

GILES COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY, APRIL 21, 2025

BE IT REMEMBERED AT THE Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body, begun and held on the 21st day of April, 2025, 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, Joseph Sutton, Rose Brown
7. Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

Graham Stowe, County Executive, Carol H. Wade, County Clerk, Whitney Kimbrough, Deputy 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 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 Evan Baddour, it was ordered by the Court that Resolution 2025-18 regarding Opioid Funds be considered before Amendment Resolution 2025-17, 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 Resolution 2025-18 to be considered before Amendment Resolution 2025-17.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES March 17, 2025, Regular Session

Upon motion of Tim Risner and seconded by Tracy Wilburn, it was ordered by the Court that said minutes of the March 17, 2025, 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 approved.

Employee of the Quarter

County Executive Graham Stowe announced that the Giles County Employee of the Quarter is Ms. Amber Remagen, Giles County Ambulance Service. Lieutenant Amber Remagen is cited for meritorious service in the performance of duty from January to March 2025, serving as Critical Care Paramedic with Giles County's Emergency Medical Service. Ms. Remagen's achievements exemplified our core values of integrity, stewardship, and excellence; she consistently demonstrated a steadfast dedication to her responsibilities, going above and beyond to provide superior service to our community. Ms. Remagen is a uniquely compassionate paramedic and proactive problem solver who creates opportunities to enhance

operations and improve patient care. Her collaboration to improve and implement protocols was critical to the project's success. Lieutenant Remagen is a gifted leader who is devoted to strengthening her team's performance in a fast-paced, high-stakes environment. Her voluntary assistance to the Emergency Medical Responder training program was indicative of her selfless commitment to the citizens of Giles County. Throughout this quarter she was an exemplary performer; her unwavering commitment to public service is commendable. In recognition of her extraordinary performance, we hereby recognize Amber Remagen as Giles County's Employee of the Quarter. Ms. Remagen'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.

ADDRESS COMMISSION EMS Training Report

County Executive Graham Stowe stated, "I've asked EMS Chief Chavez to provide a report on her recent training in England. Late last year I announced that Chief Chavez had been awarded the Excellence in Leadership award by the Tennessee EMS Education Association. Recently the association asked Willow and Dustin Blade to join a select group of Tennessee EMS professionals to attend a prestigious training opportunity in London. Chief Chavez would like to fill you in on the training's lessons and takeaways."

EMA Director Willow Chavez addressed the commission concerning the recent EMS Training. She provided a power point which covered the mission and training received. They plan to collaborate with STRHS-Pulaski to coordinate services provided and resources used to possibly reduce the burden on the Emergency Services as well as the Emergency Room at the hospital providing services that they cannot bill for.

ECD Director Philip Reese

EDC Director Philip Reese had to be out of town unexpectedly, so he provided a written report which was distributed to those present at the meeting.

Archives Director Report: Barbara Nicolson

County Executive Graham Stowe stated, "And now a quick announcement before I turn the podium over to Barbara Nicholson. Barbara has been a tremendous public servant in revitalizing our county archives department, and unfortunately for us she'll be departing at the end of next week. We're holding a farewell for her on Thursday May 1st, 2pm at the Archives. However, much as Barbara has accomplished, she asked for some time this morning to make us all aware of some future challenges. So Barbara - thanks for your years of public service, and the floor is yours."

Barbara Nicolson provided a report to the Commission regarding the storage volume needed for official government records. She stated that the County needs climate controlled record storage space to accommodate these documents.

Mrs. Nicolson introduced Katie Mayes-Smith who has been volunteering in the Archives office for the last eighteen months. She has learned all aspects of the office. Katie will be the new Archives Director.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

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): Susan P. Angus, Shalika R. Christian, Barry Crandall, Makinzy J. Farrar, Jacquelyn Gilbert, Janis Roberts Glover, Jennifer Morris Smith, Karen W. Sorrow, J. Christopher Williams; (New) Amber Gibson, Melissa Bottoms Harper, Katlin Helton, Rhett Murphy, Cameron B. Quinto, 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, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: None

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

- 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 the information into the device.

GILES COUNTY WATER ALLIANCE: Erin Curry and Evan Baddour

County Executive Graham Stowe stated, "In the April 7th Environmental Committee there was unanimous approval to stand up a unified partnership, to include the water utilities and two commissioner representatives. Next month we'll add a member of the public. Today you'll select two commissioners with the term to expire each September. The floor is open for nominations."

