

**MINUTES**  
**CHEATHAM COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**September 16, 2024**

BE IT THEREFORE REMEMBERED, That the Cheatham County Legislative Body met in the General Sessions Courtroom, Ashland City, Tennessee, on September 16, 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	WALTER WEAKLEY
CALTON BLACKER	DIANA PKE LOVELL
TIM WILLIAMSSON	EUGENE O. EVANS, SR.
CHRIS GILMORE	JAMES HEDGEPATH
B.J. HUDSPETH	MIKE BREEDLOVE
BILL POWERS	

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

Ms. Tracie Mayberry, property owner on Spring Creek Road, spoke in concern of Hope Center Ministries not being in compliance.

Ms. Carmen Irizarry-Zellmann, property owner on Poplar Ridge Lane, spoke in concern of Hope Center Ministries not being in compliance.

Ms. Renea Koenig, property owner on Spring Creek Road, spoke in concern of Hope Center Ministries not being in compliance.

Ms. Ashlie Farmer, property owner on Poplar Ridge Road, spoke in concern of Hope Center Ministries not being in compliance.

Mr. Walter Weakley wanted to know why they are being allowed to violate state law. Mr. Walter Weakley and the Building and Codes Director, Mr. Franklin Wilkinson, had a discussion on what action to take.

Public Forum closed at 6:20 P.M

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER by Sheriff Mr. Tim Binkley at 6:20 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. David Anderson, seconded by Mr. Walter Weakley to approve the September 16, 2024 Legislative Body Meeting Agenda as amended by adding the following:

1. *Live Streaming the Commission Meeting under the New Business Section.*
2. *Metal Detector for courthouse under the Capital Improvements Section*
3. *Road Specifications under the Road and Bridge Section*

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 2.

Motion was made by Ms. Diane Pike Lovell, seconded by Mr. Bill Powers to approve the Minutes from the August 19, 2024 Regular Session Legislative Body Meeting.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 3.

#### NEW BUSINESS

County Clerk, Ms. Abby Short assumed the Chair.

County Clerk, Ms. Abby Short asked for nominations for the purpose of election a Chairperson for the Legislative body from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025.

Motion was made by Mr. Eugene O. Evans, Sr., seconded by Mr. David Anderson to elect Mr. Tim Williamson, for Chairman of County Legislative Body.

Motion approved by acclamation. See Resolution 4.

Chairman, Mr. Tim Williamson assumed the Chair.

Motion was made by Ms. Diane Pike Lovell, seconded by Mr. Calton Blacker to nominate Mr. Walter Weakley for Pro Tem of County Legislative Body.

Motion approved by acclamation. See Resolution 5.

County I.T. Resource, Mr. Jason Cannon gave a presentation on livestreaming all the Commission Meetings. Chairman, Mr. Tim Williamson stated this would be placed on the Workshop agenda in October for discussion.

Motion was made by Mr. Walter Weakley, seconded by Mr. Bill Powers to request the County Attorney to file suit against Hope Center Ministries to enforce the Cheatham County Zoning Resolution.

Motion approved by roll call vote 11 Yes 0 No 1 Absent. See Resolution 6.

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		

PUBLIC HEARING: Chairman Mr. Tim Williamson opened Public Hearing at 6:44 P.M.

The following was advertised to be heard:

Chris Conners requesting a zone change from C2 to Agriculture for Map 47, Parcel 9.02. Property is located on Hwy 49 W, in the 5<sup>th</sup> Voting District, and is not in a Special Flood Hazard Area.

*No one spoke for or against this change.*

Public Hearing closed at 6:44 P.M.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT: MR. FRANKLIN WILKINSON: Motion was made by Ms. Diana Pike Lovell, seconded by Mr. Eugene O. Evans, Sr to approve the zone change request for Chris Conners from C2 to Agriculture for Map 47, Parcel 9.02. Property is located at Hwy 49 W, in the 5<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		

