

GILES COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY, April 20, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED AT THE Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body, begun and held on the 20th day of April 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, Caleb Savage
5. Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky
6. Evan Baddour, James Gentry, Rose Brown
7. Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

Graham Stowe, County Executive, Carol H. Wade, County Clerk, Whitney Kimbrough, Deputy County Clerk, Michael Woodard, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Micah Govar, Deputy Sheriff, and Chris Williams, County Attorney, when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Fifth District County Commissioner Matt Rubelsky.

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 Fifth District County Commissioner, Matt Rubelsky.

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 Agenda approved by unanimous consent.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES March 16, 2026, Regular Session

The commission was provided with an amended page of the minutes prior to said meeting. Upon motion of Matthew Hopkins and seconded by Shelly Goolsby, it was ordered by the Court that said minutes of the March 16, 2026, regular session of the Giles County legislative body be accepted, filed, and approved, including said revision, 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.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Woods

4. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

County Executive Graham Stowe announced that the Giles County Employee of the Quarter is Lieutenant Chad Townsend, Giles County Sheriff Department. He provided the following Citation.

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY
THE GILES COUNTY EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER AWARD
TO
LT. CHAD TOWNSEND, GILES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Lt. Chad Townsend is cited for distinguished service in overseeing maintenance operations for the Giles County Jail, a facility housing approximately 150 inmates. In a role requiring extensive mechanical expertise and sound judgment, Lt. Townsend has consistently demonstrated initiative, accountability, and operational discipline. Upon assuming the position, he quickly identified critical maintenance needs and implemented efficient, cost-effective solutions. By diagnosing issues, sourcing affordable parts, and completing numerous repairs in-house, he has significantly reduced operational costs, delivering measurable savings to both the department and county taxpayers. His commitment extends beyond routine duties. Lt. Townsend frequently goes above and beyond, working on off days to coordinate repairs and ensure projects are completed correctly and without delay. His proactive approach has strengthened the reliability and improved the overall condition of an aging facility with ongoing maintenance demands. In recognition of his extraordinary performance and sustained contributions, Lt. Chad Townsend is hereby recognized as Giles County's Employee of the Quarter. His devotion to duty is most heartily commended and reflects the highest traditions of public service.

G. S. STOWE
Giles County Executive
20 April 2026

5. ADDRESS COMMISSION

A. Wheeler McCulloch, Giles County UT Extension Office

Wheeler McCulloch addressed the commission to update them on the University of Tennessee Extension Office and what they provide for Giles County. He stated that the Extension Office is funded by the state. Giles County provides about 28 percent of their expenses, which includes office space. He provided an annual report which follows.

He stated that the Family and Consumer Sciences program lead by Aimee Alberd has been providing anger management classes for youth and adults, including inmates at the Giles County Jail. They also provide parenting classes for those referred by DCS and the court system. These are provided locally and free of charge.

Wheeler explained that volunteers coach the archery shooting teams. Our local 4-H has had 3 state project winners, along with judging teams and public speaking members who have won national awards. The agricultural extension office has assisted 54 beef producers. Master Beef producer classes are offered to help farmers. One hundred forty-six farmers were awarded a total of \$487,000.00. Funds received stay local where they purchase feed, animals, and supplies with these funds.

The Master Gardener program volunteers contributed over 800 hours of volunteer service, which is valued at over \$28,000.00.

Farmers who use restricted pesticides receive their certification through the local office. They certified 35 farmers in 2025 and have already certified about twice that many this year.

McCulloch stated that the Agricultural Extension Office is here to provide education to our community.

B. EMS Training Report

EMS Chief Walter N. Daughtry, Jr. addressed the commission to provide an update on recent EMS Training. He stated that "We have recently completed our yearly Ventilator in-service and training as required by the State of Tennessee. As of April 17th, two paramedics have completed Critical Care Paramedic training. Four fulltime employees are currently in paramedic school and entering their final semester. An additional PRN employee is also in paramedic school. Two employees have enrolled and have been accepted into Columbia State's Paramedic school and will be starting soon. One PRN Advanced EMT has entered her training shifts. Currently there is an EMR class with 7 students being taught by Amber Remagen who is our Training Officer. Per Amber Remagan, the Training Officer for GCEMS, approximately 35 individuals have become certified or recertified in CPR in the last couple of months.

