
**MINUTES
SUMNER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 23, 2026**

The Board of County Commissioners of Sumner County, Tennessee met in regular session on February 23, 2026, in the Commission Chambers of the Sumner County Administration Building in Gallatin, Tennessee at 7:00 p.m. Present and presiding was the Chairman Jerry Becker. Also present were the County Clerk Carolyn Templeton, County Mayor John Isbell, Law Director Eric Sitler and Staff Attorney Steve Weiner, and the following Commissioners to wit:

Jerry Becker
Terri Boyt
Robert Brown
Shannon Burgdorf
Dr. Mary Genung
Benjamin Harris
Mark Harrison
Merrol N. Hyde

David Klein
Deborah Holmes
Tim Jones
Dillon Lamberth
Jeremy Mansfield
Chrissi Miller
Terry Moss

Kevin Pomeroy
Baker Ring
Darrell Rogers
Don Schmit
Matthew Shoaf
Dr. Jamie Teachenor
Terry Wright
J. Wes Wynne

Having a duly constituted quorum, the meeting was opened in due process by Sheriff Eric Craddock. Chairman Jerry Becker noted that with twenty-three members seated, a simple majority would be by thirteen votes; and that matters requiring a two-thirds vote would be by sixteen votes during this session. Commissioner Sullivan was absent from the meeting.

Invocation was led by Commissioner Dr. Mary Genung.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the County Clerk, Carolyn Templeton.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Without objection, Chairman Becker removed items 11A3 and 11A4 from the agenda.

Without objection, Chairman Becker moved Resolution 2602-16 from the regular agenda to the consent agenda.

Commissioner Mansfield moved, seconded by Commissioner Teachenor, to amend the agenda to add the term limits resolution placed on the desks. The electronic vote was recorded in the following manner:

Amend Agenda - term limits		2/23/2026 7:03:52 PM			
YES - 13		NO - 10		ABS - 0	
Individual Votes (Y-Yes; N-No; A-Abstain; NV-Not Voting; NP-Not Present)					
Becker 21	- Y	Boyt 13	- Y	Brown 17	- Y
Burgdorf 19	- N	Genung 9	- Y	Harris 10	- N
Harrison 3	- N	Holmes 12	- Y	Hyde 20	- N
Jones 23	- Y	Klein 6	- Y	Lamberth 4	- N
Mansfield 16	- Y	Miller 24	- Y	Moss 1	- N
Pomeroy 11	- N	Ring 8	- N	Rogers 5	- N
Schmit 18	- Y	Shoaf 22	- Y	Sullivan 7	- NP
Teachenor 14	- Y	Wright 2	- Y	Wynne 15	- N

Chairman Becker declared the amendment to add the term limits resolution to the agenda approved by the body and added to the Legislative Report as item four.

Commissioner Mansfield moved, seconded by Commissioner Teachenor, to amend the agenda to add the annexation authority resolution that was placed on the desks.

Commissioner Wynne called for a Point of Information and asked if the item is currently in committee. Commissioner Harrison explained it is on the Legislative Committee agenda under old business for next month.

The electronic vote to amend the agenda to add the annexation resolution was recorded in the following manner:

Amend Agenda - Annexation		2/23/2026 7:07:00 PM			
YES - 12		NO - 11		ABS - 0	
Individual Votes (Y-Yes; N-No; A-Abstain; NV-Not Voting; NP-Not Present)					
Becker 21	- N	Boyt 13	- Y	Brown 17	- Y
Burgdorf 19	- N	Genung 9	- Y	Harris 10	- N
Harrison 3	- N	Holmes 12	- Y	Hyde 20	- Y
Jones 23	- Y	Klein 6	- Y	Lamberth 4	- N
Mansfield 16	- Y	Miller 24	- Y	Moss 1	- N
Pomeroy 11	- N	Ring 8	- N	Rogers 5	- N
Schmit 18	- Y	Shoaf 22	- Y	Sullivan 7	- NP
Teachenor 14	- Y	Wright 2	- N	Wynne 15	- N

Chairman Becker declared the amendment failed to carry.

Commissioner Brown objected to the placement of Resolution 2602-16 under the Consent Agenda. Chairman Becker ruled to leave the resolution on the regular agenda.

Chairman Becker declared the agenda approved as amended by the body.

Chairman Becker introduced the following items on the Consent Agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA

2602-01 DOCKETING BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET AMENDMENTS

TAKE NOTICE the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 23rd day of February, 2026, that this body does hereby docket in its records the informational Board of Education Budget Amendments, as listed below and shown on the attachments hereto.

Budget Amendment 100
Budget Amendment 102

***FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY,
NO COMMISSION ACTION TO BE TAKEN***

2602-02 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$1,206.10 FROM DEBT SERVICE FUND RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE TO REFUND ADEQUATE FACILITIES TAXES RECEIVED IN FY2025 BY THE BUILDING & CODES DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 23rd day of February, 2026 that this body does hereby appropriate \$1,206.10 from the Debt Service Fund Restricted Fund Balance to refund adequate facilities taxes received in FY2025 by the Building & Codes department, as shown on the attachment hereto.

2602-03 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MULTI-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CANON FOR COPIERS FOR VENA STUART ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 23rd day of February, 2026, that this body does hereby approve a multi-year lease agreement with Canon for copiers for Vena Stuart Elementary School, as shown on the attachment hereto.

2602-04 A RESOLUTION APPROVING TWO LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS WITH APPLE FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 23rd day of February, 2026, that this body does hereby approve two lease purchase agreements with Apple for the Board of Education, as shown on the attachment hereto.

**2602-05 A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST UNCLAIMED BALANCE OF
ACCOUNTS REMITTED TO STATE TREASURER UNDER
UNCLAIMED PROPERTY ACT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 23rd day of February, 2026, that this body does hereby approve the request for unclaimed balance of accounts remitted to the State Treasurer under Unclaimed Property Act, as shown on attachment hereto.

