke before the council as a witness for Stephanie Lawellen and Kenya Mitchell cases. She was requesting removal of Reness Godwin from the Douglas County Coroner's Office. Michael Fowler requested a copy of the recorded evidence that Ms. Ramsey stated that she had against several deputy coroners of Douglas County.

Excessive Session at 9:15am to wait for additional speakers to show up.

Excessive Session ends at 10:50am.

Darrin Bell was called at 10:52am. He worked for Douglas County Coroners Office in 2024. He explained about the training process in Douglas County Coroner's Office. He was questioned by Michael Fowler, Janice Brown, Richard Stanley, and Mark Cox. Ended at 11:12am.

Kenya Mitchell was called at 11:13am. She spoke until 11:17am. Her statement included questions for the council about proper procedures of coroner offices. No questions were asked of her by council.

Kesha Veney was called by Michael Fowler at 11:18am. Michael Fowler asked about sworn in procedures for Douglas County Coroner's Office. Janice Brown asked questions as well. End at 11:26am.

LaWanda Harper was called by Michael Fowler at 11:26am. Michael Fowler, Janice Brown and Richard Stanley asked about the budget in Douglas County Coroners Office. Ms. Harper informed the Council that the Douglas County Commissioner's Office did approve of the Douglas County Coroner's Office having 10 deputy coroners but only 7 positions were filled. There were about 400 calls taken in Douglas County Coroner's Office. End at 11:41am.

Carmen Chandler was called by Michael Fowler at 11:41am. Michael Fowler questioned her about the training fee of \$75 that is paid to staff members in the Douglas County Coroners Office. He also asked Carmen to explain what she got paid for and her job description. Michael Fowler questioned Carmen about a felony arrest and convictions. Carmen stated that there were never any convictions, and everything happened over 20 years ago. End at 11:46am.

Excessive Session begins at 11:49am.

Excessive Session ended at 12:51am.

Next meeting on July 14, 2026 @ 9am.