



# SUMNER COUNTY COMMISSION

355 N. Belvedere Drive – Room 111  
Gallatin, Tennessee 37066-5410

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## Commissioners

*Terry Moss – 1st*  
*Terry Wright – 2nd*  
*Mark Harrison – 3rd*  
*Dillon Lamberth – 4th*  
*Darrell Rogers – 5th*  
*David Klein – 6th*  
*Danny Sullivan – 7th*  
*Baker Ring – 8th*  
*Dr. Mary Genung – 9th*  
*Benjamin Harris – 10th*  
*Kevin Pomeroy – 11th*  
*Deborah Holmes – 12th*  
*Terri Boyt – 13th*  
*Dr. Jamie Teachenor – 14th*  
*J. Wes Wynne – 15th*  
*Jeremy Mansfield – 16th*  
*Robert Brown III – 17th*  
*Don Schmit – 18th*  
*Shannon Burgdorf – 19th*  
*Merrol Hyde – 20th*  
*Jerry Becker – 21<sup>st</sup>*  
*Matthew Shoaf – 22<sup>nd</sup>*  
*Tim Jones – 23<sup>rd</sup>*  
*Chrissi Miller – 24<sup>th</sup>*

The following minutes are included in this packet:

<b>Beer Board.....</b>	<b>February 23</b>
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<b>Highway Commission.....</b>	<b>January 5</b>
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<b>Volunteer Fire Ad Hoc.....</b>	<b>February 10</b>

**MINUTES  
FEBRUARU 23, 2026  
BEER BOARD  
CHAIRMAN, CHRISSI MILLER**

Present:

Merrol Hyde, Vice-Chairman  
Mark Harrison  
Terry Moss  
Baker Ring

Absent:

Chrissi Miller, Chairman

Also Present:

Eric Sitler, Law Director  
Jennifer Mitchell, minute taker

The regular meeting of the Beer Board was brought to order an innovation by Vice-Chairman Hyde on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sumner County Administration Building in Gallatin. A quorum was present.

Agenda. Upon motion of Comm. Ring, seconded by Comm. Harrison, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

Minutes of December 29, 2025. Upon motion of Comm. Harrison, seconded by Comm. Ring, the Board unanimously approved the minutes for December 29, 2025.

Recognition of the Public. None

II. Old Business.

III. New Business.

A. Application for beer permit.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and vote on the beer application of the following:

1. Himanshu J. Patel DBA Castalian Springs Market, located at 3120 Hartsville Pike, Castalian Springs, TN 37031. This application is for off-premises consumption.

Comm. Harrison moved, seconded by Comm. Ring, to approve the beer permit for Himanshu J. Patel DBA Castalian Springs Market. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Half Batch Brewing LLC., to operate March 7, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., or rainout date of March 8, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Bledsoe's Fort Historical Park, 2901 Hartsville Pike, Castalian Springs, TN under the name COUNTY SUMNER IRISH FESTIVAL. There will be on-premises consumption. This beer permit application is for a Special Events Permit only.

Comm. Ring moved, seconded by Comm. Moss, to approve the special events beer permit for Half batch Brewing LLC. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment. Vice- Chairman Hyde declared the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m. upon motion of Comm. Harrison and seconded by Comm. Ring.

Prepared by Jennifer Mitchell

**MINUTES  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMAN, DANNY SULLIVAN  
FEBRUARY 2, 2026**

**Present:**

Danny Sullivan, Chairman  
Baker Ring, Vice-Chairman  
Merrol Hyde  
Dillon Lamberth  
Darrell Rogers  
Wes Wynne

**Absent:**

Terry Wright

**Also Present:**

John Isbell, County Mayor  
Eric Sitler, Law Director  
Dr. Scott Langford, Director of Schools  
Jerry Becker, Commission Chairman  
Jennifer Mitchell, minute taker

Chairman Sullivan brought the regular meeting of the Education Committee to order with an invocation by Comm. Rogers on Monday, February 2, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sumner County Administration building in Gallatin.

3. Adoption of the Agenda.

Upon motion of Comm. Rogers, seconded by Comm. Lamberth, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

4. Approval of Minutes January 5, 2026.

Comm. Rogers moved, seconded by Comm. Ring, to approve the minutes of January 5, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Recognition of the Public.

None

6. Report of the Chairman.

No report.

7. Report of County Mayor.

No report.

8. Report of Director of Schools.

Director of Schools Dr. Scott Langford stated that he hopes to get the schools back in session on Wednesday after Winter Storm Fern.

a. Update on Athletics Projects.