**2602-06 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH
PITNEY BOWES FOR A POSTAGE MACHINE FOR THE
FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 23rd day of February, 2026, that this body does hereby approve a multi-year agreement with Pitney Bowes for a postage machine for the Finance Department, as shown on the attachment hereto.

**2602-07 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH
COMCAST FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 23rd day of February, 2026, that this body does hereby approve a multi-year agreement with Comcast for the Highway Department, as shown on the attachment hereto.

**2602-08 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MULTI-YEAR LICENSE
AGREEMENT WITH CDW FOR MERAKI DEVICES FOR
THE IT DEPARTMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 23rd day of February, 2026, that this body does hereby approve a multi-year license agreement with CDW for Meraki Devices for the IT Department, as shown on the attachment hereto.

**2602-09 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MULTI-YEAR LEASE
AGREEMENT WITH CANON FOR COPIERS FOR
SUMNER COUNTY EMS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 23rd day of February, 2026, that this body does hereby approve a multi-year lease agreement with Canon for copiers for Sumner County EMS, as shown on the attachment hereto.

TAX REFUNDS

S.S.W. Premier LLC	\$12,770.00 (amended Sch. B)
Webster Trucking & Excavating	\$58.00 (TMA Audit)
Agaves Westmoreland	\$78.00 (TMA Audit)
Orica USA Inc.	\$159.00 (TMA Audit)
PPG Coatings Services	\$229.00 (TMA Audit)
The Waters of Gallatin IHC	\$198.00 (TMA Audit)

Chairman Becker declared the items on the Consent Agenda, approved unanimously by voice vote of the body upon motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Lamberth.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the meeting of this body held on February 2, 2026, and recorded in the office of the Clerk, Carolyn Templeton, were approved by voice vote after Commissioner Rogers made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Ring. Commissioners Pomeroy and Shoaf abstained from the vote as they were absent from the meeting.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

Commissioner Harrison introduced the following recognition:

***The Sumner County Board
of
County Commissioners,***

*meeting in regular session on this the
23rd day of February 2026,
does hereby honor and congratulate*

Carolyn Templeton, Sumner County Clerk

for her 50 years of service to the public in the Sumner County Clerk's Office.

Upon motion of Commissioner Harrison, seconded by Commissioner Hyde, the Commission voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the certificate of recognition honoring Carolyn Templeton, County Clerk.

Commissioner Teachenor introduced the following recognition:

***The Sumner County Board
of
County Commissioners,***

*meeting in regular session on this the
23rd day of February 2026,
does hereby honor and recognize*

Dustin Hensley

for selflessly helping his neighbors on Sweet Oak Ridge during the recent winter storm by clearing the road and removing trees with his own personal equipment.

Upon motion of Commissioner Teachenor, seconded by Commissioner Mansfield, the Commission voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the certificate of recognition honoring Dustin Hensley.

Chairman Becker introduced the following resolution:

**2602-10 A RESOLUTION OF THE SUMNER COUNTY COMMISSION
RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING LINEMEN, TREE CREWS,
HIGHWAY PERSONNEL, AND FIRST RESPONDERS
FOR THEIR SERVICE DURING AND AFTER WINTER STORM FERN**

WHEREAS, Winter Storm Fern caused widespread power outages, downed trees, blocked roadways, and hazardous conditions throughout Sumner County, disrupting daily life and threatening the safety and well-being of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, linemen worked tirelessly before, during, and after the storm—often in freezing temperatures, icy conditions, and dangerous environments—to restore electrical service as quickly and safely as possible; and

WHEREAS, tree crews labored under difficult and hazardous conditions to clear fallen trees and debris, enabling the restoration of power, access to roadways, and the safety of residents; and

WHEREAS, Sumner County Highway Department personnel worked extended hours to clear and treat roadways, ensuring safer travel and access for emergency services and the public; and

WHEREAS, first responders, including law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical personnel, continued to serve on the front lines throughout the storm and recovery efforts, responding to emergencies and protecting lives and property despite extreme conditions; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated professionals demonstrated exceptional skill, courage, commitment, and selflessness by working long hours, often away from their families, to ensure homes, businesses, hospitals, and critical infrastructure were restored and protected; and

WHEREAS, their combined efforts were essential to the recovery of Sumner County and exemplify the highest standards of public service, professionalism, and community dedication;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Commission meeting in regular session this 23rd day of February, 2026 that the Commission hereby recognizes, commends, and expresses its sincere gratitude

to the linemen, tree crews, highway personnel, and first responders for their outstanding service during and following Winter Storm Fern.

Upon motion of Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Miller, the Commission voted unanimously by voice vote to approve Resolution 2602-10.

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

Chairman Becker opened the floor to allow the public to speak concerning any matter on the agenda.

John Gregory of 611B Dobbins Pike, Gallatin spoke in favor of Resolution 2602-17 and against TVA running lines through their family farm.

Mary Cole of 514 Crowley Lane, Gallatin spoke in favor of term limits.

With no one else wishing to speak on regular agenda items or budget items, recognition of the public was closed.

REPORT OF CHAIR

Chairman Becker noted that the Veterans Service Report and Financial Statement Memo report were provided for information only.

Commissioner Mansfield called for a point of order to ask why the Planning Commission resolution was removed from the agenda. Law Director Eric Sitler explained there was a direct conflict with enforceability with codes and will be brought back with proper notice once both departments are in sync.

REPORT FROM COUNTY OFFICIALS

County Officials filed the following reports: County Investments, County General Fund, County Debt Service Fund, County Highway Fund, County Capital Outlay Fund, School General Purpose Fund, School Federal Projects Fund, School Food Service Fund, Employee Health Insurance Trust Fund, Employee Dental Insurance Trust Fund, Casualty Insurance Trust Fund, County Trustee Funds, Special Reports: County Dental Insurance Claim Payments, County Health Insurance Claim Payments, County Property Tax Collections, County EMS Billing/Collections/Balances, County Sales Tax Collections, County Wheel Tax Collections, County Tax Rates/Property Values and County School Loan Program Rates. Approval of the filing of these records does not certify to the accuracy of the documents.