Training with other Agencies and Schools: We are currently working on plans with the Sheriff's department to train some of the deputies and EMRs (Emergency Medical Responders). We are working with the Sheriff's department to develop a plan to train all Corrections Officers in Basic First Aid. We have been working with Giles County High School and their Health Science class to teach trauma care and in May we will also be assisting in career training as these students prepare to move forward into their chosen careers. Multiple Hands CPR demonstrations have been provided to the community and other organizations in conjunction with STRHS Pulaski."

C. EDC Director Philip Reese

EDC Director Philip Reese was out of town, so he provided a written report which was distributed to those present at the meeting.

APRIL 2026 DIRECTOR REPORT Unemployment Rates

Rates	JANUARY 2026	DECEMBER 2025 (REV)
Giles County	4.7*	4.6
Lincoln	3.7	3.4
Lawrence	4.7	4.7
Marshall	4.7	4.6
Mauy	5.3	5.7
State	3.5	3.6
US	4.3	4.5

*Total labor force steady ~12,877. January figures show 608 unemployed vs 600 in December.

Project Updates:

Project Current – an aerospace manufacturer. They need direct runway access with a 6,000' runway. They will also need a railroad to get to a port. They need this site to be minimum of 40 acres. – **Did Not Submit.**

Project Volt – a lithium-ion battery assembly manufacturing facility. Capital Investment of \$86M, 30 jobs. They need to start 10MW ramping up to 20MW. They need 100-150 acres to build up to 1.1M sq. ft. building. – **Did Not Submit**

Project Paragon – A global leader in designing, engineering, a manufacturing of building construction equipment. They need 150-200 acres. \$900M Capital Investment, 2,400 employees. – **Did Not Submit**

Site Development Grant Update – Submitted request to the state to allow us to fund the engineering design for a 100,000 sq ft building, estimated at ~\$400,000, with remaining grant funds. This would reduce the amount we must request for construction of a spec building during the next site development round.

Exit 14 – Pilot has offered to fund a community waste treatment system at Exit 14 but does not want to operate it long term. Continuing discussions with South Giles Utility District while also pursuing other operating alternatives.

ThreeStar Grant – Community input phase continues for the Outdoor Recreation Plan. Destination by Design has created an online survey that is currently being distributed to county residents.

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 soft opening kicked off on March 27 with full opening slated for April 8.
- Pizza on Main plans to be open by Sundrop Fest (June 13).
- Waffle House targets completion of construction phase by mid to late April with a limited hours opening before end of May.

6. CE and Department Head Reports

County Executive Graham Stowe provided the following outline of the reports which were provided to the Commission.

1. Grant Activity report – self-explanatory – over \$17.1M in grants over the last 3.5 years. Of the 13 south-central counties, we're the #1 per capita grant recipient, and #2 in overall just behind Maury County. Bottom Line – we've done very well when it comes to landing grant funding.
2. Added to that is the recent news that we've secured \$500K to conduct a countywide water assessment study. Appreciate the leadership of the Giles County Water Alliance, chaired by Commissioner Curry – and thanks to Representative Doggett for securing state funding to make this happen.
3. Also included in your packet is the 2026 Ratio Study. The important thing to know is that the ratio was .7238, which reduces the county's tax base, which means less revenue. We won't know if it's a net revenue loss until we get our penny value next month. If you have any questions on the Ratio Study the best person to talk with is Tommy.
4. This past month your Legislative Committee discussed the recording of Annex committee meetings. I had our IT check existing equipment, which had been installed during COVID for remote meetings. The equipment is now set up to record and/or video your meetings. If this is something the Commission would like to do, you don't need a resolution ... you just simply need to make it happen.

