

GILES COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY, JANUARY 21, 2025

BE IT REMEMBERED AT THE Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body, begun and held on the 21st day of January, 2025, at the Giles County Courthouse in Pulaski, Tennessee, present and presiding the Honorable Graham Stowe, County Executive, 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, Caleb Savage
5. Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky
6. Evan Baddour, Rose Brown
7. Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruet, Carman Brown

Graham Stowe, Chairman, Carol H. Wade, County Clerk, Chris Williams, County Attorney, and Joe Purvis, Giles County Sheriff, 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 November 18, 2024, Regular Session

Upon motion of Matthew Hopkins and seconded by Caleb Savage, it was ordered by the Court that said minutes of the November 18, 2024, Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body be accepted and approved as filed, which said motion was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried. All present voted Aye.

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

Employee of the Quarter

County Executive Graham Stowe announced that the Giles County Employee of the Quarter is Keith Curtis. Mr. Curtis works in the Tax Assessor's office as a field appraiser. He was the architect for the Giles County Courthouse's replica which was entered in local Christmas parades this past year. His artistry on this project will be enjoyed and admired for many years to come.

Economic Director Philip Reese

January 2025 Director Report

Unemployment Rates

	NOVEMBER 2024	OCTOBER 2024 (REV) Rates
Giles County	3.7	3.6
Lincoln	3.5	3.5
Lawrence	3.8	3.7
Marshall	3.6	3.6
Maury	3.1	3.1
State	3.5	3.3
US	4.2	4.1

Project Updates:

Project Barrel – Is a Japanese metal fabrication company. Requires a 250,000-sf building and 10MW of power. 125 jobs and a \$65M capital investment. **Did Not Submit**

Project Horizon – Is a food processing company seeking a minimum of 25-acre certified site with dual Class 1 rail service. 137 employees. – **Did Not Submit**

Project Shield – Is an insulation panel manufacturer. \$30M investment 75 jobs. Needs a 25 – 50-acre pad ready site. – **Did Not Submit**

Project Powder - A ceramic supplier. Looking for 10-20 greenfield acres. Rail served preferred. 113 jobs, \$25/hr. – **Submitted 1895 Mines Road.**

Project IJV - International Joint Venture. Building Product Manufacturing. 80 employees, \$45M investment. Looking for a minimum of 15 acres. – **Submitted Lot 5.**

Project Northwind – a battery cell manufacturer. Need 40 acres or building 325,000-450,000 sq. Electric 5.5 MW to start up to 21.9 MW 2028 – **Did Not Submit**

Site Development Grant Update – "Updated grading plans approved. Will be uploaded to the state for approval before starting the bid process. "

Exit 14: Property at Exit 14 will be auctioned off around mid-year. Pilot Travel Centers has expressed interest in Exit 14.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments at said meeting of the Giles County Legislative Body.

ELECTIONS

NOTARIES PUBLIC AT LARGE

Upon motion of Tracy Wilburn and seconded by Evan Baddour, it was ordered by the Court that the following names and persons be elected to serve as Notaries Public at Large for Giles County, Tennessee: (Re-elections) Deborah Tatum Johnson, Chere Pitcock, Jennifer T. Reese, Jeannette M. Sheets, Melinda C. Toone; (New) Marcus Alex Bledsoe, Julie Beth Rogers, Shelby Thomas, Tonya A. Wooley, Monica J. Wright, which said motion was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried. All present voted Aye.

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

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION COMMITTEE: Ray Jordan, Andrea Stafford, Judy Pruett, Brad Butler

The Giles Extension Agriculture Committee recommended the appointments of Ray Jordan, Andrea Stafford, Judy Pruett and Brad Butler, to serve two year terms on the Agricultural Extension Committee. Upon motion of James Lathrop and seconded by Carman Brown, it was ordered by the Court that said persons be appointed to serve on said committee, which said motion was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried. All present voted Aye.

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and Ray Jordan, Andrea Stafford, Judy Pruett and Brad Butler appointed to serve two year terms on the Agricultural Extension Committee.

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD: James Lathrop, Ryan Gilland, Derek Rowe

County Executive Graham Stowe stated, "As mentioned last week, the City and County have decided to reestablish the Airport Advisory Board, and I'm proposing that we appoint Commissioner Lathrop, Mayor Gilland, and Mr. Derek Rowe, all of whom are pilots in our community."

Upon motion of Terry Jones and seconded by Evan Baddour, it was ordered by the Court that said appointments be approved, which said motion was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried. Gayle Jones abstained. All others present voted Aye.

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and James Lathrop, Ryan Gilland and Derek Rowe appointed to serve two year terms on the Airport Advisory Board.

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER: Josie Brown

Upon motion of Terry Jones and seconded by David Wamble, it was ordered by the Court that the appointment of Josie Brown to serve as Judicial Commissioner until July 31, 2025, be approved, which said motion was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried. All present voted Aye.

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and Josie Brown appointed to serve as Judicial Commissioner until July 31, 2025.

REPORTS

- 1. Finance Director for October 2024, including 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. Finance Director for November, 2024, including 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**
- 3. Giles County Highway Department Quarterly Report**
- 4. Giles County Road List 2025 (on file in County Clerk's office)**
- 5. Giles County Highway Equipment Inventory List 2025 (on file in County Clerk's office)**
- 6. Giles County Health Department Quarterly Report**
- 7. Giles County Public Library Report – Second Quarter 2024-2025**
- 8. Giles County Debt Management Policy, adopted 06/27/2024**

Upon motion of Caleb Savage and seconded by Rose Brown, it was ordered by the Court that said reports be combined and approved together. Commissioner David Wamble requested that the Commission vote on the Debt Management Policy separate from other reports. Motion of Caleb Savage seconded by Rose Brown was amended to combine reports 1 through 7 and approve them together, which said motion was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried. All present voted Aye.