Chairman Becker introduced the following resolution:

2602-NOT

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARIES PUBLIC POSITIONS AND PERSONAL SURETY GUARANTORS

WHEREAS, according to the law of the State of Tennessee, an individual must apply for the office of notary public in the county of residence, or of their principal place of business; and

WHEREAS, state statute requires personal sureties making bonds for Notaries publics to be approved by the Sumner County Commission; and

WHEREAS, said applicant must be approved by the County Commission assembled; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Templeton, Sumner County Clerk, has certified according to the records of his office that the persons named on the attached listing labeled "SUMNER COUNTY NOTARY PUBLIC APPLICATIONS and SURETY GUARANTORS" have duly applied for the positions so sought; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS TAKE EFFECT FROM AND AFTER PASSAGE.

TONYA S ALBERT
ELEANOR ALLEN
APRIL D ANDERSON
LISA JO ANDERSON
MARK ANDERTON
LORI D ATCHLEY
EMILY AUSLAND
JOSHUA BEY
JACOB BISHOP
ASHLEY BRADLEY
AMY S BREEDLOVE
KEVIN BREWER
JERILYN BRILEY
SANCIA R BROOKS
BECKY BUSTIN
NEOMA CALDWELL
DANIELLE CARPENTER
SARA RENEE CHAVEZ
ASIA CLARK
JENNIFER COLBERT
JODIE KAY COMPTON
MESHAWN COOK
LADONNA COOPER
JENNIFER CROWDER
MARIAN DEGROOT
CATHERINE MARIE DELLING
GWEN COX DIXON
DAVID B. DRIVER
DEIDRE N EARLES
HEATHER EUBANKS
FABRICIO FARGHALY
ANDREW FAVORITO
RALPH FERCHERT
LESLIE SHEA FLYNN
BONNIE S GRAVES
S. DANIELLE GREGORY
CHARLENE GREGORY
DENISE HAYDEN
VERONICA HEARING
DANA B HENTSCHEL
YTZEL HERNANDEZ

BRANDON R MEREDITH
J ELAINE MESLER
MEAGHAN SPRUILL MIDDENDORF
MARILYN A MILLS-ANDERSON
ANECIA MONROE-DAVIS
MELISSA A MORRISON
SHELBY MULLEN
ALEXIA A MULLIN
SHASTA NORGAARD
ALEXIS PAIGE NUCKOLS
MELISSA W O'BRIEN
JERRIE O'KOOON-HUGHES
LANDON OWEN
MELISSA S PARK
DAVID BATE PARSONS
NEHA PATEL
LISA PETERS
TIFFANY POLLARD
CINDY D REID
MICHELLE RENNIE
MEGHAN REYNOLDS
KAREN B SCHULTE
MARK SCHULTZ
JOHN WAYNE SCOTT
ANGELA M SCRUGGS
DEBRA SEABORN
RONNI SLAYTON
WAYNE A SLIGHTER
GRACE SLOAN
JULIE H SMITH
COLTON SMITH
CATHERINE SMITH
JACQUELINE SMYTHE
ANGELA M.P. SNYDER
DEANNA SONES
AMY STEPHEN
JOHN WILLIS SULLIVAN
CRYSTAN STRONG TAYLOR
CAROLE THOMPSON
NICHOLAS M TIDWELL
SUANNE K TOONK

SANDRA K HOLDER	GLEND A TROUTT
ANGELA M HUNTER	GRACIE TROUTT
BRANDI INA HUNTER	KELVIN TRUSS
DANIEL HUNTER	KIMBERLY J ULDRICH
KAYLIE L JONES	JEFF USELTON
TERESA KENNEDY	PENNY VAUGHN
BRITTANY DANIELLE KILGORE	BRITTANY L VAUGHN
KALYN RACHEL KRATZER	PATRICIA VENTURA
VICKIE MARIE LEDBETTER	OLIVIA ANN VESEY
H REESE LEGGE	KATHERINE WARNER
KENNETH L MAXWELL	VALERIE M WEBB
ELIZABETH C MCDANIEL	KIMBERLY FOXALL WILLIAMS
MATT MCFARLAND	EDWARD M WILLIAMS
COURTENAY MCLAUGHLIN	ANNA MARIE WOLFE
LINDA G MCQUIDDY	STORMI WRIGHT

Commissioner Shoaf moved, seconded by Commissioner Harrison, to approve. The electronic vote was recorded in the following manner:

2602-NOT			2/23/2026 7:21:59 PM
YES - 23	NO - 0	ABS - 0	
Individual Votes (Y-Yes; N-No; A-Abstain; NV-Not Voting; NP-Not Present)			
Becker 21 - Y	Boyt 13 - Y	Brown 17 - Y	
Burgdorf 19 - Y	Genung 9 - Y	Harris 10 - Y	
Harrison 3 - Y	Holmes 12 - Y	Hyde 20 - Y	
Jones 23 - Y	Klein 6 - Y	Lamberth 4 - Y	
Mansfield 16 - Y	Miller 24 - Y	Moss 1 - Y	
Pomeroy 11 - Y	Ring 8 - Y	Rogers 5 - Y	
Schmit 18 - Y	Shoaf 22 - Y	Sullivan 7 - NP	
Teachenor 14 - Y	Wright 2 - Y	Wynne 15 - Y	

Chairman Becker declared the election of Notaries Public approved by the body.

HEALTH AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

There was no report from the Health and Emergency Services Committee.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

There was no report from the Education Committee.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

There was no report from the Highway Committee.

GENERAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Harris introduced the following resolution and moved for approval; seconded by Commissioner Jones.

**2602-12 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUMNER COUNTY
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT TRANSITION PLAN**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 23rd day of February, 2026, that this body does hereby approve the Sumner County Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan found at the following link:

<https://sumnercountytn.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/22-09-27-Sumner-County-Transition-Plan.pdf>

Chairman Becker declared Resolution 2602-12 approved by unanimous voice vote of the body.

