

**MINUTES**  
**CHEATHAM COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**August 19, 2024**

BE IT THEREFORE REMEMBERED, That the Cheatham County Legislative Body met in the General Sessions Courtroom, Ashland City, Tennessee, on August 19, 2024 in Regular Session. Chairman Mr. Tim Williamson and County Clerk Ms. Abby Short presided. County Mayor Mr. Kerry McCarver and County Attorney Mr. Michael Bligh attended.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

DAVID ANDERSON  
CALTON BLACKER  
TIM WILLIAMSSON  
CHRIS GILMORE  
B.J. HUDSPETH  
BILL POWERS

WALTER WEAKLEY  
DIANA PKE LOVELL  
EUGENE O. EVANS, SR.  
JAMES HEDGEPATH  
MIKE BREEDLOVE

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Chairman Mr. Tim Williamson opened Public Forum at 6:00 P.M.

Mr. Jacob Dyce, property owner on Spring Creek Road, spoke in favor of Hope Center Ministries.

Ms. Dawn Armstrong, property owner on Poplar Ridge Lane, spoke in favor of Hope Center Ministries.

Mr. Trent Mayberry, property owner on Spring Creek Road, spoke in opposition of Hope Center Ministries.

Mr. Donald McMinn, property owner on Poplar Ridge Road, spoke in opposition of Hope Center Ministries.

Ms. Julie Hibbs spoke in favor of Hope Center Ministries.

Ms. Ashlie Farmer, property owner on Poplar Ridge Road, spoke in opposition of Hope Center Ministries.

Ms. Carmen Irizarry-Zellman, property owner on Poplar Ridge Road, spoke in opposition of Hope Center Ministries.

Mr. Max Vick spoke in favor of Hope Center Ministries.

Mr. Stephen Polk, Director of the Hope Center Ministries located on Spring Creek Road, spoke in favor of Hope Center Ministries.

Mr. Richard Dungan spoke in favor of Hope Center Ministries.

Mr. Michael Himes spoke in favor of Hope Center Ministries.

Mr. Thomas Turner, property owner on Spring Creek Road, spoke in favor of Hope Center Ministries.

Mr. Cam Richmond spoke in favor of Hope Cener Ministries.

Ms. Kendall Barbe spoke in favor of Hope Center Ministries.

Mr. Chad Barbe spoke in favor of Hope Center Ministries.

Mr. David Goniotakis spoke in favor of Hope Center Ministries.

Mr. Jason Pennington, Youth Pastor at 24 Church, spoke in favor of Hope Center Ministries.

Mr. Chris Royalty, Pastor at 24 Church, spoke in favor of Hope Center Ministries.

Public Forum closed at 6:51 P.M

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER by Sheriff Mr. Tim Binkley at 6:51 P.M

Invocation was offered by Mr. David Anderson.

County Clerk Ms. Abby Short called the roll. There being Eleven Commissioners present, Chairman, Mr. Tim Williamson declared a Quorum. See Resolution 1.

David Anderson	Present	Walter Weakley	Present
Calton Blacker	Present	Diane Pike Lovell	Present
Tim Williamson	Present	Eugene O. Evans, Sr.	Present
Chris Gilmore	Present	James Hedgepath	Present
B.J. Hudspeth	Present	Mike Breedlove	Present
Bill Powers	Present		

Motion was made by Mr. Bill Powers, seconded by Mr. David Anderson to approve the August 19, 2024 Legislative Body Meeting Agenda.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 2.

Motion was made by Mr. Walter Weakley, seconded by Mr. Calton Blacker to approve the Minutes from the July 15, 2024 Regular Session Legislative Body Meeting.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 3.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made by Mr. Eugene O. Evans, Sr., seconded by Mr. David Anderson to accept the resignation of 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner, Ms. Ann Jarreau.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 4.

Motion was made by Mr. Walter Weakley, seconded by Mr. Calton Blacker to send the vacancy of 2<sup>nd</sup> District County Commissioner to the Election Commission to be placed on the November Ballot.

Motion approved by roll call vote 11 Yes 0 No 0 Absent. See Resolution 5.

David Anderson	Yes	Walter Weakley	Yes
Calton Blacker	Yes	Diane Pike Lovell	Yes
Tim Williamson	Yes	Eugene O. Evans, Sr.	Yes
Chris Gilmore	Yes	James Hedgepath	Yes
B.J. Hudspeth	Yes	Mike Breedlove	Yes
Bill Powers	Yes		

Motion was made by Mr. David Anderson., seconded by Mr. B.J. Hudspeth to recognize the 6U baseball team from Pleasant View for winning the Dixie Youth Baseball World Series in South Carolina.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 6.