Dr. Scott Langford reported that good progress had been made prior to Winter Storm Fern. He also explained that, unlike teachers who work under contract, part-time employees are not contracted and therefore do not receive pay when absent due to weather-related closures.

b. Update on the Innovation Center

Mr. Langford had no update at this time.

Chairman Sullivan requested for items 8a and 8b to remain on the agenda for next month.

9. Old Business.

10. New Business.

a. Sumner County Board of Education Budget Amendments for information only.

1. Budget Amendment 100.
2. Budget Amendment 101.

Docketing purposes only; no action taken.

b. Canon Copier Lease for Vena Stuart Elementary School.

Comm. Wynne moved, seconded by Comm. Rogers, to approve. The motion carried unanimously.

c. Apple Lease.

Comm. Lamberth moved, seconded by Comm. Wynne, to approve. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Adjournment.

The Committee adjourned at 6:35 p.m. upon motion of Comm. Rogers and seconded by Comm. Ring.

Education Committee  
February 2, 2026

Prepared by Jennifer Mitchell

**MINUTES  
GENERAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
BEN HARRIS, CHAIRMAN  
FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

Present:

Ben Harris, Chairman  
J. Wes Wynne, Vice-Chairman  
David Klein  
Don Schmit

Absent:

Dr. Mary Genung  
Tim Jones  
Darrell Rogers

Also Present:

John Isbell, County Mayor  
Eric Sitler, Law Director  
Scott Shamrock, Projects and Grant Specialist  
Jennifer Mitchell, minute taker

Chairman Harris brought the regular scheduled meeting of the General Operations Committee to order with an invocation by Comm. Klein on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 6:02 p.m. in the Sumner County Administration Building. Chairman Harris declared a quorum present to conduct business.

3. Approval of Agenda.

Without objection, Chairman Harris removed item 10b from the agenda. Law Director Eric Sitler confirmed it will be on old business next month.

Comm. Wynne moved, seconded by Comm. Klein, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the Minutes of January 5, 2026.

Comm. Schmit moved, seconded by Comm. Klein, to approve the minutes from January 5, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Recognition of the Public.

None

6. Report of Chairman.

7. Report of Finance Director.

a. Capital Projects and ARPA Projects Update

Scott Shamrock, Projects and Grant Specialist, reported on current projects. Handout with updates attached.

## 8. Report of the County Mayor

### a. Millersville EMS Station Reconfiguration.

County Mayor John Isbell reported that final approval from the state fire marshal's office was received, bids are out and due February 20, 2026.

### b. Cottontown Flood Mitigation Plan Implementation.

Mr. Isbell stated he is waiting for appraisal of that property. He further stated he will coordinate cleanup of the Draper House along with this property.

## 9. Old Business.

## 10. New Business.

### a. ADA Olan.

Comm. Wynne moved, seconded by Comm. Schmit, to adapt the plan.

County Mayor John Isbell explained no changes have been made since presented in 2023.

Law Director Eric Sitler explained that the plan was introduced in 2023 but was tabled and never brought back for consideration. Despite this, the County continued to operate as though the plan had been implemented, which allowed the County to remain in good standing with the State. The construction of the new buildings and the sale of County property have kept the County moving forward under the plan. The only remaining step is the formal adoption of the plan.

The Committee voted unanimously to adapt the plan and forward to the full Commission.

### b. County Building Policy.

Without objection, Chairman Harris moved to old business for next month.

### c. Gantt Charts.

Chairman Harris opened discussion. Scott Shamrock, Projects and Grant Specialist, suggested implementing Gantt charts for all new projects going forward, which would provide the ability to incorporate the requirement into future contracts.

Comm. Wynne moved for any projects at or over \$500,000.00 require Gantt chart type style reporting from the project manager. Comm. Klein asked to lower the threshold amount. Comm. Wynne agreed to change his motion to \$200,000.00. Comm. Klein seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the use of Gantt chart style reporting on any projects at or over \$200,000.00 on all new projects.

d. SCSO Surplus Policy Requested Deviation.

