

GILES COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY, May 19, 2025

BE IT REMEMBERED AT THE Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body, begun and held on the 19th day of May, 2025, at the Courthouse Annex 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
4. Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage
5. Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky
6. Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton
7. Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

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

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Fourth District County Commissioner Roger Reedy.

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 Fourth District County Commissioner Roger Reedy.

AGENDA CONCURRENCE

County Executive Graham Stowe asked if there were any corrections or additions to the agenda for said meeting. Upon motion of Roger Reedy and seconded by Caleb Savage, it was ordered by the Court that the proposed Xrio Ranch Development be discussed as New Business, which the County Executive asked if there were any objections, having none, he thereupon, declared motion carried by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES April 21, 2025, Regular Session

Upon motion of Shelly Goolsby and seconded by Matthew Hopkins, it was ordered by the Court that said minutes of the April 21, 2025, Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body be accepted and filed, which the County Executive asked if there were any objections, having none, he thereupon, declared motion carried by unanimous consent and said minutes approved.

ADDRESS COMMISSION EDC Director Philip Reese

May 2025 Director Report Unemployment Rates

	MARCH 2025	FEBRUARY 2024 (REV) Rates
Giles County	3.9	4.8
Lincoln	3.3	3.4
Lawrence	3.6	4.6
Marshall	3.1	4.8

Maury	2.9	5.4
State	3.6	3.7
US	4.2	4.1

Project Updates:

MARCH RFIs

Project Greenbridge — is a start-up battery recycling operation. Looking for a 50,000-sf building to Lease only. 52 jobs, \$30M capital investment. — **Did Not Submit.**

Project Puffy — a manufacturer of take & bake cookie dough. 50 jobs Capital Investment \$2.5M. They are looking for 5 acres or buildings 50,000 sf expandable to 75,000 sf. — **Did Not Submit.**

Site Development Grant Update — Completing TDEC permitting and should begin grading work no later than end of May. Expect 45 days of work unless weather delays progress.

Tarpley Shop Industrial Access — Bid letting by TDOT was May 9. Current low bid is \$2.8M. Construction should begin in July and take up to 2 years to complete.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Nicole Meadows:	Xrio Ranch
Cheryl Albury:	EMS, Beer, Airport
Nanette Beebe:	Xrio Ranch
Randy Nesmith:	EMS
Elizabeth (Niki) Nesmith:	EMS
Rosemary Martin:	Xrio Ranch
Elgin Lirette:	Beer Distance, EMS
Rene' Lirette:	Beer Distance, EMS
Rene Bryan:	Beer Distance

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 nominated as Notaries Public at Large for Giles County, Tennessee: (Re-Elections): Michelle Gibson, Tabitha M. Parker, Katie Pitts, Mattea Lee Rolin, Elizabeth White; (New) Ashley Newton, 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, Carman Brown

No: None

Absent: Tim Risner

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

- The electronic voting device for Roger Reedy did not record his vote correctly, so he advised County Clerk Carol Wade of his vote and she input that information into the device.

EDC BOARD: Morgan Flowers appointed

Upon motion of Tracy Wilburn and seconded by Brad Butler, it was ordered by the Court that Morgan Flowers' appointment to a four year term on the EDC 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, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: None

Absent: Tim Risner

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and Morgan Flowers' appointment to serve a four year term on the EDC Board approved. Term expires May 31, 2028.

- The electronic voting device for Roger Reedy did not record his vote correctly, so he advised County Clerk Carol Wade of his vote and she input that information into the device.

WATER ALLIANCE: Daryl Williamson appointed

Upon motion of Evan Baddour and seconded by Rose Brown, it was ordered by the Court that Daryl Williamson's appointment to the Water Alliance for a two year term 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, Carman Brown

No: None

Absent: Tim Risner

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and Daryl Williamson's appointment to serve a two year term on the Water Alliance approved. Term expires September, 2027.

- The electronic voting device for Roger Reedy did not record his vote correctly, so he advised County Clerk Carol Wade of his vote and she input that information into the device.

REPORTS

1. **Legislative Committee Rule 1 Change**
2. **Finance Director, (March, 2025) 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**
3. **Abernathy Field Airport GZS Advisory Council Findings**
4. **Charter of the Giles County Joint Emergency Coordination Board (JECB)**

1. Legislative Committee Rule 1 Change

Upon motion of David Wamble and seconded by Matthew Hopkins, it was ordered by the Court that consideration of the Legislative Committee Rule 1 Change be postponed until the June meeting, 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, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: Terry Jones, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky

Absent: Tim Risner

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and action on said rule change postponed until the June commission meeting.

Upon motion of Carman Brown and seconded by Evan Baddour, it was ordered by the Court that the remaining reports be combined and approved as one, 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, Annelle Guthrie, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Shelly Goolsby

Absent: Tim Risner

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

Upon motion of Caleb Savage and seconded by Erin Curry, 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, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: Gayle Jones

Absent: Tim Risner

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

- The electronic voting device for Roger Reedy did not record his vote correctly so he advised County Clerk Carol Wade of his vote and she input that information into the system.

