

GILES COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY, MARCH 16, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED AT THE Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body, begun and held on the 16th day of March 2026, at the 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
5. Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky
6. Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, James Gentry
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, Officer Cornelio Meza, and Chris Williams, County Attorney, when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

Before the Court was called to order, Chairman David Wamble introduced the Richland Lady Raiders basketball team and their coaches. Saturday March 14, 2026, they were crowned the TSSAA Class 1A State Champions. All in attendance gave the team and their coaches a standing ovation for this achievement and honor.

Team members were Lily Loveless, Khloe McConnell, Mylee Dunavant, Halle Grace Bratton, Alizabeth Gordon, Baylee Hollis, Bailey Blair, Mary Avery McNeese, Caroline Cheek, Mary Katherine Butler, Dannie Lynn Galloway, Lauren Blair, Kate Kirk, Mary Cam Gordon, Lilly Lancaster, Lorelei Helton, Sissy Randolph, and Hudsyn Miller. Coaches were Chad Hall, Matt Miller, Tammy Holt, and Henlee Mitchell.

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. Upon motion of Evan Baddour and seconded by Carman Brown, it was ordered by the Court that said agenda be confirmed, which said motion was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried. All present voted Aye. The Chairman, thereupon, declared said agenda confirmed.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES February 17, 2026, Regular Session

Upon motion of Evan Baddour and seconded by Carman Brown, it was ordered by the Court that said minutes of February 17, 2026, Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body be approved as filed. Gayle Jones stated that the vote on the Airport Authority was incorrect, however, an amended document had already been provided to the commission. 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 minutes approved as filed.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lynn Albury

Wheel Tax

4. ADDRESS COMMISSION

EDC Director Philip Reese

March 2025 DIRECTOR REPORT INFO
Unemployment Rates

	DECEMBER 2025	NOVEMBER 2025 (REV)
Rates		
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. January data was not available at time this report was published.

Project Updates:

Project BioGranite – a U.S. based life sciences manufacturer. They need a 50,000-100,000 sq. ft. building. – **Did Not Submit**

Project Rin House – The company manufactures copper foil and supplies Hyosung Heavy Industries and HD Hyundai Electric. \$50M Capital Investment, 120 jobs. They need 350,000+ sq. ft. building – **Did Not Submit**

Project Supernova – They are in the electrical infrastructure sector. Need 75+ buildable acres. Heavy Industrial Zoning. They need rail service. \$150M Capital Investment, 380 jobs. – **Did Not Submit.**

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 but also considering other operating alternatives.

ThreeStar Grant – Consultants (Destination by Design) visited Giles County and toured multiple sites across Giles County (Campbellsville Springs, Lynnville, Pulaski, Elkton, Ardmore, TWRA access points on Richland Creek and Elk River, Milky Way and others). They have developed an online survey whereby members of the Giles County public will be able to provide input over the next few weeks. They are working on a proposed recreational plan to utilize the outdoor spaces across Giles County.

Other

- Discussions progressing with Keith Consolidated Industries. They are interested in moving their operations from OR to a site in Giles County. The current consideration is the Bankston RV property that is for sale in Ardmore.

- Ongoing discussions with 2 firms currently interested in the 5-acre parcel recently repurchased in the Dan Speer Industrial Park South.
- Common John hopes to be open sometime early April
- Pizza on Main hopes to open sometime late spring or early summer

5. CE and Dept Head Reports

A. Soil & Water Conservation District

District Conservationist Chip Rose, of the Natural Resources Conservation Service addressed the commission to update them on funds and services provided to Giles County, and the NRCS practices which are available to Giles County farmers and property owners. He provided a pamphlet about their services to Giles County and encouraged all to visit the website for additional information.

He explained that the agency provided more than a million dollars to 52 local producers. Without the Giles County Soil and Water Conservation District, these funds would no longer be available to Giles County producers. Their agency provides services and assistance to those who request their help. The top three NRCS practices are Fence, Cover Crop, and Watering facilities.

B. EMA

Josh Young, EMA Chief addressed the commission explaining that he and his staff assist in fire calls, citizens assistance, mutual aid assisting other emergency departments and supporting EMS. The safe room is under development. The funding for this project was earmarked in 2017, so no funding is needed to complete this. He stated that he was very proud and thankful for the emergency response by the Giles County Highway Department, first responders and others for their support during the recent ice storm. He added that we all want the best for our county.

C. County Executive

1. Giles County Courthouse Restoration: From schematic design to construction – 20 Feb 26
2. Giles County Courthouse Restoration: The Courthouse Bond: Objections & Responses
3. FY 2026-27 Entering Budget Conditions

STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD Correction of 17 February Chair Statements

Briefed to the Commission on 16 Mar 2026

The record requires correction following statements made by Commissioner Wamble at the February 17th County Commission meeting. This correction is necessary because the next Commission and County Executive will be working with our A/E (OHM) for the next year on the Courthouse renovation, and an accurate record of that professional relationship is essential.

