

GILES COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY, AUGUST 19, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED AT THE Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body, begun and held on the 19th day of August, 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. Evan Baddour, Rose Brown
7. Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Tammy Mathis

Graham Stowe, County Executive, Carol H. Wade, County Clerk, Kyle Helton, 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 stated that Sheriff Kyle Helton wished to address the Commission following approval of the previous meeting's minutes. With that addition to the agenda, he thereupon, declared said agenda confirmed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES July 15, 2024, Regular Session

Upon motion of Roger Reedy and seconded by Matthew Hopkins, it was ordered by the Court that minutes of the July 15, 2024, Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body be accepted and approved which said motion to approve said minutes was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried.

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and minutes of the July 15, 2024, Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body accepted and approved.

Address Commission **Giles County Sheriff Kyle Helton**

Sheriff Kyle Helton addressed the Commission to report on the rescue of Mrs. Caulyne Cross. He stated that we all need to thank God for the miracle which occurred here in Giles County. He thanked Bill Myers, Josh Young, Jeremy Mitchell, Willa Chavez, 911 and all their staffs. Other agencies were TEMA, THP, and TBI who assisted alongside the Sheriff's Department, all working together as one. There were over 200 volunteers each day who aided in the search for Mrs. Cross. Kyle stated that our Office of Emergency Services is first class. Their knowledge and networking skills made this mission turn out successfully. The Sheriff added that in his career he had never seen an operation which included so many emergency agencies coming together so effortlessly to accomplish the mission of bringing Mrs. Cross home safely.

Address Commission

Philip Reese, EDC Director

AUGUST 2024 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Unemployment Rates

	JUNE 2024	MAY 2024 (REV) Rates
Giles County	3.7	2.6
Lincoln	4.0	2.6
Lawrence	4.0	2.9
Marshall	3.8	2.9
Maury	3.2	2.4
State	3.0	3.0
US	4.1	4.0

The increase in June was a seasonal increase associated with students and teachers looking for summer work. We do expect to see an increase through the fall with a number of local automotive suppliers reducing staff due to weak demand.

Project Updates:

Project Horizon – Manufacturer of products for the defense industry. \$300M Capital Investment, 500 jobs. Needs 450-acre Greenfield site. – **Did Not Submit**

Project Energize – An assembly plant. Up to 200 jobs. Require a 200,000-sf building on a 40-acre site. – **Did Not Submit.**

Project Freedom – A firearms accessories manufacturing facility. 30 jobs, need a 20,000-50,000-sf building. - **Did Not Submit.**

Project Blossom – A USDA production facility that will produce fully cooked products. \$310M and 500 new jobs. Require 7.8MW and a minimum of 50 developable acres. The power requirements would consume too much of the 10MW currently available at the Industrial Park South. – **Did Not Submit.**

Project Hercules – Require a 50,000-100,000-sf building. 50 jobs. – **Did Not Submit.**

Project Verde Update – Project Investor has put the project on hold to free up capital for other investments.

Site Development Grant – Working on contract with Barge engineering. Meeting with engineers on August 20 for initial design discussions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following individuals addressed the County Commission concerning agenda items:

Charles Bruerd, Funding Non-Profits
Jim Gerlach, Senior Citizen Funding
Jennie Adams, Senior Citizen Funding
Janice Turner, Senior Citizen Funding
Rebecca Agee McManus, Senior Citizen Funding

ELECTIONS
NOTARIES PUBLIC AT LARGE

Upon motion of Tracy Wilburn 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: (Re-Elections): Daoud Abudiab, Lindsay Nicole Adams, Teresa N. Ballentine, Brooklyn Faye Biase, William H. Blair, Alexandria Sybil Bowles, Rhonda B. Clinard, Tammi Sue Fox, Derek Hagan, Sandi Henderson, Katherine A. Journey, Robert W. Laxson, Savannah L. Malone, Tara L. Moore, Nikki L. Oliver, John C. Perkins, Dianna J. Watkins, Roosevelt Whitfield, Mallory L. Whitworth; (New): Kelly Renee Clem, Antoinette Hall, Donald Scott Hanna, Bernadette J. James, Cody Turner, 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, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruet, Tammy Mathis

No: None

Absent: Joseph Sutton

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

REPORTS

1. **Giles County Finance Director, (June, 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, and Other Capital Projects**
2. **Veterans Services Department 2024 Annual Report**
3. **Giles County Public Library Report – July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024**
4. **Giles County Highway Department – Giles County Road List, Road Details by Road Name (on file in Giles County Clerk's office)**
5. **Legislative Committee – Recommended Rule Change, Rule XV**
6. **Letter acknowledging receipt of a certified copy of the fiscal year 2025 Budget.**

Upon motion of Gayle Jones and seconded by Erin Curry, it was ordered by the Court that said reports 1 through 4 and report 6 be combined and considered for approval together, which said motion was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried.

The County Executive, thereupon, declared said reports combined to be considered for approval together. Upon motion of Terry Jones and seconded by Erin Curry, it was ordered by the Court that said reports 1 through 4 and report 6 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, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Tammy Mathis

No: None

Absent: Joseph Sutton

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

Upon motion of Erin Curry and seconded by Matt Rubelsky, it was ordered by the Court that said recommended rule change be sent back to the Legislative Committee for additional study, 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, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Tammy Mathis

No: Matthew Hopkins

Absent: Joseph Sutton

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said recommended rule change to be sent back to the Legislative Committee for additional study.

