

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION

February 25, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the County Commission met in regular session on Wednesday February 25, 2026 at 6:00 pm. Present and presiding, Chairman Greg Matherly, County Clerk Cheryl Storey, County Attorney Allyson Wilkinson and Commissioners to wit.

Commissioners present:

Richard Tucker, Marty Johnson, Jerome Fitzgerald, Josh Edens, Greg Matherly, Larry England, David Stout, Jodi Jones, Lewis Wexler, Kenneth Huffine, Jim Wheeler, Ben Carder

Commissioners absent:

Davenport, Malone, Tomita

After the Call to Order, the Invocation was led by Edens and the pledge to the flag was led by Wheeler.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Fitzgerald and seconded by Huffine to approve the agenda. Motion passed with an all yes voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ken Matthews 254 Taylor Bridge Rd Jonesborough, TN 37659

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Minutes in packet

RESOLUTION 26-02-01

RESOLUTION REZONING TAX MAP 043, PARCEL 026.03 IN THE 14TH CIVIL DISTRICT PRESENTLY OWNED BY LINDA RUPP & ERIN FRENCH

Motion was made by Fitzgerald and seconded by Jones to adopt the resolution. Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Matherly, England, Stout, Jones, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioners absent:

Davenport, Malone, Tomita

RESOLUTION 26-02-02

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ZONING RESOLUTION RE: VESTING RIGHTS FOR SITE PLANS

Motion was made by Wexler and seconded by Jones to adopt the resolution. Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Matherly, England, Stout, Jones, Wexler,
Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioners absent:

Davenport, Malone, Tomita

RESOLUTION 26-02-03

**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ZONING
RESOLUTION RE: MEAT PRODUCTS MANUFACTURING &
SLAUGHTERHOUSE**

Motion was made by Wheeler and seconded by Huffine to adopt the resolution.
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Matherly, England, Stout, Jones, Wexler,
Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioners absent:

Davenport, Malone, Tomita

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND PROCLAMATIONS

Soil & Water Conservation Report

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Motion was made by Jones and seconded by Wexler to approve the February 9,
2026 meeting minutes. Motion passed with an all yes voice vote.

ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS

RESOLUTION 26-02-04

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE AGRICULTURAL
EXTENSION COMMITTEE**

Motion was made by Huffine and seconded by Wexler to adopt the resolution.
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Matherly, England, Stout, Jones, Wexler,
Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioners absent:

Davenport, Malone, Tomita

REPORT OF OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES

COUNTY MAYOR

No written report

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Memorandum Re Settlement Agreement Associated with Resolution No. 23-10-12 (Civil Action No. 21-CV-0664 in the Chancery Court for Washington County for Washington County at Jonesborough, Tennessee).

DIRECTOR OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT

No written report

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

Monthly Update Memorandum from Jerry Boyd, Superintendent Washington County Schools

ADMINISTRATOR OF ELECTIONS

No written report

Motion was made by Wheeler and seconded by Wexler to accept the Submission of Washington County Election Office Employee Handbook T.C.A 5-23-103. Motion passed with an all yes voice vote.

COUNTY TRUSTEE

No written report

ARPA

No meeting

AUDIT COMMITTEE

No meeting

BEER BOARD

No meeting

COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL & AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

No meeting
Tourism Marketing Report

COMMUNICATIONS TASK FORCE

No meeting

COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY

No meeting

EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION & BENEFITS COMMITTEE

Minutes in packet

ETHICS COMMITTEE

No meeting

HEALTH, EDUCATION & WELFARE COMMITTEE

Minutes in packet

RESOLUTION 26-02-05

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF REVISIONS TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY-JOHNSON CITY ANIMAL CONTROL CENTER BYLAWS

Motion was made by Carder and seconded by Wexler to adopt the resolution. Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Matherly, England, Stout, Jones, Wexler, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioner voting against:

Huffine

Commissioners absent:

Davenport, Malone, Tomita

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

No meeting

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes in packet

RESOLUTION 26-02-06

RESOLUTION AMENDING FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2025-2026 RE: SHERIFF-DEPUTY SALARY SUPPLEMENT

Motion was made by Edens and seconded by Fitzgerald to adopt the resolution. Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Matherly, England, Stout, Jones, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:
None

Commissioners absent:
Davenport, Malone, Tomita

RESOLUTION 26-02-07

**RESOLUTION AMENDING FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2025-2026 RE: SHERIFF-
SRO GRANT**

Motion was made by Edens and seconded by Stout to adopt the resolution.
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:
Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Matherly, England, Stout, Jones, Wexler,
Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:
None

Commissioners absent:
Davenport, Malone, Tomita

RESOLUTION 26-02-08

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SURPLUS PROPERTY ON GOVDEALS.COM**

Motion was made by Edens and seconded by Jones to adopt the resolution.
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:
Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Matherly, England, Stout, Jones, Wexler,
Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:
None

Commissioners absent:
Davenport, Malone, Tomita

RESOLUTION 26-02-09

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE AGREEMENTS
BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND COMBINED PUBLIC
COMMUNICATIONS, LLC & CYBERPATH SERVICES, LLC**

Motion was made by Edens and seconded by Fitzgerald to adopt the resolution.
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:
Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Matherly, England, Stout, Jones, Wexler,
Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:
None

Commissioners absent:
Davenport, Malone, Tomita

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Minutes in packet

RESOLUTION 26-02-10

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE REVISIONS TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD LIST TO ALLOW FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A NEW ROAD-PARKER COURT OF SAYLOR'S RIDGE SUBDIVISION AND APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD LIST