After discussion, Comm. Schmit moved, seconded by Comm. Wynne, to approve the request. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Adjournment. Upon motion of Comm. Wynne and seconded by Comm. Klein, the Committee adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Prepared by Jennifer Mitchell



**SUMNER COUNTY GOVERNMENT**  
**FINANCE DEPARTMENT**  
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 Gallatin, Tennessee 37066  
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**Master Projects List**

Project Name	Assigned	Funding Source	Original Budget	Budget Amendments	Total Budget	Expenditures	% of Budget Expended	Estimated Completion Date	Status
Westmoreland EMS	Scott	ARPA/Capital	\$ 3,739,150.60	\$ 77,694.55	\$ 3,815,785.15	\$ 784,580.72	21%	6/5/2026	Working on Building pad/site
Hendersonville Health Department	Scott	ARPA/Grant	\$ 2,270,250.00	-	\$ 2,270,250.00	\$ 1,350,339.72	59%	6/30/2026	Installing Windows and Doors, will begin drywalling after.
Courtroom 5C	Scott	Capital	\$ 809,695.13	-	\$ 809,695.13	\$ 67,575.00	8%	5/31/2026	Installing HVAC and running the required Electric
Recovery Court	Scott	Opioid	\$ 65,000.00	-	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 46,800.00	72%	6/30/2026	RFP publishing February 12, 2026
Sheriff Remodel	Scott	Capital	\$ 320,000.00	-	\$ 320,000.00	\$ 108,800.00	34%	12/31/2026	Updating models and plans. Work will stop after plans are finalized and approved. Will wait to continue until construction budget is approved.
Brown House	Scott	Bequest	\$ 587,611.95	-	\$ 587,611.95	\$ 4,515.00	1%	TBD	Contract will be with the Mayor in the morning
Portland SWIG (3 projects)	Dustin	ARPA	\$ 7,214,180.50	-	\$ 7,214,180.50	\$ 6,708,314.77	93%	2/1/2026	Working on Close out
Westmoreland SWIG (4 projects)	Dustin	ARPA	\$ 2,417,882.50	-	\$ 2,417,882.50	\$ 1,247,801.00	52%	3/30/2026	Lake Westmoreland Rd complete. Bishop Trout complete. Bill Henson Complete. Dewey Car to finish in the next 3 weeks.
Gallatin SWIG	Dustin	ARPA	\$ 9,000,000.00	-	\$ 9,000,000.00	\$ 9,000,000.00	100%	1/15/2026	Prepaid, passed all audit inspections
SR258/Drares Creek	Other Dept	Capital	\$ 225,296.00	\$ 381,725.00	\$ 607,021.00	\$ 259,211.54	44%	7/21/2027	Acquisition of right-of-way has started.
Rolling Hills Sidewalk	Other Dept	Capital	\$ 92,800.00	-	\$ 92,800.00	\$ 36,054.89	39%	5/11/2027	In the Design Phase
Bridal House	Scott	Capital	\$ 16,000.00	-	\$ 16,000.00	-	0%	3/1/2026	Friends of the Bridal House have secured a grant to repair the Chinking
The Hollows Drainage Project Phase 1	Other Dept	ARPA/Capital	\$ 748,878.00	-	\$ 748,878.00	\$ 661,615.00	89%	3/30/2026	Phase 1 near completion
Millersville Stormwater	Dustin	ARPA	\$ 521,000.00	-	\$ 521,000.00	\$ 521,000.00	100%	10/31/2026	Prepaid, passed all audit inspections
ECOD Broadband	Dustin	Grant	\$ 100,000.00	-	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 87,859.78	88%	10/31/2026	Working on the distribution of Chromebooks and setting up TICAT classes.

Project Name	Assigned	Funding Source	Original Budget	Budget Amendments	Total Budget	Expenditures	% of Budget Expended	Estimated Completion Date	Status
Hendersonville HVAC	Scott	Capital	\$ 14,693.00	\$ -	\$ 14,693.00	\$ -	0%	12/12/2026	Awaiting Maintenance Approval
The Hollows Drainage Project Phase 2	Other Dept	APPA/Capital	\$ 971,255.00	\$ -	\$ 971,255.00	\$ 10,000.00	1%	6/30/2026	work continues on pipe installation and utility relocation.
Parking Lot Project	Scott	Capital	\$ 200,572.00	\$ -	\$ 200,572.00	\$ -	0%	6/21/2026	Contract will be with the Mayor in the morning



**SUMNER COUNTY  
HIGHWAY COMMISSION  
AGENDA  
4:30 PM  
January 5, 2026  
Mark Harrison, Chairman**

**Mark Harrison, Chairman  
Deborah Holmes, Vice-Chair  
Toby Ellis, Road Superintendent  
John Isbell, County Mayor  
Terry Moss, Commissioner  
Darrell Rogers, Commissioner  
Wayne Padgett, Citizen Member  
Eric Sitler, Attorney**

**LOCATION: SUMNER COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ROOM 112**

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes for Last Meeting (See Attached)
6. Public Recognition\*\*
7. Report of Chairman
  - A. Old Business
  - B. New Business
8. Report of Road Superintendent
  - A. Old Business
  - B. New Business
    1. Approve 2026 Sumner County Road List w/changes
    2. Approve 30 MPH speed limit for Carter Ridge Rd.
    3. Accept Wolf Pack Way as a county road.
9. Report of County Mayor
  - A. Old Business
  - B. New Business
10. Commission Business
  - A. Old Business
  - B. New Business
11. Adjournment.

