

GILES COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY
February 17, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED AT THE Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body, begun and held on the 17th day of February 2026, at the Giles County Courthouse in Pulaski, Tennessee, present and presiding the Honorable David Wamble, 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, Rick Carpenter
4. Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage
5. Brad Butler, (arrived after roll call) Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky
6. Evan Baddour, Rose Brown
7. Shelly Goolsy, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

Graham Stowe, County Executive, Carol H. Wade, County Clerk, Whitney Kimbrough, Deputy County Clerk, Joe Purvis, Giles County Sheriff, Michael Woodard, Giles County Chief Deputy 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.

1. AGENDA CONCURRENCE

Chairman David Wamble asked if there were any corrections or additions to the agenda for said meeting. Having none, he thereupon declared said agenda confirmed. Said approval was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried. All present voted Aye.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES January 20, 2026, Regular Session

Upon motion of Caleb Savage and seconded by Matthew Hopkins, it was ordered by the Court that said minutes of the January 20, 2026, Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body be accepted and approved as filed, which said motion was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried. All present voted Aye.

The Chairman, thereupon, declared motion carried and said minutes approved as filed.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Martin Rapp	Wheel Tax
Steve Woods	Bond
Scott Bailey	Courthouse

4. **ADDRESS COMMISSION** EDC Director Phillip Reese
February 2025 Director Report Information

Rates	Unemployment Rates	
	DECEMBER 2025	NOVEMBER 2025 (REV)
Giles County	4.5*	4.1
Lincoln	3.3	3.8
Lawrence	4.6	4.0
Marshall	4.6	3.7
Maury	5.7	3.3
State	3.6	3.6
US	4.4	4.5

*Total labor force steady ~13,216. December figures reflect 600 unemployed vs 540 in November.

Project Updates:

Project Apex – to establish a commercial scale graphite anode processing facility. Need 50 acres expandable to 130. 54.17 MW peak demand, heavy industrial zoning **Did Not Submit**

Project Anchor– the establishment of a storage warehouse and logistics facility focused on the secure storage and transloading of non-explosive, non-flammable, hazardous solids. Need a 100,000 to 400,000 sq. ft. building. \$20M to \$40M capital investment. 15-20 jobs. – **Did Not Submit**

Project Vitality – a global pharmaceutical and dermatology company. \$400 - \$500 capital investment. 500 full-time employees. They need minimum 10 acres or a 100,000-150,000 sq. ft. building. Prioritizing sites close to BNA and existing pharmaceutical infrastructure. – **Did Not Submit.**

Project Vine – a packaging manufacturing industry. Need a minimum of 125,000 sq. ft. building. Capital Investment \$40M and 70 full-time jobs. – **Did Not Submit**

- Recapture of 5 acres on Tarpley Shop complete. Have one party interested in property.
- Advanced Industrial Services purchased Richland Industries with plans to grow.
- Former Bankston Motor Homes site under consideration for company moving from Oregon

Site Development Grant Update – Working on approval from the state to make additional improvements inside scope of the grant award (temporary road on pad, new signage, engineering drawings for spec building)

Exit 14 – Pilot has offered to fund a community waste treatment system at Exit 14 but does not want to operate it long term. Discussions initiated with South Giles Utility District.

Three Star Grant – Completed listening sessions with community. Consultants will visit Giles County week of February 23 and should have the community online survey ready shortly thereafter.

Other – Waffle House on track to complete construction in May. Common John intends to open sometime in March.

5. CE and Department Head Reports

COMMISSION ADDRESS — 17 Feb 26

The courthouse and the wheel tax are on today's agenda. These are important issues. But my role this morning is to provide big-picture context. Because your agenda items are **symptoms** of a much larger problem. The root of the problem is a **structural deficit**. Our financial problem has been building for years. Decades. Politics is not our problem. Our greatest challenge is **arithmetic**. Recurring revenue is not covering recurring expense.

Let's go through some recent history. I won't go through decades of history—I'll just go over a couple of decisions to make my point. In FY 21–22—the previous term—the Commission was \$700K short in the annual budget. How did they make up the difference? They transferred pennies — \$700,000 from Fund 189 to operations. **Recurring, every year.**

The very next fiscal year—also the previous term—the Commission was \$500K short in the annual budget. How did they make up the difference? More pennies transferred — Another \$500,000 was taken from Fund 189.