PUBLIC HEARING: Chairman Mr. Tim Williamson opened Public Hearing at 6:56 P.M.

The following was advertised to be heard:

- 1.) *Kaye Otey requesting a zone change from Agriculture to R1 for Map 29, Parcel 63. Property is located at 1045 Justice Road., in the 4<sup>th</sup> Voting District, and is not in a Special Flood Hazard.*

No one spoke for or against these changes.

Public Hearing closed at 6:57 P.M.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT: MR. FRANKLIN WILKINSON: Motion was made by Mr. Walter Weakley, seconded by Mr. Bill Powers to deny the zone change request for Kaye Otey from Agriculture to R1 for Map 29, Parcel 63. Property is located at 1045 Justice Road, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Voting District and is not in a Special Flood Hazard Area.

Motion approved by roll call vote 11 Yes 0 No 0 Absent. See Resolution 7.

David Anderson	Yes	Walter Weakley	Yes
Calton Blacker	Yes	Diane Pike Lovell	Yes
Tim Williamson	Yes	Eugene O. Evans, Sr.	Yes
Chris Gilmore	Yes	James Hedgepath	Yes
B.J. Hudspeth	Yes	Mike Breedlove	Yes
Bill Powers	Yes		

Mr. Walter Weakley asked where Building and Codes stands with Hope Center Ministries.

Mr. Franklin Wilkinson stated that there were some deficiencies noted during an inspection with the Fire Marshall.

Mr. Michael Bligh stated that they need to comply with the zoning and permit requirements. Mr. Bligh hopes to speak with the Hope Center Ministries lawyer to get the occupancy down until the correct permits are pulled and zone changes have been made.

Mr. James Hedgepath stated that the Hope Center Ministries is a 1<sup>st</sup> class facility but needs to comply with zoning and permits.

DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS- MS. SANDRINE BATTS: Budget Committee recommended, motion was made by Ms. Diana Lovell, seconded by Mr. David Anderson to approve the following budget amendments to the County General Fund:

***Budget Amendments – County General***

<i>County Buildings</i>	\$	31,838.49
<i>County Clerk's Office</i>	\$	11,000.00
<i>County Clerk's Office</i>	\$	13,884.00
<i>Ambulance/Emergency Medical Services</i>	\$	600.00
<i>Rabies and Animal Control</i>	\$	1,030.00
<i>Ambulance/Emergency Medical Services</i>	\$	98,120.00

*Budget Vote (8/12/2024): 5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent*

*Funding Source: Various*

Motion approved by roll call vote 11 Yes 0 No 0 Absent. See Resolution 8.

David Anderson	Yes	Walter Weakley	Yes
Calton Blacker	Yes	Diane Pike Lovell	Yes
Tim Williamson	Yes	Eugene O. Evans, Sr.	Yes
Chris Gilmore	Yes	James Hedgepath	Yes
B.J. Hudspeth	Yes	Mike Breedlove	Yes
Bill Powers	Yes		

Budget Committee recommended, motion was made by Mr. Chris Gilmore, seconded by Ms. Diana Lovell to authorize the following revisions for the General Purpose School Fund:

***Budget Amendments – General Purpose School***

<i>Esser</i>	<i>\$ 1,485,436.00</i>
<i>Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement (TISA) Funding – Revised Revenue Total</i>	
<i>Originally Approved Revenue Amount on (6/24/2024)</i>	<i>\$ 40,909,152.44</i>
<i>Revised Revenue Amount (final from the state)</i>	<i>\$ 40,802,734.27</i>

*Board of Education Vote (7/11/2024): 6 Yes 0 No 0 Absent*

*Budget Vote (8/12/2024): 5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent*

*Funding Source: Budget Revisions*

Motion approved by roll call vote 11 Yes 0 No 0 Absent. See Resolution 9.

David Anderson	Yes	Walter Weakley	Yes
Calton Blacker	Yes	Diane Pike Lovell	Yes
Tim Williamson	Yes	Eugene O. Evans, Sr.	Yes
Chris Gilmore	Yes	James Hedgepath	Yes
B.J. Hudspeth	Yes	Mike Breedlove	Yes
Bill Powers	Yes		

Budget Committee recommended, motion was made by Mr. B.J. Hudspeth, seconded by Mr. Bill Powers to approve the following Budget Amendments for the Drug Control Fund:

***Budget Amendments – Drug Control***

<i>Drug Enforcement</i>	<i>\$ 63,000.00</i>
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*Budget Vote (5/13/2024): 5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent*

*Funding Source: Drug Control Fund Balance*

Motion approved by roll call vote 11 Yes 0 No 0 Absent. See Resolution 10.

