

**GILES COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY
MAY 20, 2024**

BE IT REMEMBERED AT THE Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body, begun and held on the 20th day of May, 2024, at the Giles County Courthouse in Pulaski, Tennessee, present and presiding the Honorable Graham Stowe, Chairman, and the following Board of Commissioners, to-wit:

1. Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard
2. Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn
3. David Adams, Annelle Guthrie
4. Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage
5. Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky
6. Evan Baddour, Joseph Sutton, Rose Brown
7. Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruet, Tammy Mathis

Graham Stowe, County Executive, Carol H. Wade, County Clerk, Chris Williams, County Attorney, and Kyle Helton, Sheriff, when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

County Executive Stowe stated, "On behalf of the commission I'd like to congratulate our graduating seniors at Richland and Giles County High School! We're all very proud of your accomplishments - Well done to you all!"

The voting software malfunctioned and the proper roll call did not occur. Tim Risner was unable to attend said meeting, however, the roll call listed him as attending. All votes for him throughout the meeting were recorded as "Abstain."

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Fifth District County Commissioner Matt Rubelsky.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Fifth District County Commissioner Matt Rubelsky.

AGENDA CONCURRENCE

County Executive Graham Stowe asked if there were any corrections or additions to the agenda for said meeting. Having none, he thereupon, declared said agenda confirmed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES April 15, 2024, Regular Session

Upon motion of Roger Reedy and seconded by Judy Pruet, it was ordered by the Court that said minutes of the April 15, 2024, Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body be accepted and filed, which said motion was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruet, Tammy Mathis

No: None

Absent: Tim Risner

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said minutes approved.

EDC Director Report: MAY 2024 DIRECTOR REPORT

Unemployment Rates

	March 2024	February 2024 (REV) Rates
Giles County	2.8	2.6
Lincoln	2.8	2.6
Lawrence	3.0	2.9
Marshall	2.9	2.8
Mauzy	2.5	2.3
State	3.2	3.3
US	3.8	3.9

Project Updates:

Project Bing – A Contract manufacturer of cable and communication equipment, with defense clients. 100-200 employees over a 5-year period. Project Bing needs a 100,000-sf building expandable to 200,000 sf. – Did not submit

Project Paper 2 – A paper manufacturer whose emphasis lies in producing recycled paper tailored for the drywall and plaster wall sectors. 140 employees. Capital investment of \$600M. They need 49 acres, 390 trucks a day in/out of facility. – Did not submit

Project Party – A camera sensor manufacturer for EVs. Capital Investment of \$47M, 300 jobs. They want a 100,000-sf building on 15-20 acres. Submitted Lot 5.

Project Thunderbolt – An advanced technology vehicle assembly plant in Tennessee. Need an existing 100,000 sf building on 40 acres adjacent to support a 700,000-sf building. 500 jobs by 2030. – Did not submit.

Project Durango – A metal recycling company. Need 50,000-70,000 sf building, or 10-15 acres. 50-80 jobs over 2 years and a capital investment of \$24,500,000. – Did not submit

Project Fiber – A new FDI food project. 30 new positions. Capital investment of up to \$5M. Need an existing building. – Did not submit.

Project Verde update – Have met with the project team as well as a number of resources at UTIA. We believe the odor concern can be mitigated but still working through several items:

- What is the property tax revenue from the project. There is a chance this renewable energy facility would get special tax treatment, limiting what we collect. Working with state resources to answer this question.
- What happens to the site if the renewable energy credits drop in value as new capacity comes online or government regulations reduce demand.

Site Development Grant Update – Presentation given in Nashville on 5/15. We should know something in late May or early June.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Rackley of Rackley Systems spoke regarding the 911 building project. He serves as the IT Consultant for 911.

Bill Myers, Chairman of 911 addressed the Commission regarding said building project.

ELECTIONS:
NOTARIES PUBLIC AT LARGE

Upon motion of Tracy Wilburn and seconded by Shelly Goolsby, it was ordered by the Court that the following names and persons be nominated as Notaries Public at Large for Giles County, Tennessee: (Re-Elections): James D. Alsup, Donna K. Gulley, Jerrilyn June Holt, Amanda J. King, Amanda Carol Ray, Kelly Woodard; (New) Brett Daniel Allen, Jeremy P. James, Sherri James, Ashley L. Pittman, which said motion was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruet, Tammy Mathis

No: None

Absent: Tim Risner

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said Notaries Public at Large elected.