***\*\*Persons wishing to speak on agenda items shall sign up for public comment on the sheet provided at the meeting immediately prior to the commencement of the meeting.***

**MINUTES  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
MARK HARRISON, CHAIRMAN  
FEBRUARY 9, 2026**

Present:

Mark Harrison, Chairman  
Darrell Rogers, Vice-Chairman  
Ben Harris  
Shannon Burgdorf  
Matthew Shoaf

Also Present:

John Isbell, County Mayor  
Eric Sitler, Law Director  
Jennifer Mitchell, minute taker

Absent:

Jerry Becker, Commission Chairman  
Danny Sullivan

Chairman Harrison brought the regular scheduled Legislative Committee meeting to order with an invocation by Comm. Harris on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. Chairman Harrison declared a quorum present to conduct business.

3. Approval of Agenda.

Without objection, Chairman Harrison added a resolution regarding NES at the request of County Mayor John Isbell. Comm. Harris moved, seconded by Comm. Shoaf, to approve the addition to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Harrison requested add the TVA proposal to the agenda. Comm. Burgdorf moved, seconded by Comm. Rogers, to approve the addition to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Harrison introduced a request he received to add an annexation resolution to the agenda. Comm. Shoaf moved, seconded by Comm. Rogers, to add to the agenda to be placed under old business for next month's meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Shoaf moved, seconded by Comm. Burgdorf, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of minutes of January 12, 2026.

Upon motion of Comm. Rogers, seconded by Comm. Harris, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 12, 2026.

5. Recognition of the Public.

Kevin Baigert of 424 AB Wade Road, Portland agreed NES issues need resolve. He also questioned the timeframe of MOU with the City of Gallatin and spoke against data storage business for the cities.

Jeremy Mansfield, County Commissioner District 16 spoke to the TVA resolution asking to seek an alternate route to bypass the Gregory farm. He also spoke to the annexation resolution and explained it passed unanimously at the Tennessee County Commissioner Association.

John Gregory of 611 Dobbins Pike, Gallatin spoke to the TVA resolution and asked for redirection of the TVA line.

Kaytlin Gregory of 611 Dobbins Pike, Gallatin spoke to the TVA resolution as well and asked for TVA to seek an alternate route.

6. Report of the Chairman.

Chairman Harrison yielded his time to County Mayor John Isbell to address the NES resolution.

7. Report of County Mayor.

Mayor Isbell stated he has started conversation with the Nashville Mayor and will continue conversation with state legislators so the citizens of Sumner County can have a voice on the NES Board in the future.

8. Old Business.

a. Annexation Resolution.

To be discussed at March meeting, no action taken.

9. New Business.

a. Veterans' Service Report and Presentation.

Veterans Service Director Jeff Oakey gave a brief overview of the report in the packet, no action needed.

b. City of Gallatin MOU for use of space at EMS building (from Commission).

Chairman Harrison opened discussion and Mayor Isbell explained it could take a couple of years before the City of Gallatin completes the build out.

Without objection, Chairman Harrison moved this item to old business for next month. Mayor Isbell requested that any questions be sent to him so he can obtain answers prior to the next meeting.

c. NES Resolution.

Comm. Rogers moved, seconded by Comm. Shoaf, to discuss. The motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Shoaf moved, seconded by Comm. Rogers, to amend to switch Sections 1 and 2 to lead with commendation of lineman. The motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Shoaf moved, seconded by Comm. Harris, to amend to add to the end of Section 4 "As part of this resolution the Sumner County Commission request reconstitution of the NES Board via change in its charter in order to provide board members to represent NES customers outside of Davidson County are appointed by their respective local representatives and not by the Mayor of Nashville."

County Mayor Isbell stated it is implied for a charter change and states the appointment shall be made by the Sumner County Mayor.

Comm. Shoaf changed the language to add after the word depend "in order to effect this change we request a change to the NES Charter." The seconder agreed to the change in language. The motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Shoaf moved to amend the end of Section 3 to add the following language "As part of this report the Sumner County Commission hereby requests a breakdown of all NES service assets according to county and municipality." Comm. Rogers seconded the motion.