Commissioner Harris introduced the following resolution and moved for approval; seconded by Commissioner Klein.

**2602-13 A RESOLUTION REQUIRING GANTT CHARTS FOR COUNTY
CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN EXCESS OF \$200,000.00**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 23rd day of February, 2026, that this body does hereby require GANTT charts for all Sumner County construction projects where the total expenditure for such project exceeds Two-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00).

Chairman Becker declared Resolution 2602-13 approved by unanimous voice vote of the body.

Commissioner Harris introduced the following resolution. Commissioner Rogers moved, seconded by Commissioner Harrison, to approve.

**2602-14 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A ONE-TIME DEVIATION FROM
COUNTY SURPLUS PROPERTY POLICY FOR THE
SUMNER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 23rd day of February, 2026, that this body does hereby approve a one-time deviation from the county surplus property policy for the Sumner County Sheriff's Office, waiving the 60 day requirement for listing property on the county website; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this one-time deviation only applies to the property described on the list attached hereto and on the links below; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sale or disposal of same property by the Sheriff is authorized in accordance with county policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that items containing sensitive data shall be destroyed in a manner to be determined by the Sheriff.

<https://sumnercountyttn.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/SheriffSurplus012626.pdf>
<https://sumnercountyttn.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/SheriffSurplus012726.pdf>
<https://sumnercountyttn.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/SheriffSurplus012826.pdf>
<https://sumnercountyttn.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/SheriffSurplus013026.pdf>

Chairman Becker declared Resolution 2602-14 approved by unanimous voice vote of the body.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

There was no report from Committee on Committees.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Harrison introduced the following resolution and moved for approval; seconded by Commissioner Harris.

2602-15 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DEPUTY RICK THOMPSON ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE SUMNER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AFTER MORE THAN 31 YEARS OF SERVICE AND GIFTING DEPUTY THOMPSON HIS SERVICE WEAPON

WHEREAS, Deputy Rick Thompson has honorably and faithfully served the citizens of Sumner County through his employment with the Sumner County Sheriff's Office from **December 19, 1994, through March 27, 2026**, totaling more than **thirty-one (31) years of dedicated public service**; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, Deputy Thompson demonstrated professionalism, integrity, courage, and an unwavering commitment to public safety, earning the respect of his fellow deputies, county leadership, and the citizens he served; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Thompson's service has contributed significantly to the safety, security, and well-being of Sumner County, and his legacy of service reflects great credit upon himself, the Sumner County Sheriff's Office, and Sumner County as a whole; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that Sumner County formally recognize Deputy Thompson's exemplary career and express gratitude for his years of faithful service; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to applicable law and longstanding custom, the Sumner County Commission desires to award Deputy Thompson his issued service weapon and badge as **additional compensation** in recognition of his retirement and dedicated service.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Commission meeting in regular session this 23rd day of February, 2026 that said body does hereby recognize, commend, and congratulate **Deputy Rick Thompson** upon his retirement from the Sumner County Sheriff's Office and extend sincere appreciation for his more than three decades of honorable service to Sumner County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as additional compensation upon retirement, Deputy Rick Thompson shall be awarded his issued service weapon, a **Glock 22 Gen 4, serial number BKWC115**, along with his official badge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Sumner County Commission and a copy presented to Deputy Rick Thompson as a lasting token of the County's gratitude and esteem.

Chairman Becker declared Resolution 2602-15 approved by unanimous voice vote of the body.

Commissioner Harrison introduced the following resolution and moved for approval; seconded by Commissioner Burgdorf.

2602-16 A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING THE FAILURES OF NASHVILLE ELECTRIC SERVICE LEADERSHIP IN RESPONSE TO WINTER STORM FERN, COMMENDING THE HEROIC EFFORTS OF LINEMEN AND FRONT-LINE CREWS, AND CALLING FOR SUMNER COUNTY REPRESENTATION ON THE NASHVILLE ELECTRIC SERVICE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, Nashville Electric Service (NES) is one of the largest public electric utilities in the nation, distributing energy to more than 430,000 customers across a 700-square-mile service area encompassing Davidson County and portions of six surrounding counties, including Sumner County; and

WHEREAS, NES serves a significant number of residential and commercial customers within Sumner County and these customers pay rates, fees, and assessments to NES in exchange for the expectation of safe, reliable, and affordable electric service; and

WHEREAS, On January 25, 2026, Winter Storm Fern struck Middle Tennessee, bringing a catastrophic combination of snow, sleet, and freezing rain that caused widespread damage to the electric distribution infrastructure across the NES service territory; and

WHEREAS, At the peak of the storm, approximately 230,000 NES customers were without electrical power, representing the single largest outage event in the history of Nashville Electric Service; and thousands of Sumner County residents served by NES were left without electrical power for days and, in many cases, well over a week, enduring dangerously cold temperatures, loss of heat, spoiled food, damaged property, frozen pipes, and significant hardship to families, the elderly, and medically vulnerable individuals; and

WHEREAS, NES leadership, including the President and Chief Executive Officer and the Electric Power Board, failed to adequately prepare for the foreseeable impacts of Winter Storm Fern, including the failure to pre-position sufficient crews, equipment, and mutual aid resources in advance of the storm; and

WHEREAS, NES leadership failed to provide timely, accurate, and transparent communication to its customers, to local elected officials, and to the public during the crisis, leaving hundreds of thousands of ratepayers without meaningful information regarding restoration timelines, resource deployment, or the scope of damage to the distribution system; and

WHEREAS, Serious questions have been raised regarding the adequacy of NES's vegetation management and tree canopy maintenance programs, the failure of which contributed to the widespread and prolonged nature of the power outages, as fallen trees and limbs accounted for a substantial portion of the infrastructure damage, including the destruction of more than 700 power poles; and

WHEREAS, NES leadership failed to mobilize and deploy an adequate number of linemen and restoration crews with the urgency demanded by the scale of the disaster, resulting in a restoration timeline extending to February 9, 2026—more than two weeks after the initial outages began; and