E911 BOARD: Barry Taylor appointed

Upon motion of Evan Baddour and seconded by Tammy Mathis, it was ordered by the Court that Barry Taylor's appointment to a four year term on the E911 Board be approved, which said motion was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruet, Tammy Mathis

No: None

Abstain: Gayle Jones

Absent: Tim Risner

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and Barry Taylor's appointment to serve a four year term on the E911 Board approved. Said term expires May 31, 2028.

REPORTS

- 1. Finance Director, (March, 2024) report which includes the following: Giles County General Fund, Drug, American Rescue Plan, Probation Fund, Highway, School, Federal, Food Service, Debt Service, Capital Projects, Highway Capital Projects, Education Capital Projects, Education Capital #2, Other Capital Projects**
- 2. Giles County Personnel Policy Revision**
- 3. Court Security Committee Meeting**

Upon motion of Terry Jones and seconded by Brad Butler it was ordered by the Court that said reports:

1. Finance Director, (March, 2024) report which includes the following: Giles County General Fund, Drug, American Rescue Plan, Probation Fund, Highway, School, Federal, Food Service, Debt Service, Capital Projects, Highway Capital Projects, Education Capital Projects, Education Capital #2, Other Capital Projects
2. Giles County Personnel Policy Revision
3. Court Security Committee Meeting

be combined and approved as one, which said motion was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried. The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said reports to be combined as one. Upon motion of Terry Jones and seconded by Brad Butler, it was ordered by the Court that said reports be approved as combined, which said motion was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Tammy Mathis

No: None

Absent: Tim Risner

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said reports approved as combined.

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND GRANTS

- 1. Government Grant Contract: City of Pulaski & Giles County Fencing Project: 3/22-2024-3/21/2025**
- 2. Agreement between Giles County, Tennessee and OHM Advisors: AIA Document C103-2015**

Commissioner Gayle Jones requested that said contract and agreement be voted on separately.

Upon motion of Brad Butler and seconded by Gayle Jones, it was ordered by the Court that Item 1 Government Grant Contract be approved, which said motion was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Tammy Mathis

No: None

Absent: Tim Risner

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said Government Grant Contract approved.

Upon motion of Roger Reedy and seconded by Erin Curry, it was ordered by the Court that Item 2 Agreement between Giles County, Tennessee and OHM Advisors be approved. Discussion was had among Commissioners. OHM will provide options and the project management team will pursue design of the Ambulance facility. Said motion on the floor was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Tammy Mathis

No: Gayle Jones

Absent: Tim Risner

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said Agreement approved.

GILES COUNTY TRUSTEE TONY RISNER – TO BALANCE THE 2022 TAX AGGREGATE

Upon motion of Terry Jones and seconded by Rose Brown, it was ordered by the Court that Trustee Tony Risner's Report to Balance the 2022 Tax Aggregate be approved which said motion was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Tammy Mathis

No: None

Absent: Tim Risner

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said report received and approved.

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2024-26

**Authorizing the amendment of the 2023-2024
Budget, County General Fund 101**

Upon motion of Erin Curry and seconded by Terry Jones, it was ordered by the Court that said amendment resolution be approved, which said motion was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie,, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Tammy Mathis

No: None

Absent: Tim Risner

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said amendment resolution adopted.

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2024-27

**Authorizing the amendment of the 2023-2024
Budget, General Purpose School Fund 141**

Upon motion of Shelly Goolsby and seconded by Erin Curry, it was ordered by the Court that said amendment resolution be approved, which said motion was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Tammy Mathis

No: None

Absent: Tim Risner

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said amendment resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2024-28, To call for an election of the qualified votes of the county upon the question of permitting and legalizing the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises within the boundaries of the county

County Executive Graham Stowe gave the following explanation concerning said resolution. **Resolution 2024-28 - A resolution to revisit the liquor by the drink issue.** This resolution does not and cannot rescind liquor by the drink. If approved this resolution would put liquor by the drink back before the people, which would be on the November election ballot. For commissioners, bear in mind that the language of this resolution, as well as the ballot language, is prescribed by law. For passage this resolution will require 2/3 support - which is 14 commissioners in favor of putting this issue on the November ballot. This resolution is sponsored by Mr. Reedy.

Upon motion of Roger Reedy and seconded by David Adams, it was ordered by the Court that said resolution be adopted. Discussion was had from commissioners concerning said resolution. Said motion on the floor was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: David Adams, Roger Reedy, Gayle Jones

No: Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, Annelle Guthrie, Matthew Hopkins, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Tammy Mathis

Absent: Tim Risner

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion failed for lack of the required two-thirds majority vote.