Also recurring.

These were warning signs. They were **not** solutions. I'm sure at the time these moves seemed necessary, prudent. But those decisions had consequences - we're seeing them today. The people of Giles County also thought we were getting balanced budgets. We were not.

Today, we know exactly what we got — postponed reality. We're seeing firsthand that you can ignore reality, but you cannot ignore the **consequences** of ignoring reality.

Now, let's say we had **not** raided 189 to make the budget numbers work. At a modest 3.8% return, that money would represent over **six million dollars** today, with another **\$2.2 million** being added every year.

Imagine 189 with \$6 million banked, and another \$2.2 million in annual revenue. If that were the case, you would **not** have a heated debate this morning. Because had we **not** raided 189, we would **not** be debating which critical project to cut. We would easily fund the courthouse. **And** an EMS station. **And** Capital equipment. Every capital need would be covered by Fund 189.

Just as it should be. But there are no do-overs. That money is **gone**.

SO WHERE DOES THIS LEAVE US NOW?

Last year's budget liquidated another reserve fund, **gutting** 171. After an extremely high property tax increase, we were **still \$1.8 million short**.

And - annual operating costs are not going down.

Our options are now fewer – the solutions more painful. The structural imbalance **remains**.

Some on this Commission were part of these decisions.

Some of us inherited them.

But **all of us** must fix them.

NOW, LET ME SHIFT TO ENGINEERING AND A/E FEES

Before my arrival, the county hired award-winning, licensed engineers to evaluate the courthouse. They assessed this building — they designed solutions. Full-building mechanical systems are **engineered**, not improvised. There were several HVAC options presented to us.

Out of 21 commissioners, exactly one has HVAC experience.
At his request we sat in a room together with the engineers.
He asked good, pointed questions – asked them to revisit the options.
So they did.

The mechanical engineers answered the questions — they briefed him on their recommendation, which is included in the \$8.5M scope of work.

The very plan that earned his “yes” vote in October.

That’s that on the HVAC question.

I also hear complaints about A/E fees. Want to know why A/E fees escalate? Because every time we triple-guess the engineers, the meter is running. That’s what drives fees up. With respect, there are only 2 engineers here—myself and Commissioner Curry.

My expertise is in soils and foundations; Ms. Curry's is in transportation engineering. We know those fields well—more importantly, we **know** what we **don't know**. That's why we rely on specialized engineers and the solutions they recommend.

Common sense goes a long way. But just as you don’t do brain surgery or rocket science with common sense, you don’t design mechanical systems with common sense. Let's rely on the engineers we hired — It's their job to deliver the most cost-effective solutions, and that's what they've delivered.

Now, the COURTHOUSE renovation

This body voted **13–7** for an \$8.5 million renovation. That **commitment** – if we can call it that - was made 4 months ago. That decision was made because the \$5 million option dropped too many critical items.

Now we’re second-guessing ourselves.

As a reminder, **delay** has a **price tag**. Given 4% construction inflation, continued indecision will cost upwards of **\$28,000 per month**.

It’s your call. Reduce the scope or stick with your October decision. But let’s stop hesitating. It's time to fix the courthouse.

A wheel tax resolution is also on your agenda:

The proposed wheel tax is also a symptom of the larger structural problem. As we stare at a \$1.8 million revenue deficit, the structural solutions are brutally simple:

Raise \$1.8 million in revenue — that’s the wheel tax idea.

Or, find \$1.8 million in budget cuts.

There is **no** third option. Revenue goes up, or services get **slashed**.

So, let's talk about those cuts

There are commissioners who do not support a tax increase. Well and good. I get it – taxes aren't popular. But that comes with a responsibility — it's the job of those commissioners to come up with \$1.8 million in cuts.

That has not happened. And I can tell you with 100% certainty: It's **not going** to happen.

Let me tell you **why** it's not going to happen. Here's what \$1.8 million in cuts looks like:

We would need to cut over 30 positions, at least **12% of the county workforce**.

I challenge any commissioner. Show me — show any department head —where to cut 30-plus positions. Cutting positions will involve diminished services.

I challenge you again - Ask your constituents if this is what they want.

Or if you don't like that solution, you can cut services. You can shutter the Agri Park and close the Animal Shelter. Then you can close EMS north and south stations. Reduce convenience center openings to 4 days from 6. You can shut down the Veterans Service Office. Then you can defund the Senior Center, libraries, rescue squad — cut all the nonprofits from the budget.

