

GILES COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY, AUGUST 18, 2025

BE IT REMEMBERED AT THE Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body, begun and held on the 18th day of August, 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
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. Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton
7. Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

Graham Stowe, County Executive, Carol H. Wade, County Clerk, Whitney Kimbrough, Deputy County Clerk, Joe Purvis, Sheriff, 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. It was noted that Evan Baddour, Sixth District County Commissioner arrived and was counted present.

AGENDA CONCURRENCE

County Executive Graham Stowe stated that EDC Director Philip Reese had business travel and would not be available to provide a report at this meeting. With that change to the agenda and no conflicts, the Chairman, thereupon, declared agenda confirmed by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES July 29, 2025, Regular Session

Upon motion of Caleb Savage and seconded by Matt Rubelsky, it was ordered by the Court that minutes of the July 29, 2025, Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body be accepted and approved, which the Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections, and having none, he thereupon, declared motion carried and minutes of the July 29, 2025, Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body approved by unanimous consent.

ADDRESS COMMISSION 70th District State Representative Clay Doggett

70th District State Representative Clay Doggett addressed the Commission. He updated the commission on what the state is doing to make Tennessee safer. Training is offered to law enforcement with little or no cost to the local agency. They will come to our UT Southern campus.

He added that the state is investing in public safety and law enforcement. \$128 million has been dedicated to public education. The thriving community grant includes \$42.5 million grant pool with nonrecurring funds for important emergency and community services; 20 million for fire departments; 5 million for rescue squads; 5 million for emergency medical services and 5 million for local museum improvements. There is also a 2 million dollar courthouse renovation grant. Five counties have

requested this, including Giles County. We must apply for this grant and if other counties do not take advantage of it, we may be able to obtain additional funds.

Doggett stated that they are working on ways to bring money back to the counties. He added that he and fellow legislators are working toward creative solutions to accomplish this.

He added that the state is well aware that many counties need more water. They are also well aware of the program cuts which have been implemented, such as Head Start and Meals on Wheels. He stated that the state will have to help with these programs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following individual addressed the County Commission concerning agenda items:

Tammy Foust, Budget

ELECTION

THIRD DISTRICT COUNTY COMMISSIONER: RICKIE L CARPENTER ELECTED

County Executive Graham Stowe provided the following explanation of the **Commissioner Election**: "The process for filling a commissioner vacancy is provided in Tennessee Code 5-5-111. We'll be following that process to the letter. As background, we've circulated public notice of this election for 14 days, twice that required by law. Eligible candidates are any registered voters who live in the 3rd District."

1. The following individuals have submitted requests for consideration:
Rickie Carpenter, Mike Cesarini, Rosemary Martin, and Brett McNeil. Please note that applicants must be formally nominated by a sitting commissioner to be an official candidate.
2. Next, no nominations from the public are permitted - Nominations must be made by sitting commissioners. Nominations do not require a second. Nominations will close with a motion, a second and majority vote.
3. The floor is open for nominations.
4. Nominations include 1, 2, 3, 4?
We'll be voting by roll call and do as many voting rounds as necessary - the first candidate who earns 11 votes or higher will be declared the winner of the election.

Due to the death of Tim Risner, County Commissioner for the Third District, an election was called for. Upon nomination of Rickie L Carpenter by Annelle Guthrie; Brett McNeil by Matt Rubelsky; Rosemary Martin by Evan Baddour; and Mike Cesarini by Roger Reedy, it was ordered by the Court that said election be held for Third District County Commissioner to serve until the next County-wide election. Upon motion of Caleb Savage and seconded by Matthew Hopkins, it was ordered by the Court that nominations cease and said election be held, which said motion was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried. Said election was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Carpenter: Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Joseph Sutton, Carman Brown

Cesarini: Roger Reedy, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett

Martin: Evan Baddour, Rose Brown

McNeil: Matthew Hopkins, Matt Rubelsky

The County Executive, thereupon, declared Rickie Carpenter elected to serve as Third District County Commissioner until the next county wide election in August of 2026.

RECESS: Swearing in of Rickie L Carpenter

It was ordered by the Court that a recess be taken for the swearing in ceremony of Rickie L. Carpenter as Third District County Commissioner.

ROLL CALL

Following the swearing in of the new commissioner, roll was again called to document the presence of all Commissioners at said meeting.

Present and presiding the Honorable Graham Stowe, Chairman, and the following Board of Commissioners, to-wit:

1. Erin Curry, James Lathrop
2. Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn
3. David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Rickie Carpenter
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, County Executive, Carol H. Wade, County Clerk, Whitney Kimbrough, Deputy County Clerk, Joe Purvis, Sheriff, Michael Woodard, Chief Deputy Sheriff, and Chris Williams, County Attorney, when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

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): Kimberly Dawn Hughes, Tonya Mullins Yokley; (New): Sandra Schatz, 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, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Rickie Carpenter, 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.

REPORTS

- 1. Giles County Finance Director, (June, 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, and Other Capital Projects**

Upon motion of Tracy Wilburn and seconded by Carman Brown, it was ordered by the Court that said report 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, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Rickie Carpenter, 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 report approved.

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND GRANTS

- 1. Government Grant Contract: TN Dept of Health, Term: 7/1/25-6/30/26**
- 2. Spectrum Business with Giles County Board of Education (Scope of work)**

Upon motion of Shelly Goolsby and seconded by Carman Brown, it was ordered by the Court that said contracts, agreements, and grants, be combined and approved together, which said motion was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried.

Upon motion of Tracy Wilburn and seconded by Shelly Goolsby, it was ordered by the Court that said contracts 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, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Rickie Carpenter, 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 contracts, agreements, and grants approved as combined.

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2025-35

**Authorizing the amendment of the 2025-2026
Budget, County General Fund 101, Probation
Settlement Fund 128, General Capital Projects
Fund 171, Other Capital Projects Fund 189**

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, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Rickie Carpenter, 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: Terry Jones

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

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2025-36

**Authorizing an amendment of the 2025-2026
Budget, Highway Fund 131**

Upon motion of Tracy Wilburn 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, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Rickie Carpenter, 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.

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2025-37**Authorizing the amendment of the 2025-2026
Budget, Board of Education Fund 141, 143, 177**

County Executive Graham Stowe stated that the wrong account number was listed on the amendment resolution. The correct number is 141-71100-449, not 499. With that correction, Chairman Stowe presented said resolution for approval by the Commission.

Upon motion of Terry Jones and seconded by Shelly Goolsby, 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, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Rickie Carpenter, 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

County Executive Graham Stowe stated that due to the retirement of Joyce Woodard, the election for her replacement representing District 1 would be held in September. Solicitation for applicants has been published.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business on the agenda, upon motion of Carman Brown and seconded by Matthew Hopkins, it was ordered by the Court that the August 18, 2025, Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body be adjourned to at 6:05 PM.