Upon nomination of Erin Curry by Shelly Goolsby, David Wamble by Roger Reedy, and Evan Baddour by Matt Rubelsky, it was ordered by the Court that said persons be nominated for said positions. Upon motion of Matthew Hopkins and seconded by Caleb Savage, it was ordered by the Court that nominations cease and an election be held, which said motion was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried.

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said election to proceed.

Nominations were put to the voice vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

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

Wamble: Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Tim Risner, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy

Baddour: Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

Abstain: David Wamble

The County Executive, thereupon, declared Erin Curry elected to said board. The vote between David Wamble and Evan Baddour resulted in a ten to ten tie. Stowe then voted for Evan Baddour.

The County Executive, thereupon, declared Evan Baddour elected to serve on the Giles County Water Alliance until September.

REPORTS

- 1. Finance Director for February, 2025, 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. Quarterly report of Giles County Highway Department (Statement from CTAS)**
- 3. Quarterly report of the Giles County Health Department**
- 4. Giles County Library report**
- 5. Financial Management Policies and Procedures Manual update (on file in County Clerk's office)**
- 6. Giles County Trustee Breakdown of Not Collected Taxes 04/01/2025**

County Executive Graham Stowe stated: "There are 6 reports listed that require Commission acknowledgment. I'll entertain a motion to combine these reports and consider together.

Upon motion of Caleb Savage and seconded by Brad Butler, it was ordered by the Court that said reports 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 reports combined.

Upon motion of Matthew Hopkins and seconded by Caleb Savage, 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, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: None

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

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND GRANTS

1. Government Grant Contract: Government Grant Contract: CPF Broadband Connected Community Facilities Grant Program – (ARPA-CPF), October 14, 2024 to October 31, 2026

County Executive Graham Stowe explained that "The contract in your package is for the \$2M CCF grant that will fund the expansion of the county library. The 10% grant match is being paid by the library, but all funds will flow through the county finance office, following all county procurement requirements."

Upon motion of Terry Jones and seconded by Matthew Hopkins, it was ordered by the Court that said 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, Tim Risner, 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

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

- 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.

RESOLUTION 2025-18 To appropriate Opioid funds

By order of the Court, Resolution 2025-18 was considered before Resolution 2025-17.

County Executive Graham Stowe provided the following explanation of said Resolution stating that, this “merits an in-depth explanation for the public, particularly since this is the county’s first disbursement of opioid funding. The opioid epidemic led to thousands of federal lawsuits against manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of opioid products. These culminated in multi-billion dollar settlements involving monetary damages to compensate state and local governments for the effects of widespread opioid abuse—including a tremendous strain on public health and law enforcement.

The Tennessee Opioid Abatement Council was established to manage the disbursement of proceeds from lawsuits related to the opioid crisis. Its primary purpose is to ensure that these funds are used to prevent and address the misuse and abuse of opioid products. The state council oversees the Opioid Abatement Trust Fund, which receives 70% of the settlement proceeds, while 15% goes to the state's general fund and 15% is distributed directly to county governments.

Giles County’s first disbursement totals \$140,164.76. This funding must be used for the awareness, education, and/or recovery of opioid abuse. Giles County’s Opioid Abatement Council assessed and scored 6 applications, and based on the scoring criteria that focused on prevention and treatment programs that positively impacted Giles County citizens, our Council recommended the funding breakdown outlined in the resolution:

- \$98,320 to the Giles County Sheriff's Dept for a full-time case manager
- \$31,250 to New Canaan Ranch to aid participants in overcoming opioid addictions;
- \$10,594.76 to The Shelter to provide support services to families impacted by opioid use

The Budget Committee unanimously concurred with the recommendations of the Council on April 4th. The floor is open for a motion to approve the resolution’s opioid allocations.”

Upon motion of Matt Rubelsky and seconded by Rose Brown, 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, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: None

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

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2025-17**Authorizing the amendment of the 2024-2025
Budget, County General Fund 101, Drug Fund
122, Debt Service Fund 151, Capital Projects Fund
171**

Upon motion of Matt Rubelsky 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, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: None

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

- Note Kevin Rose's retirement - last day on the 30th ... welcome Wheeler McCulloch
- Farewell gathering for Barbara Nicholson, May 1st, 2pm at Archives.
- Building Committee meeting on April 29th - next Tuesday - at 9am - we'll be meeting at the Ambulance Station.
- The application for non-profit funding has been advertised in the paper and the application is posted at gilescountytn.gov. Applications are due on May 1st by 4pm.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business on the agenda, upon motion of Matthew Hopkins and seconded by Matt Rubelsky, it was ordered by the Court that the April 21, 2025 meeting of the Giles County Legislative Body be adjourned at 5:51 PM.