Motion was made by Edens and seconded by Tucker to adopt the resolution. Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Matherly, England, Stout, Jones, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioners absent:

Davenport, Malone, Tomita

RESOLUTION 26-02-11

RESOLUTION APPROVING RENEWAL OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COLLEGE RURITAN CLUB, INCORPORATED AND WASHINGTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Motion was made by Edens and seconded by Wexler to adopt the resolution. Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Matherly, England, Stout, Jones, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioners absent:

Davenport, Malone, Tomita

RESOLUTION 26-02-12

RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDITIONAL PROJECT WITH JOHNSON CITY WATER DEPARTMENT CONCERNING WATER LINE PROJECTS WITHIN CERTAIN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND SPENDING UP TO \$350,000.00 FOR FY26

Motion was made by Wheeler and seconded by Huffine to amend the resolution to change from Chuckey Utility District to Johnson City Water Department. Motion passed with an all yes voice vote.

Motion was made by Edens and seconded by Fitzgerald to adopt the resolution as amended. Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Matherly, England, Stout, Jones, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:
None

Commissioners absent:
Davenport, Malone, Tomita

PURCHASING COMMISSION

No meeting

RULES COMMITTEE

No meeting

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes in packet

WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

No meeting

WATER TASK FORCE

No meeting

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Minutes in packet

RESOLUTION 26-02-13

RESOLUTION AMENDING FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2025-2026 RE: CIRCUIT COURT-AUDIO EQUIPMENT

Motion was made by Tucker and seconded by Fitzgerald to adopt the resolution.
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Matherly, England, Stout, Jones, Wexler,
Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioners absent:

Davenport, Malone, Tomita

RESOLUTION 26-02-14

RESOLUTION AMENDING FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2025-2026 RE: REGISTER OF DEEDS-PRINTER/COPIER/SCANNER

Motion was made by Tucker and seconded by Wexler to adopt the resolution.
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Matherly, England, Stout, Jones, Wexler,
Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:
None

Commissioners absent:
Davenport, Malone, Tomita

RESOLUTION 26-02-15

RESOLUTION AMENDING FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2025-2026 RE: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT-FUNDING HELENE RECOVERY DEBRIS REMOVAL MUTUAL AID FROM JOHNSON CITY

Motion was made by Tucker and seconded by Edens to adopt the resolution.
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Matherly, England, Stout, Jones, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:
None

Commissioners absent:
Davenport, Malone, Tomita

RESOLUTION 26-02-16

RESOLUTION AMENDING FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2025-2026 RE: PLANNING-PERSONNEL & FRINGE BENEFITS FOR SHARED PLANNING SERVICES WITH TOWN OF JONESBOROUGH

Motion was made by Tucker and seconded by Stout to adopt the resolution.
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Matherly, England, Stout, Jones, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:
None

Commissioners absent:
Davenport, Malone, Tomita

RESOLUTION 26-02-17

RESOLUTION AMENDING FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2025-2026 RE: SOIL CONSERVATION PERSONNEL AND FRINGE BENEFITS FOR INSPECTION OF NRCS STREAMBANK STABILIZATION PROJECTS

Motion was made by Tucker and seconded by Jones to adopt the resolution.
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Matherly, England, Stout, Jones, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:
None

Commissioners absent:
Davenport, Malone, Tomita

RESOLUTION 26-02-18

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND SPENDING UP TO \$20,623.00 IN FY26 FOR THE NEW GRAY LIBRARY RENOVATION INCREASE AND AMENDING FY26 BUDGET

Motion was made by Tucker and seconded by Stout to adopt the resolution.
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Matherly, England, Stout, Jones, Wexler,
Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioners absent:

Davenport, Malone, Tomita

RESOLUTION 26-02-19

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, IN ONE OF MORE SERIES; MAKING PROVISION FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS, ESTABLISHING THE TERMS THEREOF AND THE DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS THEREFROM; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS

Motion was made by Tucker and seconded by Carder to adopt the resolution.
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Matherly, England, Stout, Jones, Wexler,
Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioners absent:

Davenport, Malone, Tomita

RESOLUTION 26-02-20

RESOLUTION AMENDING FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2025-2026 RE: INCREASE OF THE COUNTY'S FEMA CONSULTANT (IEM) CONTRACT

Motion was made by Tucker and seconded by Jones to adopt the resolution.
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Matherly, England, Stout, Jones, Wexler,
Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioners absent:
Davenport, Malone, Tomita

OLD BUSINESS

None

NOTARIES

RESOLUTION 26-02-21

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ELECTION OF NOTARIES PUBLIC FOR APPOINTMENT AND/OR REAPPOINTMENT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Motion was made by Wexler and seconded by Huffine to adopt the resolution.
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Matherly, England, Stout, Jones, Wexler,
Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioners absent:

Davenport, Malone, Tomita

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 26-02-22

RESOLUTION INSTRUCTING THE CLERK & MASTER NOT TO OFFER A BID ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY FOR PROPERTIES THAT HAVE ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS OR FINANCIAL LIABILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPERTIES AND/OR EXCEED THE VALUE OF THE PARCEL

Motion was made by Carder and seconded by Huffine to adopt the resolution.
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Matherly, England, Stout, Jones, Wexler,
Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

None

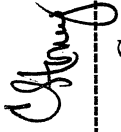
Commissioners absent:

Davenport, Malone, Tomita

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Huffine and seconded by Jones to adjourn. Motion passed with an all yes voice vote.

Meeting adjourned.



Cheryl Storey, County Clerk