
Anderson County Charter Commission

Agenda
Tuesday June 21, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.
Room 312

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Prayer**
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 5. Approval of the June 6, 2022 Minutes**
- 6. Appearance of Citizens**
- 7. Outside Counsel**
- 8. Law Director Comments**
- 9. Old Business**
- 10. New Business**
- 11. Adjourn**

Respectfully Submitted,
V. L. Stonecipher, Chairman

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BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE ANDERSON COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JUNE 6, 2022 AT 6:00 PM, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: VL STONECIPHER, TIM ISBEL, STEVE MEAD, SABRA BEAUCHAMP, CHUCK FRITTS AND BOB SMALLRIDGE

ABSENT: STEVE EMERT AND JERRY WHITE

Chairman Stonecipher called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Isbel said the prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Mead .

Commissioner Mead made a motion to approve the May 2, 2022 minutes. Commissioner Smallridge seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

No Citizens addressed the Committee

Outside Counsel – Review of proposed Charter

Page 1, Charter Commission Members

- No change

Page 6, Section 1.01 General Grant of Powers

- Add “and general laws of the State of Tennessee”

Page 7, Section 2.01 Legislative Powers

- Add “public conduct” to line 5

Page 8, Section 2.02 Other Powers

Subsection B

- Removed the section entitled “County Audits” and inserted the permissive power for the Legislative Body to provide for annual independent audits, or such special audits, as it may seem fit. Consistent with State law.

Subsection B (2)

- To look further at ordinances v. resolutions

Subsection E

- Change “Commission” to “Legislative Body”

Page 9, Subsection I

- County Commission to have some authority to appoint members to some boards & commissions.

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Section 2.03 Membership and Election

Subsection A

- Line 4, changed to “general election of 2026”
- Date was changed to December 31, 2025

Subsection B

- Drafted in accordance with State Law
- Date changed to January 1, 2032

Subsection C

- Deleted “and the District”
- Deleted the one (1) year district residency requirement

Page 11, Section 2.06 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

- Election applies at the first session after September 1, 2026

Section 2.09 Ordinances, Emergency Ordinances and Resolutions

- Add clarity on what an ordinance and resolution is

Page 13, Subsection A - 8

- To change Anderson County Code Commission to Anderson County Clerk. Section 4.05 will have to change also.

Page 14, Section 2.10 Signature and Veto by the Mayor of Anderson County

Subsection B

- Change “submitted” to passed by the Legislative Body.

Page 15, Section 3.03 The Mayor’s Duties

Subsection E

- Modified language to go beyond H.R. Committee and encompass all appointments by resolution of the Legislative Body.

Subsection H

- To add requires two signatures – Approval of the Law Director and Finance Director, Purchasing Agent or the departmental head that requests any purchase on behalf of the County.

Page 20, Article IV Officers

- Offices not included are the County Coroner, Surveyor, Child Support Magistrate and the Election Commissioner.

Page 23, Section 4.11 Constables

- Remove – Not a County Office

Page 24, Section 4.12 Elections and Filling Vacancies

- Pass for now – Page 28 Section 7.01 is relative to this section.

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Page 24, Section 5.02 General Sessions Court

Subsection A

- To continue the General Sessions Court as established by Chapter 59 of the Private Acts of 1947.

Subsection B

- Added language specifically references the continuation of both divisions of the Anderson County General Sessions Court.

Sections 5.03 Vacancy, 5.04 Abolishing Divisions or Altering Compensation, 5.05 Juvenile Court and 5.06 Rules of Court and Evidence.

- Added as amended.

Page 26, Section 6.01 Board of Education

Subsection B

- Delete “nominated and”

Subsection F

- Deleted one (1) year district requirement
- Deleted District

Page 27, Section 6.02 Board of Education Duties and Powers

Subsection G

- Remove

Section 6.04 Board of Education Employees

- Follows Tennessee Teachers’ Tenure Statues

Page 28, Section 7.01 Elections

Sections 7.01 Primary Election Required, 7.02 Date of Primary, 7.03 Qualifying Petitions and 7.04 Notice of Election and Other Provisions

- Deleted – Refer to Section 4.12

Section 7.05 Recall of Elected County Officials

Subsection A

- Deleted Law Director and Constable
- Add Highway Superintendent, Clerk & Master, Circuit Court Clerk

Subsection B

- Deleted Law Director
- Added Highway Superintendent, Clerk & Master, Circuit Court Clerk

Subsection C

- Percentages Passed

Subsection F

- Deleted “a majority”

Page 31, Section 8.01 Title and Filing of Charter

- Added Date to be on ballot- November 8, 2022
- Charter must be turned in to the Election Office by August 25, 2022

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Page 33, Section 8.05 Amendments to this Charter

Subsection B

- The Legislative Body initiated amendments by referendum.

Subsection C

- Citizen initiated amendments by referendum

Commissioner Fritts made a motion to change the percentage to 25% of persons who voted in the last gubernatorial election in Anderson County. Seconded by Commissioner Smallridge. Motion passed.

Commissioner Fritts made a motion to change the time frame for the petition for an amendment to 50 days from 75 days. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Subsection D

- Charter Committee is to review the charter on or before March 1 of each six (6) years beginning on or before March 1, 2032.

Subsection E

- Delete “State” in line 5

Commissioner Mead made a motion to change to 60 calendar days. Seconded by Commissioner Smallridge. Motion passed.

Page 34, Section 8.06

Subsection A

- Law Director to talk to Kim in H.R. to clarify current law.

Subsection B

- Change “The Mayor shall” to “The Legislative Body shall”

Page 35, Section 8.08 Conflict of Interest

Subsection D

- Follows Tennessee Code Annotated § 5-5-112. All drafted in accordance with state law.

Subsection E

- Substitute the language adopted in the personnel policy.

Page 43, Appendix A

- Added the language “as they concern purely county affairs and”.

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Page 37, Section 8.11 Members, Boards, Authorities, Commissions, Agencies

- No County officer or employee who is compensated for his or her service by salary shall receive any additional salary as a member of a County board, commission, authority or agency.

Page 37, Section 8.12 Private Acts

- Listed in Appendix A – added the language “insofar as they concern purely County affairs.

New Business

None

Meeting Adjourned