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said reports 1 through 7, received, filed and approved as combined.

Upon motion of James Lathrop and seconded by Matt Rubelsky, it was ordered by the Court that Report 8, Giles County Debt Management Policy be approved, which said motion was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried. All present voted Aye.

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

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND GRANTS

- 1. Government Grant Contract: Giles County Archives Development Direct Grant, Term: August 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025**
- 2. Sheriff Department: Mental Health Transport**
- 3. Government Grant Amendment #3, Giles County Health Department Immunization, until July 31, 2026**
- 4. Second Amendment to Equipment and Occupancy License Agreement, Term: November 1, 2024 to October 31, 2027**
- 5. Pulaski Elementary School: Pitney Bowes 60 month contract**

Upon motion of Matthew Hopkins and seconded by Judy Pruett, it was ordered by the Court that said contracts, agreements and grants, be combined and voted on as one. Said motion to combine contracts was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried.

The County Executive, thereupon, declared contracts combined and to be voted on as one.

Sheriff Joe Purvis and Finance Director Beth Moore-Sumners address Commission

Sheriff Purvis addressed the Commission concerning the Mental Health Transport grant which his department received. He stated that he expected to receive these funds because he had applied for this grant. Commissioner Gayle Jones questioned if these funds were included in the current budget. Finance Director Beth Moore-Sumners stated that the funds received were amended back into this year's budget.

Said motion on the floor to approve said contracts, agreements, and grants 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, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour*, Rose Brown, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: None

Absent: Roger Reedy, Joseph Sutton

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

- Electronic voting devices for Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, and Evan Baddour did not record their votes correctly for this vote or the future votes at said meeting, so they advised County Clerk Carol Wade of their vote and she input that information into the device.

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2025-1

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

Upon motion of Matthew Hopkins and seconded by Matt Rubelsky, 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, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour*, Rose Brown, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruet, Carman Brown

No: None

Absent: Roger Reedy, Joseph Sutton

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

- Electronic voting devices for Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, and Evan Baddour did not record their votes correctly for this vote or the future votes at said meeting, so they advised County Clerk Carol Wade of their vote and she input that information into the device.

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2025-2

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

Upon motion of Terry Jones and seconded by Evan Baddour, 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, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour*, Rose Brown, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruet, Carman Brown

No: None

Absent: Roger Reedy, Joseph Sutton

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

- Electronic voting devices for Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, and Evan Baddour did not record their votes correctly for this vote or the future votes at said meeting, so they advised County Clerk Carol Wade of their vote and she input that information into the device.

RESOLUTION 2025-3**Approving the County Road List for 2025**

Upon motion of Tim Risner and seconded by Tracy Wilburn, 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, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour*, Rose Brown, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruet, Carman Brown

No: None

Absent: Roger Reedy, Joseph Sutton

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

- Electronic voting devices for Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, and Evan Baddour did not record their votes correctly for this vote or the future votes at said meeting, so they advised County Clerk Carol Wade of their vote and she input that information into the device.

RESOLUTION 2024-4**Authorizing the Highway Department to perform work for the City of Elkton, Ardmore, Minor Hill, Lynnville, and Pulaski**

Upon motion of Tim Risner 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, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour*, Rose Brown, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruet, Carman Brown

No: None

Absent: Roger Reedy, Joseph Sutton

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

- Electronic voting devices for Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, and Evan Baddour did not record their votes correctly for this vote or the future votes at said meeting, so they advised County Clerk Carol Wade of their vote and she input that information into the device.

RESOLUTION 2025-5

**To request Unclaimed Balance of Accounts remitted to State
Treasurer under Unclaimed Property Act**

Claims to be filed for: Giles County Board of Education
Giles County Highway Department
Giles County Ambulance Service
Giles County
Giles County Circuit Court
Giles County Chancery Court
Giles County Clerk
Giles County General Sessions Judge
Giles County Trustee
Giles County Register of Deeds
Giles County Tax Assessor
Giles County Jail

Upon motion of Joyce Woodard and seconded by Gayle 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, Tim Risner, Matthew Hopkins, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour*, Rose Brown, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: None

Absent: Roger Reedy, Joseph Sutton

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

- Electronic voting devices for Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, and Evan Baddour did not record their votes correctly for this vote or the future votes at said meeting, so they advised County Clerk Carol Wade of their vote and she input that information into the device.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Gayle Jones asked about the E911 building ownership transfer to the E911 Board. County Executive Stowe spoke about the legal implications and referred the question to the County Attorney.

County Attorney Chris Williams addresses Commission

County Attorney Chris Williams stated that he was working with Tim Underwood regarding the property and any documentation that would be required. Ms. Jones questioned the right of way. County Executive Graham Stowe stated the resolution directed him to research having the property transferred to E911.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to be considered.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

County Executive Graham Stowe stated that Giles County High School will be celebrating the completion of the renovation project. All were invited to GCHS today at 1:00 PM for the ribbon cutting.

Evan Baddour stated there would be a Legislative Meeting February 3, following the Public Service and Audit Committee meetings.

Mr. Stowe stated there would be a Budget Meeting February 7, 2025, and a Highway Committee Meeting February 11, 2025. The Agripark Committee will meet January 31, 2025, at the Agripark.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business on the agenda, upon motion of Matt Rubelsky and seconded by Carman Brown, the January 21, 2025, Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body was adjourned at 9:42 A.M.