

GILES COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY, May 18, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED AT THE Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body, begun and held on the 18th day of May 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, Caleb Savage
5. Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky
6. Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, James Gentry
7. Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

Carol H. Wade, County Clerk, Whitney Kimbrough, Deputy County Clerk, Joe Purvis Sheriff, Michael Woodard, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Micah Govar, Deputy Sheriff, and County Attorney Chris Williams, 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. Upon motion of Gayle Jones and seconded by Carman Brown, it was ordered by the Court that Rule VII, Revised Public Comment Rule be considered following the approval of minutes, 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 rule to be considered following the approval of minutes.

- The electronic voting devices did not record votes correctly, so commissioners advised County Clerk Carol Wade of the votes, and she entered the information into the system.

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

Upon motion of Gayle Jones and seconded by Tracy Wilburn, it was ordered by the Court that said minutes of the April 20, 2026, Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body be approved and filed, 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 minutes approved and filed.

REPORT: Rule VII, Revised Public Comment Rule

Upon motion of Gayle Jones and seconded by Terry Jones, it was ordered by the Court that said Rule VII, Revised Public Comment Rule 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, Evan Baddour*, Rose Brown, James Gentry, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: Matt Rubelsky

The Chairman, thereupon, declared motion carried and said Rule VII approved having received the required two-thirds majority vote.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Agenda Items

Kathy Roberts:	Wheel Tax
Chris Morgan:	Wheel Tax
Marty Rapp:	Wheel Tax
Steve Woods:	Wheel Tax

4. ADDRESS COMMISSION

EDC Director Philip Reese

Unemployment Rates

	March 2026	February 2026 (REV) Rates
Giles County	4.5*	5.0
Lincoln	3.3	3.8
Lawrence	4.4	4.9
Marshall	4.4	4.9
Maury	5.1	5.5
State	3.6	3.6
US	4.3	4.4

*Total labor force at 12,658. February figures show 568 unemployed vs 643 in January.

Project Updates:

Project Blue Mercury – Seeking building search east of Nashville. – **Did Not Submit**

Project Osiris – Seeking a minimum of 10 acres, zoned heavy industrial and involves chemical processing with outdoor storage required. \$25M Capital investment and 32 jobs. – **Did Not Submit.**

Keith Consolidated Industries – Issued LOI to Bankston RV to purchase their Ardmore property. Have received incentive proposals from both TN and TVA. Now working to finalize total cost of relocating the business from OR so they can determine if it is economically feasible.

5 acre tract on Tarpley shop – still under consideration by 2 interested parties.

Site Development Grant Update – State has agreed to let us use remaining grant fund balance to do the engineering on a 100,000 sq ft spec building, estimated at \$328,000. We would plan to reapply for another site development grant in the spring for spec building construction, to allow us to compete on

more projects. The new Stella-Jones site coming to Fayetteville is going into a spec building just completed with SDG funds.

Exit 14 – Met with Pilot and Kleinfelder (engineering company designing wastewater system) on May 14. Kleinfelder will provide additional details on specifications and operating costs for the system they want to install as well as internal resources to discuss providing contract operation services.

ThreeStar Grant – Next meeting with Destination by Design on June 2 to review preliminary outdoor recreation plan.

Other –

- Waffle House open 7 – 2 since April 28. District manager is happy with the traffic flow to date. They will start adding additional hours in June and ultimately be open 24 hours
- Common John opened early April and have been overwhelmed by the support. They have had a couple days that saw higher revenue than their Manchester site.

Hampton Inn – Attorney for Bank stated that either all debt will be paid or the sale will go thru June 16, 2026.

5. CE and Department Head Reports

- A. Giles County Agri Park
- B. PMT Report – Courthouse Renovation Project (8 May 2026)
- C. Courthouse HDGP Report (May 2026)
- D. Issue Paper-Understanding Property Tax Rates (May 2026)
- E. Penny Apportioning Report

Upon motion of Roger Reedy and seconded by Carman Brown, it was ordered by the Court that said reports be accepted, 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, 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, Matthew Hopkins, Gayle Jones

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

6. Elections

- A. Notaries Public at Large

Upon motion of Terry Jones 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) Samuel B. Garner, Jr., Whitney N. Rose, Kelly L. Torrence; (New) Kayla Monique Streeter, 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 elected.

7. Reports

- A. Finance Director, (March 2026) 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
- B. Report on Debt Obligation
- C. Revised Public Records Policy
- D. Rule VII, Revised Public Comment Rule (2/3 Majority Vote for approval)

Upon motion of Matthew Hopkins and seconded by Rose Brown, it was ordered by the Court that Reports A, B, and C be combined and approved together. Report D was considered earlier. 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 combined and approved together.