7. ELECTIONS

A. NOTARIES PUBLIC AT LARGE

Upon motion of Tracy Wilburn and seconded by Carman Brown, 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): Barry Chad Alsup, Candice D Boldin, Sue S Braly, Rachel Martin, Dana M Monroe, Rhonda L Turner, Donna K Wheeler: (New) Shay Sanderson, Jennifer Nicole Tatar, 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 Notaries Public at Large elected.

B. JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER: Josie Morgan July 31, 2026

Upon motion of Evan Baddour and seconded by Carman Brown, it was ordered by the Court that the appointment of Josie Morgan to serve as Judicial Commissioner until July 31, 2026, be approved, 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 Josie Morgan approved to serve as Judicial Commissioner until July 31, 2026.

8. REPORTS

- A. Finance Director for February 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. Quarterly report of the Giles County Health Department
- C. Giles County Library Report – Third Quarter 2025-2026
- D. Giles County Trustee 2024 Tax Aggregate
- E. Legislative Committee: Change to Rule XXI (requires 2/3 majority vote for adoption)

Upon motion of Matthew Hopkins and seconded by Caleb Savage, it was ordered by the Court that said reports A through D be combined and approved together, which said motion was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried.

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

Upon motion of Evan Baddour and seconded by Erin Curry, it was ordered by the Court that Report E, Legislative Committee Change to Rule XXI be approved, 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 report approved as filed having received the required two-thirds majority vote.

9. CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND GRANTS

- A. TN Education Broadband Consortium-Personal Computer Systems: Term 7/1/2026-6/30/2031
- B. Zayo Education – USETPA: Effective 7/1/2026 for 60 months
- C. Follett – Destiny Resource Management Agreement: Beginning October 1, 2026
- D. First Amendment to Billing Service Agreement: Digitech Computer LLC
- E. EMS Equipment Grant – Term: 7/1/25-6/30/26

Upon motion of Caleb Savage and seconded by Matthew Hopkins, 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. All present voted Aye.

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

10. AMENDMENTS

2026-28

Authorizing the amendment of the 2025-2026 Budget, County General Fund 101, Drug Fund 122, Probation Settlement Fund 128, Highway Fund 131, School General Purpose Fund 141, School Central Cafeteria Fund 143, General Debt Service Fund 151, General Capital Projects Fund 171, Education Capital Projects Fund 177, Education Capital Projects Fund 178, Other Capital Projects Fund 189, County General Fund 101

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

11. RESOLUTIONS

2026-29 Approving Community Development Block Grant on behalf of Fairview Utility District

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

2026-30 To authorize participation in the Omnia Cooperative Purchasing Agreement

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

2026-31 To revise commissioner compensation to flat monthly stipend

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

2026-32 To receive partial payments for real and personal property taxes

Upon motion of Judy Pruett and seconded by Shelly Goolsby, it was ordered by the Court that said resolution be approved, 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 resolution approved.

2026-33 To increase the fees for administrative cost received under TCA 40-39-204(b) to \$200.00

Upon motion of Rick Carpenter and seconded by Tracy Wilburn, it was ordered by the Court that said resolution be approved, 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 resolution approved having received the required two-thirds majority vote.

12. Unfinished Business

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

13. New Business

Evan Baddour stated that he would schedule a Legislative Committee meeting to discuss the new legislation regarding addressing the county legislative body.

Upon motion of Terry Jones, it was ordered that said meeting be added to an already existing agenda. The Chairman declared said motion failed for lack of a second.

14. Announcements

A highway committee meeting is scheduled for May 7 at the Highway Department. Erin Curry stated that the water line committee is not ready to meet. Shelly Goolsby stated that there would be no Solid Waste committee meeting scheduled at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business on the agenda, upon motion of Tracy Wilburn and seconded by Matthew Hopkins, it was ordered by the Court that the April 20, 2026, meeting of the Giles County Legislative Body was adjourned at 5:50 PM.