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2025-18**Authorizing the amendment of the 2024-2025 Budget, County General Fund 101**

Upon motion of Shelly Goolsby 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, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy*, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: Evan Baddour

Absent: Tim Risner

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

- The electronic voting device for Roger Reedy did not record his vote correctly so he advised County Clerk Carol Wade of his vote and she input that information into the system.

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2025-19**Authorizing an amendment of the 2024-2025 Budget, Highway Fund 131**

Upon motion of David Wamble 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, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy*, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: None

Absent: Tim Risner

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

- The electronic voting device for Roger Reedy did not record his vote correctly so he advised County Clerk Carol Wade of his vote and she input that information into the system.

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2025-20**Authorizing the amendment of the 2023-2024 Budget, General Purpose School Fund 141 and Fund 143**

Upon motion of David Wamble 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, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy*, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: None

Absent: Tim Risner

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

- The electronic voting device for Roger Reedy did not record his vote correctly so he advised County Clerk Carol Wade of his vote and she input that information into the system.

RESOLUTION 2025-21**To assign proceeds from sale of EMS Equipment**

Upon motion of Terry Jones 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, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Matt Rubelsky, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: Gayle Jones, Evan Baddour, Shelly Goolsby

Absent: Tim Risner

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

RESOLUTION 2025-22**To reject EMS building renovation options**

Upon motion of Brad Butler and seconded by Carman Brown, it was ordered by the Court that said resolution be approved. Discussion followed among commissioners.

Upon motion of James Lathrop and seconded by Matthew Hopkins, question was called for, 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, David Wamble, Annelle Guthrie, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: Terry Jones, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Gayle Jones

Absent: Tim Risner

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried, discussion ended and vote on the resolution to be taken.

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, Annelle Guthrie, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Gayle Jones

Absent: Tim Risner

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

RESOLUTION 2025-23 To modify the beer sale distance rule

Upon motion of Carman Brown and seconded by Brad Butler, it was ordered by the Court that said resolution be approved. Discussion followed among commissioners concerning said resolution.

County Attorney Chris Williams stated that Tennessee Supreme Court holds that the distance is measured using the straight line method from the nearest portion of the building to the other building.

Brad Butler explained that cities have more authority than counties do as far as regulating distances for beer sales. Liquor sales are regulated by the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

Discussion followed among commissioners.

Upon motion of Gayle Jones and seconded by Matt Rubelsky, it was ordered by the Court that said distance rule be extended to 1000 feet.

County Attorney Chris Williams explained that the Tennessee Attorney General states that the county has the authority to include a provision that the rule would not apply to businesses who have obtained their permit prior to the date of adoption or re-adoption of the distance rule. He advised that the provision to "grandfather" should be included in the motion.

Motion and second of Gayle Jones and Matt Rubelsky were amended to include "and to grandfather in businesses with a distance between 600 feet and 1000 feet."

Additional discussion followed among commissioners. Tracy Wilburn asked about adding regulations for businesses that provide food.

The County Attorney stated that cities have more authority to regulate alcohol sales by businesses. He referred Commissioners to the CTAS manual on Beer.

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, Matt Rubelsky, Joseph Sutton

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

Absent: Tim Risner

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion failed for lack of a majority vote.

Motion on the floor to approve 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, David Adams*, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Shelly Goolsby, Carman Brown

No: Tracy Wilburn, Annelle Guthrie, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Joseph Sutton, Judy Pruett*

Absent: Tim Risner

Following reveal of said vote, Commissioner David Adams stated that he wished to vote "No" and Judy Pruett stated that she wished to vote "Aye" on said resolution. The County Executive, thereupon, requested Clerk to make said changes, declared motion carried and said resolution approved.

Upon motion of Caleb Savage, it was ordered by the Court that the sale of beer be banned on Sundays from 8 AM to 1 PM at businesses within 1000 feet of a church or school.

Recess

A recess was taken by the Commission.

Following said recess, County Attorney Chris Williams read from the Tennessee Code regarding hours of sale for beer and like beverages which states that the County may extend hours of sale but the County has no authority to shorten the hours of the sale of beer so said motion on the floor failed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion of Caleb Savage and seconded by Shelly Goolsby, it was ordered by the Court that the Commission request the Regional Planning Commission to expand subdivision standards to all private roads that provide access to three or more privately owned homes and to require all subdivisions of one hundred or more acres to be approved by the Regional Planning Commission.

Discussion followed among commissioners concerning the planned subdivision.

Property Assessor Tommy Hyatt address Commission

Property Assessor Tommy Hyatt addressed the Commission and stated that any private roads built would be the responsibility of the property owner and could not be adopted by the county unless they are brought up to the county specifications and standards. Additional discussion followed.

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, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: None

Absent: Tim Risner

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said request to be sent to the Regional Planning Commission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

County Executive Graham Stowe congratulated all the graduating seniors of 2025. He added that the first budget committee meeting will be Thursday at 8:30 AM and he reminded all of the EMS Open House Thursday from 5 to 7 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business on the agenda, upon motion of Matthew Hopkins and seconded by Caleb Savage, it was ordered by the Court that the May 19, 2025, meeting of the Giles County Legislative Body be adjourned at 7:39 PM.