WHEREAS, The failures of NES leadership stand in stark contrast to the performance of other regional electric utilities that restored power to their customers in a fraction of the time despite facing similar storm conditions; and

WHEREAS, The linemen, field crews, and front-line workers of Nashville Electric Service performed with extraordinary courage, dedication, and professionalism throughout the storm response, working extended shifts of fourteen to sixteen hours per day in dangerous, frigid, and often life-threatening conditions to restore power to their fellow citizens; and the heroic efforts of these linemen and front-line crews deserve the highest commendation, and any criticism of NES's institutional and executive leadership must not and shall not diminish the honor, sacrifice, and dedication of those who labored in the field; and

WHEREAS, The NES Electric Power Board is comprised of five members who are appointed by the Mayor of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County and confirmed by the Metropolitan Council, with no formal representation afforded to the citizens of the surrounding counties who are served by and pay rates to NES; and

WHEREAS, Sumner County, with a population exceeding 215,000 residents, represents a significant and growing portion of the NES customer base, yet has no voice in the governance, policy, or operational decisions of the utility upon which its citizens depend; and

WHEREAS, The lack of representation from Sumner County and other surrounding counties on the NES Board constitutes a fundamental inequity, whereby ratepayers are subject to the decisions of a governing body in which they have no participation and over which they exercise no accountability; and

WHEREAS, The failures exposed by Winter Storm Fern underscore the urgent need for Sumner County to have a meaningful voice in the governance of Nashville Electric Service to advocate for the interests, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session this 23rd day of February, 2026, as follows:

Section 1. Commendation of Linemen and Front-Line Crews. The Sumner County Commission hereby commends and expresses its deepest gratitude to the linemen, field crews, and all front-line workers of Nashville Electric Service who served with distinction during the response to Winter Storm Fern. Their courage, dedication, and tireless service in the face of dangerous and extreme conditions reflect the highest standards of professionalism and selfless public service. The citizens of Sumner County are forever grateful for their sacrifice.

Section 2. Findings of Leadership Failure. The Sumner County Commission hereby finds that the executive leadership of Nashville Electric Service, including the President and Chief Executive Officer and the Electric Power Board, failed in their fundamental duty to ensure adequate storm preparedness, timely power restoration, transparent communication, and proper vegetation management practices in connection with Winter Storm Fern. These failures resulted in unnecessary and prolonged suffering for the citizens of Sumner County and the broader NES service territory.

Section 3. Call for Independent Review. The Sumner County Commission calls upon NES leadership and the Electric Power Board to conduct a full, transparent, and independent review of all decisions made before, during, and after Winter Storm Fern, including but not limited to: storm preparedness and pre-positioning of resources; vegetation management and tree canopy maintenance practices; crew mobilization and mutual aid coordination; and communications with customers, elected officials, and the public. This review should also include an accounting of all assets serviced by NES, organized by county and municipality.

Section 4. Appointment to the NES Board of Directors. The Sumner County Commission hereby calls for the establishment of a formal appointment to the Nashville Electric Service Board of Directors to represent the interests of Sumner County ratepayers. Said appointment shall be made by the Sumner County Mayor to ensure that the voices of the citizens of Sumner County are heard in the governance of the utility upon which they depend. The NES charter should be amended so as to allow for Sumner County to appoint its own representative(s) to the NES board. The County Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary and appropriate actions to advocate for and secure such representation, including engagement with the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, the Tennessee General Assembly, and any other relevant authorities to effectuate this appointment.

Section 5. Communication of this Resolution. The Clerk of the Sumner County Commission is hereby directed to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to the following: the Mayor of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County; the President and Chief Executive Officer of Nashville Electric Service; the Chair of the Nashville Electric Service Electric Power Board; members of the Tennessee General Assembly representing Sumner County; and the Governor of the State of Tennessee.

Section 6. Alternative Options. Should NES be resistant to proactive change in its structure and processes and in order to allow for Sumner County to explore alternative concrete and realistic options to provide for power delivery for its citizens, the Sumner County Mayor is hereby empowered to engage with other electrical service providers within the county. To affect a potential transition, the County Mayor is empowered to engage with the Tennessee General Assembly.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Commissioner Brown moved, seconded by Commissioner Teachenor, to defer to the Legislative Committee to give Hendersonville the option to be serviced by Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation.

After discussion, Commissioner Teachenor withdrew his second and motion failed for lack of second.

Chairman Becker declared Resolution 2602-16 approved by the body.

Commissioner Harrison introduced the following resolution. Commissioner Mansfield moved, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve.

2602-17 A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED TVA TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTES THROUGH THE GREGORY FAMILY FARM AND WALLACE ROAD COMMUNITY AND REQUESTING TVA UTILIZE THE EXISTING STATE ROUTE 109 AND CSX TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS TO AVOID ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL, HISTORICAL, AND CULTURAL HARM

WHEREAS, the Gregory Family Farm, located in Gallatin, Tennessee, traces its continuous agricultural operation to 1787 through Revolutionary War patriot Joseph Wallace, whose descendants have stewarded this land for more than two centuries; and

WHEREAS, the property is recognized as a Tennessee Bicentennial Farm and represents an irreplaceable historical, cultural, and agricultural resource within Sumner County; and

WHEREAS, the Gregory Family Farm and associated Wallace Road properties encompass more than 160 acres of active farmland, waterways, and natural habitat, including Wallace Branch Creek, and remain in productive agricultural use today; and

WHEREAS, this property also serves the public as a living classroom, hosting approximately 300 children annually through Farm School, Honeycomb Nature Society, Homeschool Enrichment, and other agricultural education programs; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Valley Authority has proposed routing a high-voltage transmission line for the 109 North Transmission Project through or adjacent to the Gregory Family Farm, directly affecting historic land grants, farming operations, and educational programming; and

WHEREAS, TVA has publicly stated its commitment to environmental stewardship, protection of historical and cultural resources, and minimization of impacts to private property; and

