

GILES COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY
July 15, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED AT THE Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body, begun and held on the 15th day of July, 2024, at the 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, Tim Risner
4. Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage
5. Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky
6. Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton
7. Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruet

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

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 June 27, 2024, Regular Session

Upon motion of Shelly Goolsby and seconded by Rose Brown, it was ordered by the Court that said minutes of the June 27, 2024, Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body be accepted, filed and approved, which said motion was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried.

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

ADDRESS COMMISSION: EDC Director Philip Reese

Unemployment Rates

	MAY 2024	APRIL 2024 (REV) Rates
Giles County	2.7	2.5
Lincoln	2.6	2.6
Lawrence	2.9	2.7
Marshall	2.9	2.7
Maury	2.4	2.3
State	3.0	3.1
US	4.0	3.9

Project Updates:

Project Frost – Ready to eat food products. Need a minimum of 20 acres to be able to build a 200,000-sf building. \$115M to construct a new facility. 200 full-time jobs at completion. – Did Not Submit

Project Java – Manufacturer of coffee roasting equipment. 30-50 jobs, approximately \$5+ million investment. They require existing building minimum 50,000-sf building expandable to 75,000-100,000-sf. – Did Not Submit.

Project Basil – Manufacturer of canned beverages. Need 150-200 acres that is rail served. – Did Not Submit.

Project Mum – A frozen cookie dough company from the UK. Need a 50,000-sf existing building. 50-70 jobs, capital investment of \$5M in personal property. – Did Not Submit.

Project Verde Update – Discussions continue. Currently looking at a portion of IPS Lot 15. They are also in discussions with other local landowners outside the Industrial Park. Working to firm up the economics of the project, which look promising considering tax revenue, purchase of utilities (electric, water, natural gas) as well as potential reduction in cost of natural gas for local distribution.

Site Development Grant – Signed the official grant contract July 9 with SDG online seminar planned for July 23. Will then begin detailed engineering work to firm up scope and cost.

GILES COUNTY EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

County Executive Graham Stowe announced that the Giles County Employee of the Quarter is Sergeant Erik Smith of the Giles County Sheriff’s Department, and read the following Citation:

SERGEANT ERIK SMITH, GILES COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

Mr. Erik Smith is cited for meritorious service in the performance of duty from April to June 2024, serving as Patrol Sergeant and Field Training Officer with the Giles County Sheriff’s Department. Mr. Smith’s achievements exemplified our core values of integrity, stewardship, and excellence; he consistently demonstrated a steadfast dedication to his responsibilities, going above and beyond to provide superior service to our community. As Field Training Officer he spearheaded a demanding training regimen to sharpen the Department’s law enforcement skills. As Patrol Sergeant, he sustained a laser focus on equipping and training those under his supervision, thus enhancing preparedness and professionalism. Mr. Smith’s readiness to absorb extra shifts strengthened Department-wide teamwork and collaboration. He also volunteered for several weeks of additional training to improve his emergency medical response skills. Throughout this quarter he was an exemplary performer; his unwavering commitment to improving the well-being of Giles County is commendable, embodying the spirit of public service. In recognition of his extraordinary performance, we hereby recognize Erik Smith as Giles County’s Employee of the Quarter. Mr. Smith’s pursuit of excellence and devotion to duty are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of Giles County public service.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at said meeting.

ELECTIONS

NOTARIES PUBLIC AT LARGE

Upon motion of Rose Brown and seconded by Terry Jones, it was ordered by the Court that the following names and persons be nominated as Notaries Public at Large for Giles County, Tennessee: (New): None; (Re-elections): Kimberly Herd Jewell, Paul Smith, 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, Tim Risner, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett

No: None

Absent: Evan Baddour, Tammy Mathis

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

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONERS:

Marvin David Boyd, Edward Durant, Robert London and Matthew Sandrell appointed

Upon nomination of Marvin David Boyd, Edward Durant, Robert London, and Matthew Sandrell to serve as Judicial Commissioners for one year terms by Joyce Woodard and seconded by Shelly Goolsby, it was ordered by the Court that said persons be appointed to said position 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, Tim Risner, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett

No: Matthew Hopkins

Absent: Evan Baddour, Tammy Mathis

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and Marvin David Boyd, Edward Durant, Robert London, and Matthew Sandrell appointed to serve as Judicial Commissioners for one year terms expiring July 31, 2025.

