

**GILES COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY**  
**June 26, 2025**

BE IT REMEMBERED AT THE Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body, begun and held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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, Joe Purvis, Giles County Sheriff, Chief Deputy Michael Woodard, Deputies Jeremy Mitchell, Timmy Scott, and Cornelio Meza Arbarca, 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 Matt Rubelsky and seconded by Erin Curry, it was ordered by the Court that Resolutions 2025-28, 2025-29, and 2025-30 be removed from the agenda and sent back to the Budget Committee to be reconsidered. Discussion followed among commissioners.

Finance Director Beth Moore-Sumners addresses Commission

Mrs. Moore-Sumners addressed the commission and explained the result to the county if the budget is not adopted and approved by June 30. Additional discussion followed.

Upon motion of Roger Reedy and seconded by David Wamble, it was ordered by the Court that said motion be tabled until said Resolutions were scheduled on the agenda, which said motion was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Tim Risner, Roger Reedy, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett

No: Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard, Matthew Hopkins, Caleb Savage, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Carman Brown

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and action on said motion on the floor would be taken up per the agenda.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

May 19, 2025, Regular Session

Upon motion of Caleb Savage and seconded by Matthew Hopkins, it was ordered by the Court that said minutes of the May 19, 2025, Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body be filed and approved, which said motion to file and approve said minutes was carried by unanimous consent.

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

## **ADDRESS COMMISSION**

EDC Director Philip Reese presented the following report:

June 2025 Director Report

Unemployment Rates

	<b>APRIL 2025</b>	<b>MARCH 2025 (REV) Rates</b>
Giles County	3.5*	3.9
Lincoln	2.9	3.3
Lawrence	3.2	3.6
Marshall	2.9	3.1
Maury	2.6	2.9
State	3.5	3.6
US	4.2	4.2

\*Total labor force steady @ ~13,000. April figures show 456 people unemployed, down 50 from March.

### **Project Updates:**

#### **MARCH RFIs**

**Project Locksmith2** – a dairy product production and distribution facility. They are looking for a building previously used for dairy manufacturing. 35 employees. Capital investment of \$25-\$30M. – **Did Not Submit.**

**Project Black Sabill** – an American advanced manufacturing Company. \$2.4 Billion investment and up to 8,000 employees. Looking in the US because of Federal economic policies. – **Did Not Submit due to 250 acre requirement as well as significant energy usage.**

**Project Bantam** – A manufacturer of stairlifts. Looking for a 30,000 – 50,000 sq. ft. leased building. \$22M capital investment in personal property. – **Submitted the Edelman building.**

**Project Lift** – They are a rigging solutions and support services. Looking for 30=40 acres, 150 new jobs at \$75K. – **Submitted Lot 15. Would need to subdivide.**

**Project Storage** – A Korean battery energy storage system. 300 jobs, \$150M capital investment. Looking for building 200K sq ft expandable to 300K sq ft and on 40-50 acres. – **Did Not Submit.**

**Site Development Grant Update** – Grading has started on Lot 5 and is expected to be complete end of July or early August, weather dependent.

**ThreeStar** – The required 3 short term and 3 long term goals that came out of our asset based assessment session have been submitted. The 3 areas identified in the session were development of the I65 corridor, outdoor recreational space and leveraging the airport for community and regional development. The I65 corridor project will kick off once there is clarity on Exit 14. We have already applied for a \$97K grant to develop an outdoor recreational master plan for Giles County.

**Marelli Bankruptcy News** – I have met with local officials, who have confirmed they are continuing to operate as usual. In fact, they are currently hiring to support 2 new pieces of business they are taking on at the site. Below is a part of what you can find on their website under FAQ's:

**Does Marelli have sufficient capital to continue operating through this process?**

- Yes. In connection with the court-supervised process, Marelli has received a commitment for approximately \$1.1B in debtor-in-possession financing from its lenders.
- This capital injection, in combination with cash generated from the Company's ongoing operations, is expected to provide us with sufficient liquidity to support all current business activities throughout the restructuring.
- This additional capital from our lenders also underscores their continued support and confidence in our underlying business and our long-term potential.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Dr. Cathy Roberts	Budget
Leah Bailey	Budget
Thomas King II	Budget

**ELECTIONS**

**NOTARIES PUBLIC AT LARGE**

Upon motion of Evan Baddour 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): Katelynn Kay Adcock, Kathy M. Bassham, Karla T. Braden, Marty C. Brooks, Jesse R. Busby, Jay M. Butler, Laura Bevin Collins, Zena Dickey, Paula J. Gatlin, D Green, Christine L. Judkins, Patricia K. Lochridge, Dusty A. Owens, Remonia E. Randolph, Patrice L. Simmons Massey, Allyson B. Tinnon, (New): Christine Cash, Jennifer L. Daugherty, Clint D. King, Sarah C. Mixon, Robert W. Pogue, 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 Notaries Public at Large elected.