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

**Budget Amendments – County General**

<i>Rural Fire Tax</i>	\$	16,000.00
<i>Circuit Court</i>	\$	19,526.00
<i>Sheriff's Department</i>	\$	8,000.00
<i>Ambulance/Emergency Medical Services</i>	\$	6,453.33
<i>Sheriff's Department</i>	\$	24,496.83
<i>Sheriff's Department</i>	\$	31,303.17
<i>Sheriff's Department</i>	\$	38,400.00
<i>Rabies and Animal Control</i>	\$	330.00
<i>County Clerk's Office</i>	\$	3,941.00
<i>Building</i>	\$	6,231.40

*Budget Vote (09/09/2024): 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. Walter Weakley, seconded by Mr. Eugene O. Evans, Sr to authorize the following Budget Amendments for the County General Fund and Highway/Public Works Fund:

**Budget Amendments – County General Fund and Highway/Public Works Fund**

<i>Transfers Out</i>	\$	125,550.81
<i>Highway and Bridge Maintenance</i>	\$	125,550.81

*Budget Vote (09/09/2024): 5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent*

*Funding Source: Sports Gaming Privilege Tax*

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 Ms. Diane Pike Lovell, seconded by Mr. B.J. Hudspeth to approve the following Budget Amendments for the Central Cafeteria Fund:

**Budget Amendments – Central Cafeteria**

<i>Food Service</i>	\$ 195,000.00
<i>Food Service</i>	\$ 262,000.00

*Board of Education Vote (09/05/2024): 5 Yes 0 No 1 Absent*

*Budget Vote (09/09/2024): 5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent*

*Funding Source: Central Cafeteria 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. David Anderson, seconded by Mr. Eugene O. Evans, Sr. to approve the following Budget Amendments for the Highway/Public Works Fund:

**Department: Highway/Public Works**

<i>Highway and Bridge Maintenance</i>	\$ 18,302.29
<i>Administration</i>	\$ 9,000.00
<i>Administration</i>	\$ 5,000.00

*Budget Vote (09/09/2024): 5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent*

*Funding Source: Various*

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		

Budget Committee recommended, motion was made by Mr. Eugene O. Evans, Sr, seconded by Mr. Bill Powers to authorize the following Budget Amendments for the Other Capital Projects-Jail Fund:

**Budget Amendments – Other Capital Projects- Jail**

<i>Other General Administration</i>	\$ 25,500.00
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*Budget Vote (8/12/2024): 5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent*

*Funding Source: Other Capital Projects- Jail Fund Balance*

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		

Budget Committee recommended, motion was made by Mr. B.J. Hudspeth, seconded by Mr. Eugene O. Evans, Sr. to authorize the following authorize the surplus of the following county assets to be disposed of and receipt insurance recovery to County General Fund: 101-49700 (Insurance Recovery)

***Department – Sheriff's Department***

*Year / Make / Model: 2023 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor*

*VIN: 1FM5K8AB2P6A33691*

*Mileage: 29,500*

*Budget Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent*

*Funding Source: None*

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		

COUNTY MAYOR- MR. KERRY MCCARVER: County Mayor, Mr. Kerry McCarver presented, motion was made by Mr. Eugene O. Evans, Sr., seconded by Mr. B.J. Hudspeth to approve the following:

- A) Mayor's signature on Integrity Design and Coding software for Probation*
- B) Mayor's signature on Greater Nashville Regional Council contract for planning services*
- C) Mayor's signature on Insight contract for 5 Flock cameras in Pegram*
- D) Mayor's signature on Memorandum of Understanding between Cheatham County and Pegram regarding flock cameras*
- E) Mayor's signature on Tennessee Alcohol Monitoring Systems*

Motion approved by roll call vote 11 Yes 0 No 0 Absent. See Resolution 14.

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 ATTORNEY- MR. MICHAEL BLIGH: Motion was made by Mr. Walter Weakley, seconded by James Hedgepath to approve a Resolution Establishing Specifications and Policy for Acceptance of County Roads:

Motion approved by roll call vote 11 Yes 0 No 0 Absent. See Resolution 15.

