

GILES COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY
July 29, 2025

BE IT REMEMBERED AT THE Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body, begun and held on the 29th day of July, 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
4. Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage
5. Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky
6. Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton
7. Shelly Goolsby, Carman Brown

Graham Stowe, County Executive, Carol H. Wade, County Clerk, Whitney Kimbrough, Deputy County Clerk, Joe Purvis, Sheriff, Michael Woodard, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Deputies Timmy Scott, David Buschmann, Cornelio Meza Arbarca 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. Having none, he thereupon, declared said agenda approved by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES June 26, 2025, Regular Session

Commissioner Gayle Jones requested that the minutes of the June 26, 2025, Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body be amended to add the time that was being revised in the Legislative Rule Change. With no other revisions necessary, the County Executive, thereupon, declared said minutes accepted and approved as amended by unanimous consent.

ADDRESS COMMISSION: EDC Director Philip Reese
August 2025 Director Report
Unemployment Rates

	JUNE 2025	MAY 2025 (REV) Rates
Giles County	4.8*	4.0
Lincoln	4.1	3.3
Lawrence	4.6	3.7
Marshall	3.9	3.2
Maurry	3.4	2.8
State	3.5	3.5
US	4.1	4.2

*Total labor force steady ~13,000. May figures reflect 626 unemployed vs 520 in the prior month.

Project Updates:

Project Hidden Spring – an integrated critical minerals enterprise. Need 400-600 acres. 500 jobs and \$500M capital investment. – **Did Not Submit.**

Project Newey – An Australian based company that is a manufacturer of sterilants, disinfectants, professional cleaning supplies. 70 jobs, \$30M capital investment. Heavy Industrial Zoning. Looking for a minimum land size of 10-25 acres or 30,000 – 50,000 sq ft industrial unit. – **Did Not Submit.**

Project Prime – A Italian FDI Company that is an assembler of medium voltage transformers. 40 jobs, \$365,000 Personal Property Investment. They need 20k-40K sq ft of space. – **Submitted the Edelmann building.**

Site Development Grant Update – Grading work is underway. Completion expected mid-August.

Career Expo – is scheduled for October 3. This has historically been a spring event, but at the request of the Giles County Schools, we are transitioning to an annual fall event.

Exit 14 – The public auction for the Sutton estate has been set for September 20.

450 Bennett Drive – A 114,000 sq ft building owned by Richland Industries is up for sale. The manufacturing part of the building has been empty and is now being marketed for sale. I am working with the real estate agent to get the information needed to include this in what we can submit for inquiries coming from the state.

GILES COUNTY EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER: Jackie Morgan, EMS

County Executive Graham Stowe announced that the Giles County Employee of the Quarter is Jackie Morgan of the Giles County Emergency Medical Services, and read the following Citation:

Ms. Jackie Morgan is cited for meritorious service in the performance of duty from April to June 2025, serving as Billing Manager for Giles County EMS. Jackie consistently exemplifies excellence in public service, combining professionalism, precision, and compassion in every aspect of her work. She has improved EMS billing processes, enhanced revenue capture, and reduced documentation errors, all while showing deep care for patients facing financial hardship.

Jackie's integrity and quiet leadership have been a stabilizing force during challenging times, and her dedication—highlighted by her successful completion of a complex Medicare audit that saved the county \$30,000—is an inspiration. Throughout this quarter she has been an exemplary performer; her unwavering commitment to public service is commendable. In recognition of her extraordinary performance, we hereby recognize Jackie Morgan as Giles County's Employee of the Quarter. Ms. Morgan's pursuit of excellence and devotion to duty are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the finest traditions of Giles County public service.

LOSS OF TIM RISNER

Third District County Commissioner Tim Risner passed away on July 19, 2025. Tim had written a letter to the Commission and the County. County Executive Graham Stowe read the letter to the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Four speakers addressed the Commission. They were: Leah Bailey, Steve Woods, Cheryl Lynn Albury and Crystal Greene. All addressed the Commission in regard to the Budget.

ELECTIONS
NOTARIES PUBLIC AT LARGE

Upon motion of Shelly Goolsby 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 (New): Heather Birdsong, Kelly M. Gulliver, Kaitlin M. Luther, Misty Moore; (Re-elections): Christina W. Duke, Jennifer Hallmark, Tiffany Hosay, Brooklyn D. Moore, Stephen Mitchell Newton, Tracy J. Risner, Mark A. 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, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Carman Brown

No: None

Abstain: Caleb Savage

Absent: Judy Pruett

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

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONERS: Marvin David Boyd, Josie Brown, and Robert London appointed

Upon motion of Tracy Wilburn and seconded by Evan Baddour, it was ordered by the Court that the appointments of Marvin David Boyd, Josie Brown, and Robert London to serve as Judicial Commissioners for one year terms by Judge Chip Richardson 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, Carman Brown

No: None

Absent: Judy Pruett

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and Marvin David Boyd, Josie Brown, and Robert London's appointments to serve as Judicial Commissioners for one year terms expiring July 31, 2026 approved.