Comm. Burgdorf asked to amend it to be Sumner County assets only. Comm. Shoaf and the seconder agreed to the change. The new language to read "As part of this report the Sumner County Commission hereby requests a breakdown of all NES service assets for Sumner County." The motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Shoaf moved to amend to add a Section 7 "In order for Sumner County to explore alternatives should NES be resistant to change the County Mayor is hereby empowered to engage with other power providers within Sumner County and along side the General Assembly to generate realistic options for local control of electric utilities." Comm. Rogers seconded the motion.

Law Director Eric Sitler explained that the county has limited to no authority from a county perspective and the majority of NES service is within the municipalities.

After discussion, the Committee voted (4-1-0) to approve the amendment. Comm. Harris voted against the amendment.

Comm. Rogers moved, seconded by Comm. Burgdorf, to approve the resolution as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

d. TVA Resolution.

Chairman Harrison moved, seconded by Comm. Burgdorf, to approve. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Commission Recognitions and Proclamations.

- a. Recognition Carolyn Templeton 50 Years of Service.
- b. Recognition of Dustin Hensley.
- c. Resolution recognizing various individuals for their work in recent winter storm.
- d. Resolution Deputy Rick Thompson retirement.

Comm. Shoaf moved, seconded by Comm. Harris, to group and approve items 10a through 10d. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Zoning.

- a. Planning Commission Resolution 2025-02 (Second Reading): Revising requirements to Chapter 11, Section 1101 of the County Zoning Resolution related to the regulation of shipping containers. The Sumner County Regional Planning Commission forwarded a positive recommendation related to this item on December 16, 2025. (On agenda to move to Commission floor for final vote).

Docketing purposes only, no action taken.

12. Adjournment. Chairman Harrison declared the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m. upon motion of Comm. Rogers and seconded by Comm. Shoaf.





Board of County Commissioners  
**RESOLUTION**

No. \_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 2311 AND HOUSE BILL 2419 RELATING TO THE ANNEXATION OF UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY, AFFIRMING COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY APPROVAL AUTHORITY, AND CONTINUING SUMNER COUNTY'S ADVOCACY FOR ANNEXATION REFORM**

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee General Assembly has repeatedly expressed its intent to eliminate annexation by fear, reduce urban sprawl, and promote coordinated and responsible growth among municipalities and counties; and

**WHEREAS**, annexation of unincorporated territory by municipalities imposes significant and long-term costs on county governments and county taxpayers, including impacts to county-funded schools, roadways, emergency services, and public infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, counties bear these fiscal and service obligations despite historically lacking meaningful authority or approval power within the municipal annexation process; and

**WHEREAS**, Sumner County has experienced substantial growth pressure and loss of rural land resulting from annexation-driven development occurring at the periphery of municipal boundaries, placing increasing strain on county services and infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, counties across Tennessee have continued to raise concerns regarding the fiscal imbalance created by annexation practices and the need for statutory reform to restore transparency, accountability, and cooperative planning; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 2311 and House Bill 2419, sponsored by Senator Joey Hensley and Representative Monty Fritts, establish a clear and balanced framework for annexation reform by requiring, prior to annexation:

- submission of a financial impact study detailing short-term and long-term effects on county infrastructure, public services including schools, and county taxpayers;
- submission of a statement of financial viability demonstrating the municipality's capacity to provide required services; and
- approval of the annexation by majority vote of the affected county legislative body; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislation further provides reasonable review timelines, ensures that failure to act does not constitute approval, deems annexations denied absent county approval within ninety (90) days, exempts minor annexations of limited size, preserves existing growth plans and interlocal agreements, and assigns oversight of required financial documentation to the Comptroller of the Treasury; and

**WHEREAS**, the framework established in Senate Bill 2311 and House Bill 2419 reflects policy principles previously advanced by counties across the state and now codified into statewide legislation to restore balance between municipal expansion and county responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, the statewide association of county commissioners, representing counties across Tennessee, has reviewed Senate Bill 2311 and House Bill 2419 and voted unanimously to support the legislation, reflecting broad county consensus on the need for this reform;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners, meeting in regular session on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026,, that it hereby expresses its strong support for Senate Bill 2311 and House Bill 2419 and affirms the principle that annexation of unincorporated county territory should not occur without approval of the affected county legislative body; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners finds that the provisions of Senate Bill 2311 and House Bill 2419 represent a logical, measured, and necessary evolution of prior annexation reform efforts supported by this body; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sumner County legislative delegation and the Tennessee General Assembly are respectfully urged to support and enact this legislation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be sent to members of the Sumner County legislative delegation, the Governor of Tennessee, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Lieutenant Governor, and other appropriate state and local officials.