WHEREAS, TVA has identified multiple routing alternatives for this project, including at least eighteen alternate paths, demonstrating that meaningful routing flexibility exists; and

WHEREAS, among the routes under consideration, the routing sequence beginning at Tap Point 1, proceeding west toward Route 8 in proximity to State Route 109, and then following the Highway 109 / CSX transportation corridor south toward the proposed 109 North Substation avoids the historic core of the Gregory Family Farm, minimizes disruption to agricultural operations and educational programming, consolidates infrastructure within existing roadway and utility corridors, and represents the least harmful and most responsible routing option; and

WHEREAS, the routing combinations associated with Tap Points 2 through 7 would traverse lands encompassed within the original Revolutionary War land grant and surrounding historic properties, fragment multigenerational homesteads, intrude upon documented cemeteries and sites of cultural and archaeological significance, bisect active farmland and waterways including Wallace Branch Creek, disrupt educational programming, and impose substantial, unnecessary, and unacceptable economic, environmental, historical, and cultural harm where viable corridor-based alternatives exist; and

WHEREAS, Sumner County recognizes the importance of reliable electrical infrastructure while affirming that such infrastructure should be constructed in a manner that balances public necessity with preservation of historic lands, environmental resources, agricultural operations, and community institutions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Sumner County, Tennessee, respectfully requests that the Tennessee Valley Authority select the routing sequence beginning at Tap Point 1, proceeding west toward Route 8 in proximity to State Route 109, and then following the Highway 109 / CSX transportation corridor south toward the proposed 109 North Substation as the least harmful and most appropriate route for the 109 North Transmission Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board urges TVA to prioritize the use of existing transportation and utility corridors, including State Route 109 and the CSX rail corridor, in order to minimize new intrusion into historic farmland, active agricultural operations, homesteads, waterways, and educational programming; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board explicitly opposes any routing alternative that cuts through the historic core of the Gregory Family Farm and Wallace Road community when viable corridor-based alternatives exist; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board calls upon TVA to honor its stated commitments to stewardship, historical preservation, and minimization of private property impacts in selecting the final route for this project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Sumner County, Tennessee meeting in regular session this the 23rd day of February 2026 that this body hereby affirms that the routing sequence beginning at Tap Point 1 and following the State Route 109 / CSX corridor alignment represents the only responsible routing option that avoids unnecessary intrusion into historic and agricultural lands within this community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon adoption, the Board of County Commissioners directs the Office of the Law Director to transmit copies of this resolution to appropriate TVA representatives and to Sumner County's state and federal legislative delegation, requesting their support and assistance.

Commissioner Mansfield moved, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to amend to replace the resolution with the new resolution with map that was placed on the desks.

Commissioner Wynne moved, seconded by Commissioner Harrison, to amend the amendment to insert language before the second to last "Be It Further Resolved" to read "Be It Further Resolved that this Board in its continued efforts to preserve our irreplaceable historic and cultural sites throughout Sumner County does hereby donate a sum of \$22,500.00 out of the General Fund to the Cairo Rosenwald School for preservation efforts and invites TVA to join in the preservation efforts for this historic site in a public display of their commitments to the protection of historic and cultural resources."

Chairman Becker ruled the amendment out of order after consulting with Law Director Eric Sitler who explained donations to a non-profit must be properly noticed. Chairman Becker recommended taking the request through committee.

After discussion, Chairman Becker declared Commissioner Mansfield's amendment to replace the resolution with the resolution with a map that was placed on the desks approved by unanimous voice vote of the body.

Chairman Becker declared Resolution 2602-17 approved as amended by unanimous voice vote of the body. The amendment is reflected in the resolution as presented in the minutes.

Commissioner Harrison introduced the Term Limits Resolution added to the agenda. Commissioner Mansfield moved, seconded by Commissioner Shoaf, to approve.

2602-24 A RESOLUTION OF THE SUMNER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING THE TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT A PRIVATE ACT ESTABLISHING TERM LIMITS FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN SUMNER COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners is the legislative body of Sumner County, Tennessee, consisting of 24 elected commissioners who serve to represent the interests of the county's residents; and

WHEREAS, the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners recognizes the importance of fostering public trust, civic engagement, and governmental accountability; and

WHEREAS, elected office is a public trust, and periodic changes in leadership can encourage fresh ideas, increased public participation, and help prevent long-term entrenchment in positions of power while seeking to balance continuity of experience with opportunities for new leadership to serve the county; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Sumner County have expressed interest in establishing term limits for County Commissioners to promote responsive, effective, and dynamic representation; and

WHEREAS, under Tennessee law, a county may request the enactment of a private act by the General Assembly to authorize term limits for its County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners desires to petition the Tennessee General Assembly to enact such a private act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SUMNER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT:

1. The Sumner County Board of County Commissioners respectfully requests that the Tennessee General Assembly enact a private act establishing term limits for members of the Sumner County Commission, limiting any individual to no more than **two (2) four-year terms of service during their lifetime**, whether those terms are consecutive or non-consecutive.

2. A former commissioner who has served two four-year terms—regardless of whether served consecutively—shall be **permanently ineligible** to run for or be appointed to the office of County Commissioner in Sumner County.

3. This private act, once enacted, shall take effect only upon approval by a majority of qualified voters in a county-wide referendum, in accordance with Tennessee law. Said referendum shall be held at the next general election in Sumner County following adoption of this act. The question submitted to the voters on the ballot shall read as follows:

“Vote YES or NO on the following question: Shall Sumner County adopt a term limit of a maximum of two four-year terms, whether served consecutively or not, for members of the County Commission?”

4. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to each member of the Sumner County delegation to the Tennessee General Assembly, along with a formal request for introduction and support of the necessary private act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Chairman Becker explained it would require sixteen votes to approve.