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 Ms. Diane Pike Lovell, seconded by Mr. B.J. Hudspeth to approve a Resolution Waiving County Wheel Tax for Volunteer Firefighters:

Motion approved by roll call vote 11 Yes 0 No 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	Yes
Bill Powers	Yes		

#### OTHER COUNTY OFFICIALS

COUNTY CLERK – MS. ABBY SHORT: Road Superintendent Oath of Office, designation of Interim Successor for Highway Department, Assessor ad Deputy Assessor of Property Oaths of Office, School Board Members Oaths of Office, and Circuit Court Deputy Clerk Oath of Office is on file in the Clerk’s Office

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

COUNTY SERVICES

UT EXTENSION – MS. SIERRA KNAUSS: Ms. Sierra Knauss stated 4H went to State Competition learning fire and food safety, grill master’s and culinary skills. One of the 4H’s students placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the beef category. UT Extension highlights were included in the packet.

VETERANS SERVICE – MS. ANGELA HUNT: Ms. Angela Hunt stated in the next couple of weeks they will be minimally staffed due to National and State training.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – MS. GINA ANZALDUA: Ms. Gina Anzaldua stated that her office is helping with the rezoning for Janet Knight’s property. Ms. Anzaldua informed the Commission about the Round Table with the Chamber of Commerce on October 24, 2024. Ms. Anzaldua and Ms. Kelly Ellis are working together in hopes of bringing a rodeo to Cheatham County. Ms. Anzaldua stated she is currently working on a new tourism website and logo.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – MS. KELLY ELLIS: Ms. Kelly Ellis is assisting Ms. Gina Anzaldua in hopes of bringing the rodeo to Cheatham County, they have been meeting with the Cheatham County Fair Board. Ms. Ellis reminded the Commission of the Annual Golf Tournament that is taking place on September 19, 2024. Ms. Ellis explained the Multi-County Alliance, cross promotes any county that touches Cheatham County. Ms. Kelly Ellis stated there are currently 398 active members with the Chamber, and there are a few ribbon cuttings this week.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Capital Improvement presented, a motion was made by Mr. Calton Blacker, seconded by Ms. Diane Pike Lovell to approve the installation of the Metal Detectors for the Courthouse in the amount of \$4,789.99.

*Funding Source: Capital Improvements*

Motion approved by roll call vote 11 Yes 0 No 0 Absent. See Resolution 17.

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		

Capital Improvement presented, a motion was made by Mr. James Hedgepath, seconded by Mr. Walter Weakley to approve the installation of a new door at the VSO office in the amount of \$2,133.65.

*Funding Source: Capital Improvements*



Motion approved by roll call vote 11 Yes 0 No 0 Absent. See Resolution 18.

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 Mr. Walter Weakley to approve the appointment of Mr. Spencer Hamlin to the Library Board of Trustee for a term ending June 30, 2027.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 19.

Calendar, Rules and Nominating presented, motion was made by Mr. David Anderson, seconded by Mr. Walter Weakley to honor and recognize Mr. Robert Hester for his years of service as the Road Superintendent.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 20.

ROAD AND BRIDGE: Mr. Walter Weakley informed the Commission of the next meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4 p.m.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

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

#### Notaries

*Cheryl A. Figlio*  
*Shauna Elaine Jamison*  
*Jena R. Overby*  
*Jeffery White*

*Teage E. Hasselbring*  
*Heather F. Lawrence*  
*Monica L. Perry*  
*Janet M. Williams*

*Rebecca Hagler*  
*Emily Joy Martinsen*  
*Tania Romero Guerrero*

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 21.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS:

Mr. Chris Gilmore gave a letter about the Recycling Roundup Event, held at Cheatham Middle School on September 21, 2024.

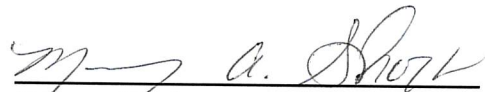
Mr. Mike Russell mentioned the free dump days. It will be the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekends in October. The Household Hazard Waste Day will be October 26<sup>th</sup>.


Ms. Diana Lovell invited everyone to attend the Creekers Ball that will be September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Walter Weakley invited everyone to attend the George Edward Joyce Memorial Highway Dedication Ceremony on October 12<sup>th</sup> at noon at Hwy 70 Cheatham/Dickson County Line.

Motion was made by Mr. Walter Weakley, seconded by Mr. David Anderson to adjourn at 7:17 P.M.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 22.

  
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County Clerk

  
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Legislative Body Chairman