Now, who's for that? Ask your constituents if this is what they want.

Ugly, right? Well guess what—as ugly as that would be, that list of cuts would only close about ½ **the budget gap**.

Folks - "Cut spending" sounds great on Facebook.

It is **not** a financial strategy.

You're welcome to stand against the wheel tax as a citizen. But if you're a commissioner—you're responsible for the math. As our math teachers used to say, "Show your work." Show us the cuts. We'll wait. I've been waiting since last June. Crickets.

Throwing rocks without offering an alternative is not leadership.

It is **abdication**.

The political HARD TRUTH

Election cycles are four years. But elections don't reset the budget problems.

For those of you wanting to leverage reserves for this year's budget, and then serve in the next term, and into the 2030s? If that's where you are, you need to understand that the math gets harder with time, not easier.

You are no longer in charge. Math holds the whip.

For the members of the public joining us this morning:

The Commission is wrestling with big decisions and I appreciate your being here. I also want you to know that I don't enjoy being the messenger.

I know the message I'm delivering has bite ... but there's nothing personal in this. What I'm addressing is accountability and budget math, in plain English.

Harry Truman was once asked why he gave people hell. He responded that he was not giving people hell—he was just telling the truth, and they thought it was hell.

I can relate.

But if you hear nothing else, just know that the courthouse, the wheel tax —those are **symptoms**. The underlying problem is a **structural deficit**. It's got to be fixed.

To wrap up:

Leaders correct problems.

We've got 6 more months to leave it **better** than we found it.

Good luck with your decisions this morning.

Thank you.

6. ELECTIONS

A. Sixth District County Commissioner – James Gentry elected

Chairman David Wamble read the requirements for a county commissioner. James Gentry was nominated by Evan Baddour, Richard Kemp by Carman Brown, and West Chiles by Terry Jones. Upon motion of Rick Carpenter 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. All present voted Aye.

Said election was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Gentry: Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Rick Carpenter, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

Chiles: Caleb Savage

Kemp: None

The Chairman, thereupon, declared James Gentry elected to complete the unexpired term of Joseph Sutton until August 31, 2026.

Recess for Swearing In

A five-minute recess was taken to allow Mr. Gentry to be sworn into office.

B. Notaries Public At Large

Upon motion of Carman Brown and seconded by Matthew Hopkins, it was ordered by the Court that the following names and persons be elected to serve as Notaries Public at Large for Giles County, Tennessee: (Re-elections): Judith Briggs, Belinda Brindley, Jennifer B Brindley, Wanda Erwin, Daphne

Long, Teresa Faye Mattox, Jamie M. Sprakties, Crystal R Tucker, Samantha Leigh Williams; 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, Rick Carpenter, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, James Gentry, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: None

The Chairman, thereupon, declared motion carried and said Notaries Public at Large for Gilles County, Tennessee elected.

C. Airport Authority: Ryan Gilland (through January 2030) and Derek Rowe (through January 2029)

Upon motion of James Lathrop and seconded by Matthew Hopkins, it was ordered by the Court that the appointments of Ryan Gilland (through January 2030) and Derek Rowe (through January 2029) to serve on the Airport Authority for the terms stated, 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, Rick Carpenter, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, James Gentry, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: None

The Chairman, thereupon, declared motion carried and Ryan Gilland (through January 2030) and Derek Rowe (through January 2029) approved to serve on the Airport Authority.

D. Veteran's Service Officer - Tracy Wooten September 2026

Upon motion of Carman Brown and seconded by Evan Baddour, it was ordered by the Court that Tracy Wooten be approved to complete the term of Barry Alsup as Veterans Service Officer, 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, Rick Carpenter, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, James Gentry, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: None

The Chairman, thereupon, declared motion carried and Tracy Wooten appointed to serve as Veterans Service Officer through September 2026.

7. REPORTS

- A. Giles County Finance Director (December 2025) which includes 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
- B. Giles County Archives Department Report

Upon motion of Caleb Savage and seconded by Rose Brown it was ordered by the Court that said reports be combined and approved as one. Said motion of Caleb Savage and Rose Brown was amended to include the Archives report provided to the Commission, which said motion was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried. 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, Rick Carpenter, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, James Gentry, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: None

The Chairman, thereupon, declared motion carried and said reports approved as filed.

8. CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND GRANTS

- A. Giles County Sheriff's Department – SO – THSO 10/1/25-9/30/26
- B. Shelter Luv – Animal Shelton online platform
- C. Giles County Health Department-ARP Facilities Improvement – 01/13/2023-06/30/2026
- D. Giles County Schools – TNTP - effective date until 06/30/2030 (striking from this agenda)

Upon motion of Evan Baddour and seconded by Carman Brown, it was ordered by the Court that said Contracts and Agreements (A, B, and C) be combined and approved as presented noting that D. Giles County Schools, TNTP contract was stricken from said agenda.

Jacqueline Payne, Director of the Animal Shelter addresses Commission

Jacqueline Payne from the Animal Shelter explained that the Shelter Luv was the operating system for the shelter which allows credit card and online payments to be accepted for adoption fees and other payments. This program started in October. Said motion on the floor was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried. All present voted Aye.

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

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2026-13

Authorizing the amendment of the 2025-2026 Budget, County General Fund 101

Upon motion of Evan Baddour 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, Rick Carpenter, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, James Gentry, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: None

The Chairman, thereupon, declared motion carried and said amendments approved.

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2026-14

Authorizing the amendment of the 2025-2026 Budget, General Purpose School Fund 141

Upon motion of Judy Pruett and seconded by Evan Baddour, it was ordered by the Court that said amendment resolution be approved striking TNTP from the resolution.

Director of Schools Vickie Beard addresses Commission

Director of Schools Vickie Beard addressed the Commission and explained that due to time constraints, the school system was unable to take advantage of the TNTP program.

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, Rick Carpenter, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, James Gentry, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: None

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

RESOLUTION 2026-15**Approving the Guidelines for employing Delinquent Tax Attorney Trustee by Giles County, Tennessee**

Upon motion of Terry Jones and seconded by Brad Butler, 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, Rick Carpenter, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, James Gentry, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: None

The Chairman, thereupon, declared motion carried and said resolution approved. It was noted that Robert C. Henry had been appointed as the Delinquent Tax Attorney Trustee on recommendation of Giles County Trustee Tony Risner. Said Contract was made a part of the minutes.

RESOLUTION 2026-16**Placing a speed limit of 35 MPH on Blooming Grove Road**

Upon motion of Carman Brown and seconded by Tracy Wilburn, it was ordered by the Court that said resolution be approved.

Highway Superintendent Gene Barnickle addresses Commission

Highway Superintendent Gene Barnickle informed the commission that the speed limit without approving said resolution would be 55 miles per hour on Blooming Grove Road. 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, Rick Carpenter, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, James Gentry, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: None

The Chairman, thereupon, declared motion carried and said resolution approved.

RESOLUTION 2026-17

To establish a formula-based general fund appropriation to support Tourism and the Giles County Chamber of Commerce

Upon motion of Joyce Woodard and seconded by Roger Reedy, it was ordered by the Court that said resolution be approved. Discussion followed among Commissioners. Upon motion of Caleb Savage and seconded by Gayle Jones, it was ordered by the Court that the percentage amount be amended to five percent, which said motion was put to the roll call vote of the Court the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: James Lathrop, Annelle Guthrie, Matthew Hopkins, Caleb Savage, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky

No: Erin Curry, Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Rick Carpenter, Roger Reedy, Brad Butler, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, James Gentry, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

The Chairman, thereupon, declared motion failed for lack of a majority.

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, Rick Carpenter, Roger Reedy, Brad Butler, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, James Gentry, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

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

The Chairman, thereupon, declared motion carried and said resolution approved.

RESOLUTION 2026-18**Authorizing the levy of a county-wide Motor Vehicle Privilege Tax**

Upon motion of Evan Baddour and seconded by Erin Curry, it was ordered by the Court that said resolution be approved. Discussion followed among commissioners.

County Clerk Carol Wade addresses Commission

County Clerk Carol Wade addressed the Commission and explained what qualifies a vehicle to be registered with an antique license plate registration.

Upon motion of Brad Butler and seconded by James Lathrop, it was ordered by the Court to amend Section 1 to add current antique plates and any one-time plate issuances, which said motion was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: James Lathrop, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Rick Carpenter, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, James Gentry, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: Erin Curry, Joyce Woodard

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

Discussion followed among commissioners. Upon motion of Roger Reedy and seconded by Terry Jones, it was ordered by the Court that the commission enact the wheel tax today. Additional discussion followed and said motion and second were withdrawn.