CERTIFICATE OF ACTION

\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY MAYOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY CLERK

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

Ayes: \_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_ Abs: \_\_\_\_

APPROVED:

REJECTED:

## RESOLUTION

### 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 County Commission of Sumner County, Tennessee, as follows:

**Section 1. 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 2. 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 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.

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

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
Sumner County



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Board of County Commissioners  
**RESOLUTION**

No. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY UTILIZE PROPOSED ROUTES OUTSIDE OF THE GREGORY FAMILY FARM AND WALLACE ROAD COMMUNITY FOR PLACEMENT OF HIGH VOLTAGE POWER LINES SUCH THAT THEY DO NO ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL, HISTORICAL, OR CULTURAL HARM WITHIN THIS COMMUNITY**

**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 property 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, which would directly affect 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 identified as **1a to 1 to 5 to 6 to 7** avoids the historic core of the Gregory Family Farm, minimizes disruption to agricultural operations and educational programs, and represents the **least harmful and most responsible routing option**; and

**WHEREAS**, the route identified as **3 to 7**, while less damaging than other options, still crosses land associated with the original historic land grant and would impose avoidable harm to historically significant property; and

**WHEREAS**, the route identified as **2 to 4** would cut more deeply into the historic property, disrupt farming and educational operations, and represents the **most invasive and damaging option** under consideration; 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, 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 **1a to 1 to 5 to 6 to 7** for the 109 North Transmission Project as the least harmful and most appropriate route; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board urges TVA to avoid any route that crosses the historic core of the Gregory Family Farm, including Route 3 to 7, when a less harmful alternative exists; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board explicitly opposes the routing sequence **2 to 4** due to its disproportionate and unnecessary impact on historic land, agricultural operations, educational programming, and community resources; 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 \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026 that this body hereby requests the TVA seek an alternate route that does no harm to sites such as the above stated 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.

CERTIFICATE OF ACTION

\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY MAYOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY CLERK

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

Ayes: \_\_\_\_ Nays: \_\_\_\_ Abs: \_\_\_\_

APPROVED:

REJECTED:

**MINUTES**  
**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AD-HOC COMMITTEE**  
**February 10, 2026**

**Present**

J. Wes Wynne, Chairman  
Chris Shoemaker, Vice Chairman  
Ben Harris, Commissioner  
David Klein, Commissioner  
Curtis Williams, Citizen

**Absent**

Scotty Bush, Chief  
Sam Thornton, Chief  
Chris Edgerton, Chief  
Henry DeGroot, Citizen

The Volunteer Fire Department Ad-Hoc Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Wynne at approximately 5:36 p.m. in conference room 112.

**Invocation**

Mr. Shoemaker provided the invocation.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion made by Commissioner Klein, seconded by Mr. Williams, to accept the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Mr. Shoemaker, seconded by Mr. Williams, to accept the January 2026 Minutes. Motion passed with Commissioner Klein abstaining from the vote.

**Recognition of the Public**

None

**Old Business**

**a. Funding Ideas for VFD's**

This item was tabled until an appropriate time for discussion.

**New Business**

**a. Study Session – CTAS**

Chairman Wynne opened the discussion and allowed Mr. Marc Alley, CTAS Emergency/Fire Management Consultant, to give his presentation.

Mr. Alley began discussion with statistics for the State of Tennessee regarding availability of resources and lack of proper funding. He noted that Tennessee does not currently recognize Fire Services as an essential service. The presentation included models which Sumner County could follow allowing for improvement of the current Fire Services provided. Following his

presentation, the committee members were allowed to get clarification on different aspects of the models and funding ideas. After the committee's discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Klein, seconded by Mr. Shoemaker, to suspend the rules allowing the VFD Fire Chief's a chance to ask Mr. Alley questions. Motion passed unanimously. Further discussions ensued from the Fire Chief's present.

Chairman Wynne took the opportunity to remind the Chief's to provide the information regarding equipment for their respective stations.

When discussion from the audience concluded, Chairman Wynne called the meeting back into session.

### **Adjournment**

With no more discussions, Chairman Wynne called for adjournment. Motion made by Commissioner Klein to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Shoemaker, at approximately 7:20 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.