REPORTS

1. Giles County Health Department Quarterly Report
2. Giles County Public Library Fourth Quarter 2024-2025
3. Giles County Sheriff Dept. -- Annual Report
4. Giles County Trustee Investments -- July 1, 2025
5. Giles County Trustee 2023-2024 Tax Aggregate Report

County Executive Graham Stowe gave the following introduction to the business at hand: "**Reports** - There are 5 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 Matthew Hopkins, 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 reports combined and to be considered as one. Upon motion of Matthew Hopkins and seconded by Carman Brown, 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, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Carman Brown

No: None

Absent: Judy Pruett

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said Reports one through five approved as combined.

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND GRANTS

1. Franchise Agreement between Giles County and Mediacom Southeast LLC to June 29, 2040
2. CDW Amplified for Education, Google Workspace for Education, Term: 7/24/25-7/23/26

County Executive Graham Stowe provided the following explanation of the contracts: "There are 2 agreements listed: *The franchise agreement is with Mediacom to continue operations in Giles County for another 15 years. The original agreement dates back to 1995. Mediacom provides service to 1288 locations in Ardmore and Elkton. There is no financial commitment - the agreement simply allows Mediacom to continue doing cable installs and repairs on public right of ways.*"

Upon motion of Matthew Hopkins and seconded by Caleb Savage, it was ordered by the Court that said contracts and agreements be combined and approved as one, which said motion was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried. Upon motion of Matt Rubelsky and seconded by Matthew Hopkins, it was ordered by the Court that said contracts and agreements 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, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Carman Brown

No: None

Absent: Judy Pruett

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

RESOLUTION 2025-32**Making appropriations to Nonprofit Charitable Organizations of Giles County, Tennessee, for the year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026**

County Executive Graham Stowe provided the following explanation: "**Resolution 2025-32** appropriates \$495K to non-profits that the Commission has set apart as compulsory and necessary to public service. The floor is open for a motion."

Upon motion of Erin Curry and seconded by Carman Brown, it was ordered by the Court that said resolution be approved. Ms. Curry stated that passage of said resolution was very important to the Fire and Rescue so their insurance could be paid. 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, Roger Reedy, Brad Butler, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Carman Brown

No: Matthew Hopkins, Caleb Savage, Gayle Jones

Absent: Judy Pruett

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

RESOLUTION 2025-33**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**

County Executive Graham Stowe provided the following explanation: "**Resolution 2025-33** is the budget appropriation for FY 25-26. The budget can certainly be debated but by statute it cannot be amended in this meeting - it must be voted up or down as presented. I'd also like to point out - primarily for public information - that the Commission's work-session earlier this month - as a compromise - opted to move \$1.9M of recurring annual expenses out of the budget - this year those expenditures will come out of reserves, which was done to lower the tax rate from the original budget proposal. The floor is open for a motion."

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

Finance Director Beth Moore-Summers addresses Commission

Discussion followed among commissioners. Finance Director Beth Moore-Summers addressed the commission answering questions regarding the Financial Management Act and requirements regarding adoption of the Budget. She stated that Maintenance of Effort requirements exist for the Sheriff, Election Commission, School, Highway, Tax Assessor, County Executive, as well as the Libraries. She stated these are statutory requirements which must be met.

Additional discussion followed among commissioners. 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, Roger Reedy, Brad Butler, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Carman Brown

No: Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Matthew Hopkins, Caleb Savage, Gayle Jones

Absent: Judy Pruett

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

RESOLUTION 2025-34**Fixing the tax levy in Giles County, Tennessee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025**

County Executive Graham Stowe provided the following explanation of said resolution: **"Resolution 2025-34** sets the county property tax rate for the General Fund, Highway, and General Purpose School; this resolution proposes a total tax rate of \$2.3053, a 32-cent increase. The floor is open for a motion."

Upon motion of Matt Rubelsky and seconded by Erin Curry, 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, Roger Reedy, Brad Butler, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Carman Brown

No: Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Matthew Hopkins, Caleb Savage, Gayle Jones

Absent: Judy Pruett

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

County Executive Graham Stowe stated that a replacement for County Commissioner Tim Risner will be elected at the August 18, 2025 meeting of the Giles County Legislative Body. He added that there would be Budget and School committee meetings on Friday, August 8.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business on the agenda, upon motion of Carman Brown and seconded by Matt Rubelsky, it was ordered by the Court that the July 29, 2025, Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body be adjourned at 6:08 PM.