The electronic vote to approve Resolution 2602-24 was recorded in the following manner:

2602-24			2/23/2026 7:58:05 PM
YES - 13	NO - 9	ABS - 0	
Individual Votes (Y-Yes; N-No; A-Abstain; NV-Not Voting; NP-Not Present)			
Becker 21 - Y	Boyt 13 - Y	Brown 17 - Y	
Burgdorf 19 - N	Genung 9 - Y	Harris 10 - NV	
Harrison 3 - N	Holmes 12 - Y	Hyde 20 - N	
Jones 23 - Y	Klein 6 - Y	Lamberth 4 - N	
Mansfield 16 - Y	Miller 24 - Y	Moss 1 - N	
Pomeroy 11 - N	Ring 8 - N	Rogers 5 - N	
Schmit 18 - Y	Shoaf 22 - Y	Sullivan 7 - NP	
Teachenor 14 - Y	Wright 2 - Y	Wynne 15 - N	

Chairman Becker declared Resolution 2602-24 failed to carry by the necessary two-thirds vote.

Chairman Becker recognized Commissioner Wynne who requested the document below be entered into the minutes.

CTAS - County Charters

County Charters

Reference Number: CTAS-445

The 1978 amendments to the Tennessee Constitution revised Article VII, Section 1, of the Tennessee Constitution, including adding the third paragraph as follows:

The General Assembly may provide alternative forms of county government including the right to charter and the manner by which a referendum may be called. The new form of government shall replace the existing form if approved by a majority of the voters in the referendum.

The Tennessee Supreme Court has determined that the Tennessee Constitution allows for three types or forms of county government: (1) the basic form which includes the constitutional offices, (2) consolidated city-county government, and (3) an alternative form, such as a county charter. The alternative form of county government authorized under the third paragraph of Article VII, Section 1 of the Tennessee Constitution may be created by the legislature without regard to the general type established in Article VII provided the legislature's action is ratified by referendum. *State ex rel. Maner v. Leech*, 588 S.W.2d 534 (Tenn. 1979), *Bailey v. County of Shelby*, 188 S.W.3d 539 (Tenn. 2006).

The General Assembly has provided an alternative to the standard form of government provided in the first paragraph of Article VII, Section 1 of the Tennessee Constitution through the means of a county charter. The county charter enabling law is found in *Tennessee Code Annotated*, Title 5, Chapter 1, Part 2. County charters are often referred to as "home rule" charters due to the discretion given by the legislature to the citizens of the county to alter the form or structure of the county government through the charter writing and referendum approval process. The legislature has also granted to counties with charters the power to adopt ordinances in a manner similar to that of a city government. Charter counties may adopt ordinances relating to purely county affairs and cannot interfere with the local affairs of any municipality. The county legislative body is authorized to provide penalties for the violation of ordinances, but these penalties cannot exceed certain statutory maximums. T.C.A. § 5-1-211. The Tennessee Supreme Court has ruled that a county charter may impose term limits on certain county officials although none is required by general law. *Bailey v. County of Shelby*, 188 S.W.3d 539 (Tenn. 2006); *Jordan v. Knox County*, 213 S.W.3d 751 (Tenn. 2007).

Any county wishing to adopt a charter must first create a charter commission by one of four possible methods--

1. Resolution of the county legislative body,
2. Proclamation of the county mayor ratified by a two-thirds majority vote of the county legislative body,
3. Petition by 10 percent of the qualified voters, or
4. Private act of the General Assembly.

Members of the charter commission are elected by popular vote if the resolution or petition method is used. If a proclamation by the county mayor is used, charter commission members are appointed in the proclamation from county legislative body districts with no more than three members from any one county legislative body district. Within nine months the charter commission must present a proposed charter, which is then submitted for approval in a referendum. The state statutes enabling a county charter require that the charter contain provisions assigning the functions and duties of the officers of the county, and state that the duties of the constitutional officers as prescribed by the general assembly cannot be diminished under the new charter government. T.C.A. § 5-1-210. Thus, the county charter must provide for the constitutional county offices or otherwise assign the duties of the constitutional county offices to another office, agency, or official. *Jordan v. Knox County*, 213 S.W.3d 751, 773 (Tenn. 2007).

The statutes authorizing a county charter provide for organizational changes and ordinance powers but do not provide any extension of the authority for home rule in vital areas such as local option taxation. To date, only Shelby and Knox counties have chosen county charters, although other counties have studied the matter.

Source URL: <https://www.ctas.tennessee.edu/eli/county-charters>

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Commissioner Rogers moved, seconded by Commissioner Pomeroy, to group and approve Resolutions 2602-18 through 2602-23. After objection, Chairman Becker overruled the motion to group and approve.

Commissioner Shoaf introduced the following resolution and moved for approval; seconded by Commissioner Harrison.

2602-18 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$120,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE TO BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG DEPARTMENTS OTHER THAN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND EMS FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS TO DETERMINE HOW TO DISTRIBUTE AMONG EMPLOYEE SALARIES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 23rd day of February, 2026 that this body does hereby appropriate \$120,000.00 from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance to be distributed among departments other than the Sheriff's Office and EMS for department heads to determine how to distribute among employee salaries;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Budget Committee waives their second reading for the continuity of operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall apply to the Fiscal Year 2027 budget.

Commissioner Shoaf moved to amend to execute in conjunction with FY2027 budget cycle. Commissioner Harrison seconded the amendment. Chairman Becker declared the amendment approved by unanimous voice vote of the body.

Chairman Becker declared Resolution 2602-18 approved as amended by unanimous voice vote of the body. The amendment is reflected as presented above.

Commissioner Shoaf introduced the following resolution. Commissioner Mansfield moved, seconded by Commissioner Burgdorf, to approve.

2602-19 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$816,684.60 PLUS ACCRUED INTEREST FROM THE HOSPITAL FUND TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR PURCHASE AND CONSTRUCTION NEEDS FOR ADA PLAYGROUNDS PER RESOLUTION 2507-10

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 23rd day of February, 2026 that this body does hereby appropriate \$816,684.60 plus any accrued interest from the hospital fund to the Board of Education for any and all purchase and construction needs for ADA playgrounds per Resolution 2507-10, as shown on the attachment hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Budget Committee waives their second reading for the continuity of operations.