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2024-47,

**Authorizing the amendment of the 2024-2025
Budget, County General Fund 101**

Upon motion of Erin Curry and seconded by Judy Pruet, it was ordered by the Court that said resolution be approved. Upon motion of Caleb Savage and seconded by Matt Rubelsky, it was ordered by the Court that the non-profit appropriations be considered separately in said amendment resolution, which said motion 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, Caleb Savage, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Shelly Goolsby, Tammy Mathis

No: Erin Curry, Joyce Woodard, Roger Reedy, Brad Butler, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Judy Pruet

Absent: Joseph Sutton

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and each appropriation in said Amendment Resolution to be considered individually.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Upon motion of Evan Baddour and seconded by Erin Curry, it was ordered by the Court that said appropriation for Chamber of Commerce 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, Joyce Woodard, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Tim Risner, Roger Reedy, Brad Butler, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruet, Tammy Mathis

No: James Lathrop, Terry Jones, Matthew Hopkins, Caleb Savage, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky

Absent: Joseph Sutton

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said appropriation for Chamber of Commerce approved.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Upon motion of Erin Curry and seconded by Shelly Goolsby, it was ordered by the Court that the appropriation for the Child Development Center 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, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruet, Tammy Mathis

No: Matthew Hopkins, Caleb Savage, Matt Rubelsky

Absent: Joseph Sutton

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said appropriation for the Child Development Center approved.

DECISIONS, CHOICES & OPTIONS

Upon motion of Judy Pruett and seconded by Roger Reedy, it was ordered by the Court that the appropriation for Decisions, Choices & Options 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, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Tammy Mathis

No: Matthew Hopkins, Caleb Savage, Matt Rubelsky

Absent: Joseph Sutton

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said appropriation for Decisions, Choices & Options approved.

GILES COUNTY VETERANS ALLIANCE

Upon motion of Shelly Goolsby and seconded by Erin Curry, it was ordered by the Court that said appropriation for Giles County Veterans Alliance 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, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Tammy Mathis

No: Matthew Hopkins, Matt Rubelsky

Absent: Joseph Sutton

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said appropriation for Giles County Veterans Alliance approved.

KID'S PLACE

Upon motion of Shelly Goolsby and seconded by Judy Pruett, it was ordered by the Court that said appropriation for Kid's Place 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, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Tammy Mathis

No: Matthew Hopkins, Caleb Savage, Matt Rubelsky

Absent: Joseph Sutton

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said appropriation for Kid's Place approved.

SENIOR CENTER

Upon motion of Erin Curry and seconded by Roger Reedy, it was ordered by the Court that said appropriation for the Senior Center 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, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Tammy Mathis

No: Matthew Hopkins

Absent: Joseph Sutton

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said appropriation for the Senior Center approved.

NON-PROFITS

Upon motion of Erin Curry and seconded by David Wamble, it was ordered by the Court that said Resolution 2024-47 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, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Tammy Mathis

No: None

Absent: Joseph Sutton

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said Resolution 2024-47 approved.

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2024-48

Authorizing an amendment of the 2023-2024 Budget, Highway Fund 131

Upon motion of Tim Risner and seconded by Roger Reedy, 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, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Tammy Mathis

No: None

Absent: Joseph Sutton

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

RESOLUTION 2024-49 Naming a bridge on Baugh Road over Elk River (Bridge No. 28018982223) Jimmy Newby Memorial Bridge

Upon motion of Erin Curry and seconded by James Lathrop, it was ordered by the Court that said 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, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Tammy Mathis

No: None

Absent: Joseph Sutton

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

RESOLUTION 2024-50 Naming a bridge on Choate Creek Road over Choate Creek, Johnny Wayne Ratliff Memorial Bridge

Upon motion of Tim Risner and seconded by David Adams, it was ordered by the Court that said 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, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Tammy Mathis

No: None

Absent: Joseph Sutton

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

RESOLUTION 2024-51 To dissolve the School Committee

Upon motion of Erin Curry and seconded by Matt Rubelsky, it was ordered by the Court that said resolution be sent back to the Legislative Committee for further consideration, which said motion was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: Erin Curry, Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, Tracy Wilburn, Roger Reedy, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Rose Brown, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Tammy Mathis

No: James Lathrop, David Wamble, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Tim Risner, Matthew Hopkins, Caleb Savage, Evan Baddour

Absent: Joseph Sutton

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said resolution to be sent back to the Legislative Committee for further consideration.

RESOLUTION 2024-52 **Approving the Guidelines for employing Delinquent Tax Attorney Trustee by Giles County, Tennessee (2021 Personal Property Taxes) Contract appointing delinquent tax attorney**

RESOLUTION 2024-53 **Approving the Guidelines for employing Delinquent Tax Attorney Trustee by Giles County, Tennessee (2022 Personal Property Taxes) Contract appointing delinquent tax attorney**

Upon motion of Caleb Savage and seconded by Matt Rubelsky, it was ordered by the Court that Resolution 2024-52 and Resolution 2024-53 be combined and considered together, which said motion was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried.

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said resolutions combined to be considered together as one.

Upon motion of Caleb Savage and seconded by Matthew Hopkins, it was ordered by the Court that said resolutions 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, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Tammy Mathis

No: None

Absent: Joseph Sutton

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business to be considered at said meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New business to be considered at said meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Joyce Woodard stated that this will be the last meeting for Supervisor of Roads Barry Hyatt and Assistant Supervisor Steve Kelly.

SUPERINTENDENT OF ROADS BARRY HYATT ADDRESSES COMMISSION

Barry Hyatt stated that he had enjoyed his time working for the County and felt that the Highway Department had accomplished a lot for Giles County with the help of the Commission and the Finance Department. The audience gave the two gentlemen a standing ovation in honor of their dedication and service to Giles County.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business on the agenda, upon motion of Matthew Hopkins and seconded by Evan Baddour, it was ordered by the Court that the August 19, 2024, Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body be adjourned to at 5:54 PM.