8. Contracts, Agreements and Grants

- A. Government Grant Contract: FY26 Giles County Litter Grant
- B. RJ Young: Giles County Board of Education
- C. EduPoint: Statement of Work, Giles County School System

Upon motion of Shelly Goolsby and seconded by Judy Pruett, it was ordered by the Court that said contracts, agreements and grants be combined and 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 contracts, agreements and grants combined and approved together.

9. Amendments

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| 2026-34 | Authorizing the amendment of the 2025-2026 Budget, County General Fund 101, County Capital Projects Fund 171 |
| 2026-35 | Authorizing the amendment of the 2025-2026 Budget, Highway Fund 131 |
| 2026-36 | Authorizing the amendment of the 2025-2026 Budget, General Purpose School Fund 141 and Cafeteria Fund 143 |

Upon motion of Matthew Hopkins and seconded by Erin Curry, it was ordered by the Court to combine Resolutions 2026-34, 2026-35, and 2026-36 and approve them together. Commissioner Gayle Jones requested that the Court vote on 2026-34, County Capital Projects fund 171 separately. Motion on

the floor was amended by Matthew Hopkins and seconded by Terry Jones to combine and approve Resolutions 2026-35 and 2026-36.

Highway Superintendent Gene Barnickle answered questions regarding his fund balance, vehicles and the number of employees at the Highway Department. Following discussion, motion on the floor to combine 2026-35 and 2026-36 was put to the voice vote and carried. All present voted Aye.

The Chairman, thereupon, declared motion carried and said Resolutions combined.

Motion on the floor to approve said resolutions as combined 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, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: None

Abstain: James Gentry

The Chairman, thereupon, declared motion carried and Resolutions 2026-35 and 2026-36 Approved as combined.

Discussion was had concerning a page which did not appear on the PDF package which was sent out by email but was in the printed copy. County Attorney Chris Williams stated that the information listed on the agenda and made available to the commission and the public could be considered.

Upon motion of Erin Curry and seconded by Evan Baddour, it was ordered by the Court that Amendment Resolution 2026-34 be approved.

Finance Director Beth Moore-Sumners explained that this vote is not on the bond, but on the accounting for the bond and showing receipt of the bond funds.

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, 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: Tracy Wilburn, David Adams

The Chairman, thereupon, declared motion carried and said Amendment Resolution 2026-34 approved.

10. 2026-37 Authorizing the levy of a county-wide motor vehicle privilege tax and providing for the disposition of the proceeds therefrom

Upon motion of Roger Reedy and seconded by Matt Rubelsky, it was ordered by the Court that said resolution be approved. Upon motion on Brad Butler and seconded by Evan Baddour, it was ordered by the Court that all antique vehicles and trailers be charged the wheel tax fee only at the first registration.

County Clerk Carol Wade stated that renewal notices are not sent out for permanent plates. She explained that many trailers are not required to be registered. Due to the plates mentioned being permanent and no renewal being required, said motion was withdrawn. It was pointed out that said resolution provided active-duty military exemptions.

County Attorney Chris Williams advised the Commission that he did not know if the county could impose a sunset clause on the privilege tax if it was approved.

Discussion followed among Commissioners. Commissioner Gayle Jones stated that the dates in said resolution under Section 8 needed to be corrected.

Finance Director Beth Moore-Sumners stated that the County General Fund is still in review. The shortfall is expected to be around \$600,000 to \$700,000. She added that the budget does not look as good as she would like but it must be approved by August 31.

Following discussion, 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, Rose Brown, James Gentry, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Rick Carpenter, Matthew Hopkins, Caleb Savage, Gayle Jones, Evan Baddour*, Shelly Goolsby

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

2026-38 Accepting Scenic Cove as part of the County Road System for maintenance by the Giles County Highway Department

Upon motion of Rick Carpenter and seconded by Matthew Hokins, it was ordered by the Court that said resolution be approved. Several commissioners questioned Gene Barnickle, Road Superintendent regarding said resolution.

Superintendent Barnickle stated that the county now has 913 miles of roads, due to closure of some roads. Before the county adopts a road, it must be brought up to county standards and several commissioners stated they had seen this road, and it appears to be in good condition.

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, 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: James Lathrop

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

2026-39 Placing a speed limit of 35 M.P.H. on Campbellsville Hill Road

Upon motion of Rick Carpenter and seconded by Matthew Hopkins, 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.

11. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to be considered at said meeting.

12. New Business

There was no new business to be considered at said meeting.

13. Public Comments: Other county related business

There were no additional public comments at said meeting.

14. Announcements

Evan Baddour stated that budgets will be heard all day on May 27, 28, and 29. Mr. Reedy thanked all for their condolences on the loss of his wife, Mrs. Ann Sherill Reedy.

Adjournment

Upon motion of Tracy Wilburn and seconded by Gayle Jones, it was ordered by the Court that the May 18, 2026, meeting of the Giles County Legislative body be adjourned at 6:40 PM.