Commissioner Wynne moved, seconded by Commissioner Ring, to amend to change the wording “ADA playgrounds” to “the purchase of ADA playground equipment.” Chairman Becker declared the amendment approved by voice vote of the body. Commissioner Teachenor voted against the amendment. Chairman Becker ruled the vote was taken prematurely and allowed debate to continue.

After discussion, Commissioner Pomeroy asked to change the wording to “any and all construction and purchase needs for ADA playgrounds”, the maker of the amendment and the seconder agreed to the change.

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Ring, to amend to include the language “any and all accrued interest.” Commissioner Wynne agreed to include in his amendment, the seconder agreed.

Chairman Becker declared the amendment approved by unanimous voice vote of the body.

Chairman Becker declared Resolution 2602-19 approved as amended by unanimous voice vote of the body. The resolution above reflects the amendment.

Commissioner Shoaf introduced the following resolution. Commissioner Mansfield moved, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to reject/deny.

2602-20 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$13,910.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION TO MOVE EQUIPMENT TO 1019 UNION SCHOOL ROAD

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 23rd day of February, 2026, that this body does hereby appropriate \$13,910.00 from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance to the Election Commission to move equipment to 1019 Union School Road, as shown on the attachment hereto.

Chairman Becker noted a “yes” vote is to deny the resolution.

After discussion, the electronic vote to reject/deny Resolution 2602-20 was recorded in the following manner:

2602-20 2/23/2026 8:33:10 PM

YES - 19		NO - 4		ABS - 0	
Individual Votes (Y-Yes; N-No; A-Abstain; NV-Not Voting; NP-Not Present)					
Becker 21	- Y	Boyt 13	- Y	Brown 17	- Y
Burgdorf 19	- N	Genung 9	- Y	Harris 10	- Y
Harrison 3	- N	Holmes 12	- Y	Hyde 20	- Y
Jones 23	- Y	Klein 6	- Y	Lamberth 4	- Y
Mansfield 16	- Y	Miller 24	- Y	Moss 1	- N
Pomeroy 11	- Y	Ring 8	- N	Rogers 5	- Y
Schmit 18	- Y	Shoaf 22	- Y	Sullivan 7	- NP
Teachenor 14	- Y	Wright 2	- Y	Wynne 15	- Y

Chairman Becker declared Resolution 2602-20 denied by the body.

Commissioner Shoaf introduced the following resolution. Commissioner Mansfield moved, seconded by Commissioner Shoaf, to reject/deny.

2602-21 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$3,950.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION TO INSTALL CIRCUITS AND RELOCATE LIGHTS AT 1019 UNION SCHOOL ROAD

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 23rd day of February, 2026 that this body does hereby appropriate \$3,950.00 from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance to the Election Commission to install circuits and relocate lights at 1019 Union School Road, as shown on the attachment hereto.

The electronic to reject/deny Resolution 2602-21 was recorded in the following manner:

2602-21		2/23/2026 8:33:57 PM					
YES - 19		NO - 4		ABS - 0			
Individual Votes (Y-Yes; N-No; A-Abstain; NV-Not Voting; NP-Not Present)							
Becker 21	- Y	Boyt 13	- Y	Brown 17	- Y		
Burgdorf 19	- N	Genung 9	- Y	Harris 10	- Y		
Harrison 3	- N	Holmes 12	- Y	Hyde 20	- Y		
Jones 23	- Y	Klein 6	- Y	Lamberth 4	- Y		
Mansfield 16	- Y	Miller 24	- Y	Moss 1	- N		
Pomeroy 11	- Y	Ring 8	- N	Rogers 5	- Y		
Schmit 18	- Y	Shoaf 22	- Y	Sullivan 7	- NP		
Teachenor 14	- Y	Wright 2	- Y	Wynne 15	- Y		

Chairman Becker declared Resolution 2602-21 denied by the body.

Commissioner Shoaf introduced the following resolution and moved for approval; seconded by Commissioner Pomeroy.

2602-22 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH M-FILES FOR DIGITIZING PAPER RECORDS FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 23rd day of February, 2026, that this body does hereby approve a multi-year agreement with M-Files for digitizing paper records for the Sheriff's Office, as shown on the attachment hereto.

Chairman Becker declared Resolution 2602-22 approved by unanimous voice vote of the body.

Commissioner Shoaf introduced the following resolution and moved for approval; seconded by Commissioner Pomeroy.

2602-23 A RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO APPLY FOR \$500,000.00 OPIOID ABATEMENT COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 23rd day of February, 2026, that this body does hereby grant approval to the Sheriff's Office to apply for the \$500,000.00 Opioid Abatement Council Community Grant, as shown on the attachment hereto.

Chairman Becker declared Resolution 2602-23 approved by unanimous voice vote of the body.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Commissioner Boyt reported that she spoke with the recruiter and that several advertisements have been placed for the Finance Director position. Five applications have been received to date, and it is hoped that at least a dozen will be submitted. Applications will be opened on February 27, 2026; however, applications will continue to be accepted after that date.

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman Becker opened the floor to allow the public to speak concerning non-agenda items.

Mary Cole of 514 Crowley Lane, Gallatin spoke to Ulta gift cards. Chairman Becker explained discussion needs to be germane to County Commission business.

With no one wishing to speak, recognition of the public was closed.

DISTRICT EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Ring announced the County Sumner Irish Festival on March 7, 2026, at Bledsoe Fort's State Park.

Commissioner Genung announced a Pancake Breakfast, to support Guild School parent/teacher association, on March 28, 2026, at Long Hollow Jamboree.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Becker declared the Commission meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. upon motion of Commissioner Ring, seconded by Commissioner Harrison.

CAROLYN TEMPLETON, CLERK

JERRY BECKER, CHAIRMAN

Prepared by Jennifer Mitchell

Approved on _____