David Anderson	Yes	Walter Weakley	Yes
Calton Blacker	Yes	Diane Pike Lovell	Yes
Tim Williamson	Yes	Eugene O. Evans, Sr.	Yes
Chris Gilmore	Yes	James Hedgepath	Yes
B.J. Hudspeth	Yes	Mike Breedlove	Yes
Bill Powers	Yes		

Budget Committee recommended, motion was made by Mr. Bill Powers, seconded by Mr. David Anderson to authorize the surplus of the following county assets to be disposed of, recycled, or sold and/or receipt proceeds of sale to County General Fund: 101-44530 (Sale of Equipment):

**Department: EMS**

**10 CPAP Machines and Attachments/Corresponding Supplies**

Serial Number(s): M2485  
M2726  
M3106  
M2725  
M3101  
M2460  
M2727  
M3128  
M3105  
M2728

Budget Vote (08/12/2024): 5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent  
Funding Source: None

Motion approved by roll call vote 11 Yes 0 No 0 Absent. See Resolution 11.

David Anderson	Yes	Walter Weakley	Yes
Calton Blacker	Yes	Diane Pike Lovell	Yes
Tim Williamson	Yes	Eugene O. Evans, Sr.	Yes
Chris Gilmore	Yes	James Hedgepath	Yes
B.J. Hudspeth	Yes	Mike Breedlove	Yes
Bill Powers	Yes		

COUNTY MAYOR- MR. KERRY MCCARVER: County Mayor, Mr. Kerry McCarver presented, motion was made by Mr. Walter Weakley, seconded by Mr. Chris Gilmore to approve the following:

- A) Mayor's signature on Food Lion lease agreement
- B) Mayor's signature on TN Recovery & Monitoring service agreement
- C) Mayor's signature on TN Highway Safety Office grant for impaired driving enforcement and equipment for \$75,000.00 (pending attorney approval)
- D) Mayor's signature on TN Highway Safety grant for Network Coordinator for \$25,000.00 (pending grant retrieval and attorney approval)
- E) Mayor's signature on Insight contract for flock cameras (pending attorney approval)
- F) Mayor's signature on the contract with Sudden Service to place a tag kiosk in Kingston Springs

Motion approved by roll call vote 11 Yes 0 No 0 Absent. See Resolution 12.

David Anderson	Yes	Walter Weakley	Yes
Calton Blacker	Yes	Diane Pike Lovell	Yes
Tim Williamson	Yes	Eugene O. Evans, Sr.	Yes
Chris Gilmore	Yes	James Hedgepath	Yes
B.J. Hudspeth	Yes	Mike Breedlove	Yes
Bill Powers	Yes		

## OTHER COUNTY OFFICIALS

COUNTY CLERK – MS. ABBY SHORT: Mid Cumberland Human Resources Agency FY23 Annual Report is on file with the County Clerk's Office. Register of Deeds Annual Financial Report is on file with the County Clerk's Office. Register of Deeds Letter of Agreement is on file with the County Clerk's Office.

COUNTY TRUSTEE – MS. CINDY PERRY: Trustee's monthly reports were included in the packet.

SHERIFF – MR. TIM BINKLEY: Sheriff's report was included in the packet.

SCHOOL BOARD – DR. CATHY BECK: Dr. Beck stated this year's theme is "Dream Big". Dr. Beck stated she was looking forward to a great year.

## COUNTY SERVICES

UT EXTENSION – MS. SIERRA KNAUSS: UT Extension highlights were included in the packet.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – MS. GINA ANZALDUA: Ms. Gina Anzaldua stated that her office is helping with the rezoning on Highway 12 for the Propane Company. Ms. Anzaldua informed the Commission about the booths they had at the State Fair and the County Fair. Ms. Anzaldua stated they traveled to Robertson County for the rodeo in hopes of bringing a rodeo to Cheatham County.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – MS. KELLY ELLIS: Ms. Kelly Ellis helped Ms. Gina Anzaldua with the State and County fairs and will be meeting the rodeo team on Thursday in hopes of bringing the rodeo to Cheatham County. Ms. Ellis attended the TCCE Conference in Franklin. Ms. Ellis informed the Commission about letting young entrepreneurs join the Chamber of Commerce at no charge. Ms. Ellis reminded the Commission of the Annual Golf Tournament that is taking place on September 19<sup>th</sup> and invited them to celebrate the Chamber of Commerce's 35<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 29<sup>th</sup> at the Chamber's office.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