RESOLUTION 2024-29 To follow code compliance requirements in designing/constructing a new EMS building

County Executive Graham Stowe gave the following explanation of said resolution: **Resolution 2024-29 - This is a resolution to comply with all code provisions in the design and construction of the new ambulance facility.** Unfortunately this resolution is necessary due to those who have loudly declared that the county is not subject to Tennessee-adopted building codes - which is patently false. Our contracted engineers have clearly documented the code requirements. CTAS attorneys further advise that counties are required to comply with state-adopted codes. But the pushback continues so we're going to put this to a vote - a yes vote favors designing and constructing our EMS building in accordance with pertinent code requirements. A no vote is in favor of ignoring the codes. This resolution is sponsored by Dr. Lathrop.

Upon motion of James Lathrop and seconded by Evan Baddour, it was ordered by the Court that said resolution be adopted. Discussion followed among Commissioners concerning said resolution. Said motion on the floor was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, Annelle Guthrie, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Tammy Mathis

No: David Adams

Absent: Tim Risner

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2024-30 To collocate E911 & Ambulance Services

County Executive Graham Stowe gave the following explanation of said resolution: **Resolution 2024-30** - Given that the E911 Center and Ambulance Building are both considered critical emergency infrastructure, and given that both require Category IV code compliance as "hardened" structures, and given that it would be cheaper to build one structure vice two, this resolution proposes that we consider collocating E911 with EMS at the Agri Park. The collocation option was the unanimous recommendation of both the E911 Board and the commission's Building Committee. If approved this resolution specifies that we would pursue design services to consider collocation. This resolution is sponsored by Mr. Wilburn.

Upon motion of Tracy Wilburn and seconded by Evan Baddour, it was ordered by the Court that said resolution be adopted. Discussion followed among Commissioners. Upon motion of David Wamble and seconded by Evan Baddour, it was ordered by the Court that said resolution be amended to further explore the renovation and expansion of the present building, which said motion to amend said resolution was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie,, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruet, Tammy Mathis

No: None

Absent: Tim Risner

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said amendment to said resolution approved. He stated that he would redraw said resolution with said amendment.

Said motion on the floor to approve said resolution as amended was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie,, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruet, Tammy Mathis

No: Terry Jones

Absent: Tim Risner

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said resolution adopted as amended.

RESOLUTION 2024-31

Approving the Solid Waste/Recycling Department to accept a Litter-Grant Contract from the State of Tennessee for 2024-2025

Upon motion of Tracy Wilburn and seconded by Terry Jones it was ordered by the Court that said resolution be adopted, which said motion was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Tammy Mathis

No: None

Absent: Tim Risner

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2024-32

To equalize the County Sales & Use Tax Rate with that of the City of Pulaski, in order to guarantee funding for Giles County Public Schools

County Executive Graham Stowe provided the following explanation of said resolution:
Resolution 2024-32 - This is another referendum issue - a resolution to revisit the County Sales Tax, which would raise the tax by 1/4 of 1%. This would match the City of Pulaski's tax rate of 9.75%, equalizing it throughout the county. The language of tax referenda must be pre-approved by the state; this resolution has been vetted and endorsed by the Department of Revenue. This resolution will also require a 2/3 majority for passage, and is sponsored by Mr. Baddour.

Upon motion of Evan Baddour and seconded by Shelly Goolsby, it was ordered by the Court that said resolution be adopted. Discussion followed among Commissioners concerning said resolution. Said motion on the floor was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Roger Reedy, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Tammy Mathis

No: Terry Jones, David Wamble, Annelle Guthrie, Matthew Hopkins, Caleb Savage, Matt Rubelskyk

Absent: Tim Risner

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said resolution adopted, having received the required two-thirds majority vote.

RESOLUTION 2024-33**Establishing an Opioid Abatement Board**

County Executive Graham Stowe provided the following explanation of said resolution:

Resolution 2024-33 - This resolution is to establish an Opioid Board. As a result of state litigation the county is a recipient of settlement funds. The process for dispensing those funds requires a County Opioid Board, which will evaluate opioid abatement organizations for potential funding. The Opioid Board will make recommendations to the Budget Committee, with the final decision resting with the Commission. This resolution is sponsored by Ms. Curry.

Upon motion of Erin Curry and seconded by Tracy Wilburn, it was ordered by the Court that said resolution be adopted, which said motion was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruet, Tammy Mathis

No: Matthew Hopkins

Absent: Tim Risner

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said resolution adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business to be considered at said meeting of the Giles County Legislative Body.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to be considered at said meeting of the Giles County Legislative Body.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business on the agenda, upon motion of Matt Rubelsky and seconded by Tammy Mathis, it was ordered by the Court that the May 20, 2024, meeting of the Giles County Legislative Body be adjourned at 6:52 PM.