Last fall, at Commissioner Wamble's request, I facilitated two meetings with OHM engineers to incorporate suggestions he had for courthouse renovations. The engineers in our meetings — Jason Griffin, Tracie Williams, and Nathan Ware, and truthfully, Mr. Wamble himself — can each attest to the accuracy of the following corrections.

COMMISSIONER WAMBLE'S STATEMENTS — FEBRUARY 17TH MEETING

At approximately 2 hours and 41 minutes into the February 17th meeting, Commissioner Wamble made the following verbatim statements:

"I gave them (OHM) my ideas and direction to cut HVAC costs by 50%."

"My suggestions were to keep AC units on the roof."

"But they kept the price exactly where they had it." This was a false statement.

"They took none of my recommendations for cost savings." This was also a false statement.

FIRST CORRECTION: HVAC — OPTION 3

The record must reflect that *each and every* suggestion of Commissioner Wamble was incorporated — *fully and completely* — into what OHM engineers designated as Option 3. Option 3 kept the AC units on the roof, exactly as he requested. Option 3 reused existing ductwork, exactly as he suggested. He asked OHM to develop a \$5M option. OHM delivered Option 3 at \$5.1 million.

OHM's written report on Option 3 — specifically tailored to incorporate Commissioner Wamble's suggestions and forwarded to each commissioner — states the following:

"High-velocity units serving the courtrooms would be replaced with like units indoors and outdoors. The outdoor unit would be mounted on the roof similar to the current units. The largest unit available is 5 tons, and all 10 existing condensers will be replaced in-kind with 5 ton units."

The report goes on to state:

"Below grade spaces that currently have fan coil units will be replaced with similar units ... in the location of the existing units. The intent is to reuse the ductwork distribution system."

Those statements are lifted verbatim, straight from OHM's report to the Commission.

So, when Mr. Wamble stated that his "recommendations for cost savings" were ignored, Option 3 demonstrates that is patently false. Commissioner Wamble asked OHM to develop a stripped-down Option 3 — OHM delivered it. And notably, in October, Commissioner Wamble voted with 12 other commissioners *against* that option. These are certifiable facts, not opinions.

SECOND CORRECTION: PLUMBING — COPPER VS. PEX

Commissioner Wamble also stated on Feb 17th, and I quote:

"They had the whole plumbing system done in copper. I asked them to price it in PEX because it's cheaper labor and materials."

"But they came back with the same costs." That is a misstatement.

It's a misstatement that reflects a fundamental misunderstanding of the design process — one that has been explained to all commissioners on multiple occasions.

What OHM produced was a preliminary design. Cost estimates at this stage are intentionally conservative. Material-specific decisions — such as whether to use copper or PEX piping — are not made during preliminary design. Those decisions are made during final design, through a process called value engineering. Value engineering is specifically the phase in which labor-saving and material-saving options are evaluated and priced out.

Value engineering will be accomplished within the next six months. Mr. Wamble's public criticism of not substituting PEX at this juncture was not only misleading, it undermined the credibility of the very engineers who are working to incorporate his ideas.

A NOTE ON WHY THIS MATTERS

Some may view this correction as relitigating insignificant details. Truth is not insignificant.

The record I've shared is not open to misinterpretation — Mr. Wamble's Feb 17th statements were false, misleading the Commission and public to believe that his input was ignored. The very existence of Option 3 refutes that stance.

Further, as OHM moves forward into final design, they continue to incorporate Mr. Wamble's input, and you will all see these design refinements in the coming months.

This corrected record reflects that at Mr. Wamble's request, and with my full cooperation, OHM engineers performed their work — pro bono — with professionalism and integrity. The public, which ultimately funds Commission decisions, deserves a truthful record of how those decisions were made, and how commissioner input was — and continues to be — incorporated into final design details.

v/r,

G. S. Stowe

7. REPORTS

- A. Finance Director for January 2026, 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
- B. Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury: Summary of Audit Findings
- C. Audit Committee meeting minutes 6 March 2026

Upon motion of Roger Reedy and seconded by Matthew Hopkins, it was ordered by the Court that reports be combined and approved as one, 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, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, James Gentry, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: None

Absent: Caleb Savage

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

8. CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND GRANTS

- A. OHM Contract Amendment 1A

Upon motion of Erin Curry and seconded by Carman Brown, it was ordered by the Court that said contract amendment be approved. Erin Curry reminded the commission that said contract amendment had already been approved in the budget. 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, 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, Gayle Jones