BEER BOARD: Ms. Diana Lovell stated that the Beer Board approved a beer permit for Ians' Market. Ms. Diana also stated that the Sheriff's Department locked the doors to the coolers at the CITGO at 1002 Ridge Circle Joelton, TN 37080. The cooler doors will remain locked for forty days.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: Mr. B.J. Hudspeth informed everyone how to sign up for 911 alerts through Nexel. Mr. Hudspeth also stated that they will meet sometime soon to discuss the fire contracts.

Emergency Services presented, motion was made by Mr. B.J. Hudspeth, seconded by Mr. Chris Gilmore to allow the install of the canopy behind the Health Department. Mr. Hudspeth stated that 911 was not opposed since they can utilize the parking when the canopy is not being used.

Motion approved by roll call vote 11 Yes 0 No 0 Absent. See Resolution 13.

David Anderson	Yes	Walter Weakley	Yes
Calton Blacker	Yes	Diane Pike Lovell	Yes
Tim Williamson	Yes	Eugene O. Evans, Sr.	Yes
Chris Gilmore	Yes	James Hedgepath	Yes
B.J. Hudspeth	Yes	Mike Breedlove	Yes
Bill Powers	Yes		

CALENDAR, RULES AND NOMINATING: Calendar, Rules and Nominating presented, motion was made by Mr. David Anderson, seconded by Ms. Diana Lovell to approve the appointment of Mr. Gary Chance to replace Ms. Ann Jarreau on the Beer Board Committee.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 14.

Calendar, Rules and Nominating presented, motion was made by Mr. David Anderson, seconded by Mr. Calton Blacker to honor and recognize Ms. Ann Jarreau for her service on the County Commission.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 15.

Calendar, Rules, and Nominating presented, motion was made by Mr. David Anderson, seconded by Mr. Walter Weakley to appoint the new Library Board and Trustees:

Marsha Hunt and Susanne Buttrey for the term ending June 30, 2027.

Judy Bell to replace Jennifer Ensley, Clare Silliman to replace Joseph Combs, and Angie Sutton to replace Jack Kapanka.

Mr. Mike Breedlove received emails about unethical complaints regarding the hiring process of the new Library Director at the Kingston Springs Library. Mr. Breedlove conducted interviews with the hiring committee for the Library Board. Mr. Breedlove documented each interview and emailed what he documented to the Commissioners.

Mr. David Anderson informed the Commission that he served on the Library Board and had not seen the library do anything dishonest and he had not seen any issues with the Board. Mr. Anderson did ask they take their time in the hiring process in the future.

Mr. Walter Weakley called for Question.



Motion approved by roll call vote 10 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain 0 Absent. See Resolution 16.

David Anderson	Yes	Walter Weakley	Yes
Calton Blacker	Yes	Diane Pike Lovell	Yes
Tim Williamson	Yes	Eugene O. Evans, Sr.	Yes
Chris Gilmore	Yes	James Hedgepath	Yes
B.J. Hudspeth	Yes	Mike Breedlove	Abstain
Bill Powers	Yes		

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion was made by Ms. Diana Lovell, seconded by Mr. Walter Weakley to approve the following consent Agenda:

#### Notaries

*Marie C. Binkley*  
*Warren Cook*  
*Shari Hamilton*  
*Brianna Jones*  
*Cyndi Reeder*  
*Barbara J. Wingo*

*James Byers*  
*Tabitha R. Ford*  
*Sarah Heaney*  
*Taite W. Neal*  
*Melinda K. Ruffin*  
*Gina S. Wolfe*


*Morgan Christian*  
*Karen A. Bolling-Hall*  
*Matthew Henry*  
*Kellie D. Reed*  
*Kimberly Spencer*


Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 17.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS: Mr. James Hedgepath gave a letter from Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation to the County Mayor, Mr. Kerry McCarver. The letter states why a fire station cannot be placed on state-owned property planned as the future site of the Harpeth River State Park Visitor's Center.

Motion was made by Mr. Walter Weakley, seconded by Mr. David Anderson to adjourn at 7:39 P.M.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 18.

  
County Clerk

  
Legislative Body Chairman