## REPORTS

1. **Legislative Committee Rule 1 Change**
2. **Finance Director, (April 2025 and May 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. **Mutual Aid Bill Public Chapter 193 – SB0660/HB0737 for County Clerks**
4. **Giles County Financial Management Policies and Procedures Manual (on file in County Clerk's office)**

### 1. Legislative Committee Rule 1 Change

Upon motion of David Wamble and seconded by Tracy Wilburn, it was ordered by the Court that Legislative Committee Rule 1 Change be approved. Discussion followed among commissioners. Upon motion of Matthew Hopkins and seconded by Erin Curry, it was ordered by the Court that said rule be amended to 5 PM year round, 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, David Adams, Tim Risner, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Carman Brown

No: Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, Annelle Guthrie, Rose Brown, Judy Pruett

Several commissioners stated they were not sure of what they were voting on so said motion was put to the roll call vote of the Court again, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: Erin Curry, Tim Risner, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Carman Brown

No: James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Rose Brown, Judy Pruett

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

Original motion of Wamble and Wilburn was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Tim Risner, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Judy Pruett

No: Erin Curry, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Shelly Goolsby, Carman Brown

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion failed for lack of the required two-thirds majority vote. Commission meeting times remain unchanged.

2. Finance Director Reports
3. Mutual Aid Bill
4. GC Financial Management Policies and Procedures

Upon motion of Shelly Goolsby and seconded by Caleb Savage, it was ordered by the Court that Reports 2, 3 and 4 be 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, Annelle Guthrie, Matthew Hopkins, Caleb Savage, Brad Nutler, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Tim Risner, Roger Reedy, Gayle Jones

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said reports combined. Upon motion of Matthew Hopkins and seconded by Terry Jones, it was ordered by the Court that said reports be approved as combined.

Finance Director Beth Moore Sumners and County Clerk Carol Wade address Commission

Discussion followed among commissioners and upon request of the Commission, Finance Director Beth Moore-Sumners gave an explanation of the Finance Director's report and the update of the Financial Management Policies and Procedures manual. County Clerk Carol Wade stated the Mutual Aid Bill was put in place by the Legislature to enable County Clerk's offices across the state to aid fellow County Clerk's offices if requested due to a disaster. Said motion on the floor 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 approved as combined.

## **CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND GRANTS**

### **1. Governmental Grant Contract: Public Assistance Grant award for cost incurred during FEMA-4514-DR-TN. Term: January 1, 2020 to May 11, 2026**

Upon motion of Matthew Hopkins and seconded by Roger Reedy, it was ordered by the Court that said grant contract be approved. Josh Young explained the grant contract award was reimbursement for supplies provided during Covid. Motion on the floor was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried. All present voted Aye.

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

### **AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2025-24**

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

Upon motion of Roger Reedy and seconded by Matthew Hopkins, it was ordered by the Court that said amendment resolution be approved.

Finance Director Beth Moore-Sumners addresses the Commission

Mrs. Moore-Sumners addressed the commission explaining the reasons for said amendment. Following her address, said motion on the floor was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried. All present voted Aye.

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

### **AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2025-25**

### **Authorizing the amendment of the 2024-2025 Budget, Highway Fund 131**

Upon motion of Matthew Hopkins and seconded by Matt Rubelsky, it was ordered by the Court that said amendment resolution be approved.

Finance Director Beth Moore-Sumners addresses the Commission

Mrs. Moore-Sumners addressed the commission explaining the reasons for said amendment. Following her address, said motion on the floor was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried. All present voted Aye.

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

### **AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2025-26**

### **Authorizing the amendment of the 2024-2025 Budget, General Purpose School Fund 141, Fund 143 Cafeteria**

Upon motion of Judy Pruett and seconded by Rose Brown, it was ordered by the Court that said amendment resolution be approved.

Finance Director Beth Moore-Sumners addresses the Commission

Mrs. Moore-Sumners addressed the commission explaining the reasons for said amendment. Following her address, said motion on the floor was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried. All present voted Aye.

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

**RESOLUTION 2025-27**

**Naming a bridge on Pigeon Roost RD over Pigeon Roost Creek Bridge No. #28-01904-4.40, the James Robert (Red) Newton Memorial Bridge**

Upon motion of Carman Brown and seconded by Shelly Goolsby, 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, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: Matthew Hopkins

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

**RESOLUTION 2025-28**

**Making appropriations to Nonprofit Charitable Organizations of Giles County, Tennessee, for the year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026**

**RESOLUTION 2025-29**

**Making Appropriations for the various funds, departments, institutions, offices and Agencies of Giles County, Tennessee, for the year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026**

**RESOLUTION 2025-30**

**Fixing the tax levy in Giles County, Tennessee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025**

Because the earlier motion to send all three budget resolutions back to the Budget Committee was tabled, the Court then restated the original motion to return all three budget resolutions to the Budget Committee. Debate followed regarding whether to vote on each resolution individually. However, the Court ruled that it must first act on the previously tabled motion. A roll call vote was conducted on the motion to return the budget resolutions to committee, with the following detailed results:

Aye: 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

No: David Wamble

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said Resolutions 2025-28, 29, and 30 to be sent back to the Budget Committee for a meeting to be held on July 3.

**RESOLUTION 2025-31****Approving the Uncollectable Patient Accounts for the Giles County Ambulance Service**

Upon motion of Erin Curry and seconded by Matt Rubelsky, it was ordered by the Court that said resolution be approved.

Finance Director Beth Moore-Sumners addresses Commission

Mrs. Moore-Sumners stated that there will always be uncollectable accounts for the ambulance service. After they are sent to collections and all attempts to collect are exhausted, the remaining accounts are written off annually.

Said 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, 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.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Matthew Hopkins stated that his son, Samuel Hopkins received Second Place in the "Stossel in the Classroom" essay contest for the middle school age group. This was a national writing contest.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no additional announcements at said meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business on the agenda, upon motion of Matt Rubelsky and seconded by Matthew Hopkins, it was ordered by the Court that the June 26, 2025, meeting of the Giles County Legislative Body be adjourned at 6:35 PM.