OPIOID BOARD: Erin Curry, Devin Ezell, Joe Purvis, Tammy Mathis, Kevin Wells, Tammy Gordon appointed

County Executive Graham Stowe appointed Erin Curry, Devin Ezell, Joe Purvis, Tammy Mathis, Kevin Wells, Tammy Gordon to serve on the Opioid Board. Erin Curry's appointment is for one year as she serves as the current Chairman of the Budget Committee. The Budget Chairman will serve on said committee. Other members' terms will be for four years. Upon motion of Tracy Wilburn and seconded by Gayle Jones, it was ordered by the Court that said appointments 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, Tim Risner, Roger Reedy, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruet

No: Matthew Hopkins, Caleb Savage

Absent: Evan Baddour, Tammy Mathis

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said appointments to the Opioid Board approved.

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND GRANTS

- 1. Giles County Clerk – TWRA Web POS agreement**
- 2. Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc/Emergency Management Dept. Contract**

Upon motion of David Wamble and seconded by Tracy Wilburn, it was ordered by the Court that said contracts, agreements and grants, which include: 1. Giles County Clerk – TWRA Web POS agreement and 2. Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc/Emergency Management Dept. Contract be combined and approved as one, which said motion was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried. Upon motion of David Wamble and seconded by Tracy Wilburn, it was ordered by the Court that said contracts, agreements and grants 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, Tim Risner, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruet

No: None

Absent: Evan Baddour, Tammy Mathis

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said contracts, agreements, and grants approved.

REPORTS

1. GILES COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT
2. GILES COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT
3. GILES COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT. – ANNUAL REPORT
4. GILES COUNTY TRUSTEE INVESTMENTS – JULY 1, 2024
5. GILES COUNTY TRUSTEE 2023 TAX AGGREGATE REPORT
6. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: RULES OF ORDER REVISIONS

County Executive Graham Stowe gave the following introduction to the business at hand:
"Reports - There are 6 reports listed - I'd like to entertain a motion to combine the first 5 reports and consider together."

Upon motion of Terry Jones and seconded by Matthew Hopkins, it was ordered by the Court that Reports one through five be combined and considered together, which said motion was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried.

The County Executive, thereupon, declared reports combined and to be considered as one. Upon motion of Terry Jones and seconded by Matthew Hopkins, 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, Tim Risner, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett

No: None

Absent: Evan Baddour, Tammy Mathis

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said Reports one through five approved as combined.

The County Executive provided the follow statement: "The Legislative Committee report is separated out for 4 different rule considerations, each requiring at least 14 votes for approval. First for consideration is an addition to Rule 2 requested by Mrs. Jones, adding Announcements to the Order of Business. This recommendation passed the Legislative Committee by a 5-2 vote. *The floor is open for a motion.*"

Upon motion of Gayle Jones and seconded by Matthew Hopkins, it was ordered by the Court that said rule 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, Tim Risner, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett

No: None

Absent: Evan Baddour, Tammy Mathis

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

County Executive Graham Stowe stated, "Next for consideration is an adjustment to Rule 13.1, requiring the majority of resolutions to be considered through the appropriate committee before being added to the full Commission agenda. Rule 13.2 requires an adjustment to the timeline leading up to commission meetings, allowing the Clerk and I to meet public notice requirements. These two recommendations passed the Legislative Committee by a 7-0 vote. *The floor is open for a motion.*"

Upon motion of Judy Pruetz and seconded by Caleb Savage, it was ordered by the Court that Rules 13.1 and 13.2 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, Tim Risner, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruetz

No: None

Absent: Evan Baddour, Tammy Mathis

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

County Executive Graham Stowe stated, "Next is Rule 13.5, which would be a new rule that prohibits reintroduction of twice-failed resolutions until one year has passed from the date of the second failure. This recommendation passed the Legislative Committee by a 5-2 vote. *The floor is open for a motion.*"

Upon motion of James Lathrop and seconded by Matt Rubelsky, it was ordered by the Court that said rule be adopted. Discussion followed among commissioners and the County Executive.