Upon motion of Terry Jones and seconded by Tracy Wilburn, it was ordered by the Court that said resolution be postponed until the August 6 election instead of the May 5 election which said motion was withdrawn and restated to postpone 2026-18 until May so it could be considered on the August ballot.

County Attorney Chris Williams addresses commission

County Attorney Chris Williams addressed the Commission and explained there is a seventy-five-to-ninety-day window when a resolution regarding an election must be acted upon. Additional discussion followed.

James Lathrop called for question, 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, James Gentry, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

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

The Chairman, thereupon, declared motion carried and discussion ended.

Said motion was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: Terry Jones, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Rick Carpenter, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Gayle Jones

No: Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard, David Wamble, Matthew Hopkins, Brad Butler, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, James Gentry, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

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

Said motion of Evan Baddour and seconded by Erin Curry 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, Rick Carpenter, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Brad Butler, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, James Gentry, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

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

The Chairman, thereupon, declared motion carried and said resolution approved as amended.

The Chairman called for a ten-minute recess.

RESOLUTION 2026-19 An Initial Resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$8,500,000 of General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds of Giles County, Tennessee

Upon motion of Erin Curry and seconded by James Lathrop, it was ordered by the Court that said resolution be adopted.

County Executive Graham Stowe and Finance Director Beth Moore-Sumners addresses commission

Discussion followed among commissioners regarding said resolution. County Executive Graham Stowe addressed the commission concerning the funds from 189 which will be used to pay the bonds. Finance Director Beth Moore-Sumners explained that the commission has been shifting funds to the general fund. When the county paid off the previous bonds, the county was out of debt, however, shifting the funds to the general fund from the reserve account leaves the capital needs account depleted.

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, James Gentry, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

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

The Chairman, thereupon, declared motion carried and initial resolution approved.

RESOLUTION 2026-20

Authorizing the issuance of not to exceed eight million five hundred thousand dollars (\$8,500,000) in Aggregate Principal amount, of General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds of Giles County, Tennessee, making provision for the issuance, sale and payment of said bonds; Establishing the terms thereof and the disposition of proceeds therefrom; and providing for the levy of taxes for the payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the bonds

Upon motion of Erin Curry and seconded by Carman Brown, it was ordered by the Court that said resolution be approved. Upon motion of Roger Reedy and seconded by Carman Brown, it was ordered by the Court that the repayment term be amended from fifteen years to twenty years.

Mr. McAnulty from Stevens, Inc. (Giles County's bond counsel) addresses commission

Upon motion of Evan Baddour and seconded by Brad Butler, it was ordered by the Court that the rules be suspended to allow Mr. McAnulty to address the Commission. Said motion was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried. All present voted Aye. He provided information about the bond issue and answered questions from the commissioners. He stated that the repayment would be \$730,000 per year for 15 years and \$615,000 for 20 years. He added that currently bond rates are 3.3 percent for 15 years bonds, and 3.58 percent fixed for 20 year bonds.

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, Caleb Savage, Gayle Jones, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, James Gentry, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruet, Carman Brown

No: Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Rick Carpenter, Matthew Hopkins, Brad Butler, Matt Rubelsky

The Chairman, thereupon, declared motion carried and said amendment to said resolution approved.

Motion on the floor to adopt said resolution as amended 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, James Gentry, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruet, Carman Brown

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

The Chairman, thereupon, declared motion carried and said resolution approved as amended.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Gayle Jones read a letter regarding commissioners' salaries. Evan Baddour stated that he would call a Legislative Committee meeting for Friday March 5 to discuss said letter.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion of Terry Jones and seconded by Matt Rubelsky, it was ordered by the Court that the Commission approve the Wheel Tax resolution now. Discussion followed. County Executive Graham Stowe stated that said resolution would need to be drafted first. Said motion and second were withdrawn.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman David Wamble announced there will be a water lines meeting on March 26. An open house for completion of the Bridgeforth School Renovation project on March 13 at 9:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business on the agenda, upon motion of Tracy Wilburn and seconded by Carman Brown, said meeting was adjourned at 12:09 PM.