Absent: Caleb Savage

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

9. AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2026-21

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

Upon motion of Shelly Goolsby and seconded by James Lathrop, it was ordered by the Court that said amendment resolution be approved. Upon motion of Gayle Jones and seconded by Matthew Hopkins, it was ordered by the Court that the Library Contribution be voted on separately, which said motion was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: David Wamble, David Adams, Matthew Hopkins, Gayle Jones

No: Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, Tracy Wilburn, Annelle Guthrie, Rick Carpenter, Roger Reedy, Brad Butler, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, James Gentry, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruet, Carman Brown

Absent: Caleb Savage

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, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, Annelle Guthrie, Rick Carpenter, Roger Reedy, Brad Butler, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, James Gentry, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruet, Carman Brown

No: David Adams, Matthew Hopkins, Gayle Jones

Absent: Caleb Savage

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

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2026-22

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

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

Deputy Finance Director Shana Woodard addresses Commission

Deputy Finance Director Shana Woodard addressed the Commission and explained that Fund 131 is the operating fund for the Highway Department.

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, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, James Gentry, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruet, Carman Brown

No: None

Absent: Caleb Savage

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

RESOLUTION 2026-23

Approving and adding the beginning of Dillon Lane 330 Feet to the Giles County Road List

Upon motion of Tracy Wilburn and seconded by Rick Carpenter, 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, Roger Reedy, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, James Gentry, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruet, Carman Brown

No: Matthew Hopkins

Absent: Caleb Savage

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

RESOLUTION 2026-24

Approving and adding the remaining 1,570 feet of Poling Drive to the Giles County Road List

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

No: Matthew Hopkins

Absent: Caleb Savage

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

RESOLUTION 2026-25

Accepting Fiddler's Court as part of the County Road System for maintenance by the Giles County Highway Department

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

Road Superintendent Gene Barnickle addresses commission

Road Superintendent Gene Barnickle addressed the commission and explained that about four miles of roads had been removed from the County Road System last year.

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, Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Rick Carpenter, Roger Reedy, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, James Gentry, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruet, Carman Brown

No: James Lathrop, Matthew Hopkins

Absent: Caleb Savage

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

RESOLUTION 2026-26

Rescinding Resolution No. 2026-18 establishing a referendum on a wheel tax

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

Zena Dickey, Registrar and County Attorney Chris Williams address Commission

Zena Dickey, Registrar, addressed the Commission and explained the process for filing a petition to request a referendum. She answered questions from commissioners. It was noted that James Lathrop left said meeting at 10:24 AM due to an appointment.

County Attorney Chris Williams addressed the Commission concerning questions commissioners had about the timing of this vote regarding the possibility of a referendum.

Following further discussion among commissioners, upon motion of Matthew Hopkins and seconded by Carman Brown, question was called for, which said motion was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: Erin Curry, Joyce Woodard, David Wamble, Annelle Guthrie, Matthew Hopkins, 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, Roger Reedy, Gayle Jones

Absent: James Lathrop, Caleb Savage

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

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, Joyce Woodard, Tracy Wilburn, Roger Reedy, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, James Gentry, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett

No: Terry Jones, David Wamble, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Rick Carpenter, Matthew Hopkins, Carman Brown

Absent: James Lathrop, Caleb Savage

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

It was noted that Rose Brown left said meeting for an appointment.

Recess

Upon motion of Judy Pruett and seconded by Annelle Guthrie, a recess was ordered by the Commission, which said motion was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried. All present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION 2026-27

Authorizing the levy of a county-wide motor vehicle privilege tax and providing for the disposition of the proceeds thereof

Upon motion of Roger Reedy and seconded by Matt Rubelsky, it was ordered by the Court that said resolution be adopted.

Discussion followed among commissioners regarding said resolution. Upon motion of Terry Jones and seconded by Tracy Wilburn, it was ordered by the Court that said resolution be sent back to the committee for more study, which said motion was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Rick Carpenter, Gayle Jones

No: Erin Curry, David Wamble, Annelle Guthrie, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Brad Butler, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, James Gentry, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

Absent: James Lathrop, Caleb Savage, Rose Brown

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

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, Joyce Woodard, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Brad Butler, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, James Gentry, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Rick Carpenter, Gayle Jones, Shelly Goolsby

Absent: James Lathrop, Caleb Savage, Rose Brown

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

Unfinished Business

Gayle Jones stated the Annex boardroom has recording equipment and asked if the proper committee could discuss use of said equipment. Legislative Chair Evan Baddour stated that he would place that on the agenda of the next meeting.

New Business

There was no new business to be discussed at this meeting.

Announcements

The Public Records Committee will meet tomorrow at 9 AM at the Archives Building. Gayle Jones reminded all to provide a list of any records to be destroyed to the PRC.

Adjournment

Upon motion of Tracy Wilburn and seconded by Rick Carpenter, it was ordered by the Court that this meeting of the Giles County Legislative Body be adjourned at 11:17 AM.