Motion on the floor was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: James Lathrop, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Tim Risner, Matthew Hopkins, Caleb Savage, Matt Rubelsky, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Judy Pruetz

No: Erin Curry, Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, Annelle Guthrie, Roger Reedy, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Shelly Goolsby

Absent: Evan Baddour, Tammy Mathis

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

County Executive Graham Stowe stated, "Last is an adjustment to Rule 15.1, requested by Mr. Hopkins that requires committee chairs to hold all committee meetings at 5pm or later. This initiative failed the Legislative Committee by a 2-5 vote. *The floor is open for a motion.*"

Upon motion of Matthew Hopkins and seconded by Matt Rubelsky, it was ordered by the Court that said rule be adopted. Discussion followed among commissioners concerning said rule.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BETH MOORE-SUMNERS ADDRESSES COMMISSION

In response to Shelly Goolsby's request, Finance Director Beth Moore-Sumners addressed the commission concerning said rule. She stated that Budget and School Committee meetings are held on

the Friday morning after the School Board's Thursday evening meeting. If these meetings occur later in the day or on the next Monday, documents for the next court session might not be filed in time for the commission packets to be issued by the County Clerk's office and sent out in compliance with the Court's rules.

Discussion continued until question was called for by Matthew Hopkins and seconded by Caleb Savage. Said motion was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried. The County Executive, thereupon, declared discussion ended and said motion on the floor to be acted upon.

Said motion was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky

No: Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Tim Risner, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett

Absent: Evan Baddour, Tammy Mathis

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

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2024-43

**Authorizing the amendment of the 2024-2025
Budget, County General Fund 101, Fund 128, 171
and Fund 189**

Upon motion of Erin Curry and seconded by Matthew Hopkins, 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, Tim Risner, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett

No: None

Absent: Evan Baddour, Tammy Mathis

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

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2024-44

**Authorizing the amendment of the 2024-2025
Budget, General Purpose School Fund 141, 143,
177, and 178**

Upon motion of Shelly Goolsby and seconded by Judy Pruett, 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, Tim Risner, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett

No: None

Absent: Evan Baddour, Tammy Mathis

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

RESOLUTION 2024-45

To finalize E911 Facility Design

County Executive Graham Stowe provided the following explanation of said Resolution: **"Resolution 2024-45** is to finalize the design direction for the E911 facility. The resolution reflects the 7-0 Building Committee recommendation that the E911 Board renovate the existing building and/or construct the Dispatch Center at its current location. This resolution also stipulates that a morgue will be included in the design of the EMS facility, and further authorizes me to liaise with the E911 Board and legal counsel to transfer ownership of the E911 building from the county to the E911 Board. A final point to emphasize is that the decision you're going to make is a final decision - after this decision, our ambulance facility design is moving forward without considering E911 needs. *The floor is open for a motion.*"

Upon motion of Tracy Wilburn and seconded by Brad Butler, it was ordered by the Court that said resolution be adopted. Discussion followed among commissioners and the County Executive, who stated that the commission must make a decision and go forward with it.

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

Aye: James Lathrop, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Tim Risner, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett

No: Erin Curry, Joyce Woodard, Matt Rubelsky

Absent: Evan Baddour, Tammy Mathis

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

RESOLUTION 2024-46**To determine future uses of the Giles County Courthouse and establish Phase-1 scope of Courthouse renovations**

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

“Resolution 2024-46 is to finalize some decisions to our courthouse. Firstly, this resolution establishes that this courthouse will be sustained as our justice center. Second, the resolution charts a path forward to develop a Phase I scope-of-work with our design team. Third, the resolution authorizes a feasibility study for a potential Criminal Court adjacent to the jail facility. *The floor is open for a motion.*”

Upon motion of Roger Reedy and seconded by Judy Pruett, it was ordered by the Court that said resolution be adopted.

Upon motion of Matthew Hopkins and seconded by Gayle Jones it was ordered by the Court that Section 2, part B only include the necessary structural exterior repairs. Discussion followed among commissioners. Commissioner Gayle Jones withdrew her second of said motion. County Executive Graham Stowe, thereupon declared motion failed for lack of a second.

Upon motion of David Wamble and seconded by Erin Curry, it was ordered by the Court that Section 3 be removed from said resolution. Discussion followed among commissioners. Motion of Wamble seconded by Curry was amended to reword Section 3 to request a proposal for a feasibility study for a Criminal Court facility to be constructed adjacent to the present Giles County jail facility, which said motion was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried.

Motion and second on the floor to approve said resolution as amended were 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, Tim Risner, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett

No: Matthew Hopkins

Absent: Evan Baddour, Tammy Mathis

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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Tim Risner stated there would be a meeting of the Highway Committee, Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 9:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business on the agenda, upon motion of Caleb Savage and seconded by Matt Rubelsky, it was ordered by the Court that the July 15, 2024, Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body be adjourned at 6:18 PM.