
Anderson County Board of Commissioners

6:00 P.M.

Proclamation – K-25: Uranium Isotopes for Nuclear Fuel Day – by Commissioner Wandell
Resolution Recognizing the Holiday Bureau and Volunteer Mr. Ronald Langley – requested by
Commissioner McKamey

Resolution Honoring Volunteer Firefighters – requested by Commissioner Wandell

Resolution Endorsing Adopt a Pet Month – requested by Commissioner Wandell

6:30 P.M.

Consent Agenda

Monday, March 17, 2025

- 1. Approval and corrections of February 24, 2025 County Commission Minutes**
- 2. Approval of Notary and Bonds**
- 3. Waste Management Funds**
 - Clinton High School Band is requesting funds for a Mini Mac for STEAM Education and a Travel PA System for Music Education.
 - Oak Ridge Schools Family Resource Center is requesting donations to help care for families and directly impact students' ability to learn and engage fully in their education.
- 4. Committee Reports**
 - Conservation Board Minutes (3/3/25)
 - Anderson County Library Board Minutes (2/13/25)

**Respectfully Submitted,
H. Tyler Mayes, Chairman**



Clinton High School

425 Dragon Drive, Clinton, TN 37716
(865) 457-2611 • Fax (865) 457-9486

Robbie Herrell, Principal

Chris Cool, Melissa Fey, Ashley McNealy, and Josh Reid, Assistant Principals

Dear Anderson County Commissioners,

I am writing to request funding through the Waste Management Grant to support STEAM projects in the Clinton High School Band program. Specifically, we are seeking a Mac Mini and a travel PA system totalling \$1500 to enhance learning opportunities for our Jazzy Dragons performance group and our Marching Band program.

How These Resources Will Benefit Our Students

- **Mac Mini for STEAM Education:** The Mac Mini will provide a powerful and reliable platform for music production, digital sound engineering, and STEM-based coding activities. It will allow students to explore audio editing, music composition, and programming, fostering interdisciplinary skills in technology and the arts. Additionally, it will support projects in video editing, and digital design, reinforcing critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
- **Travel PA System for Music Education:** The Jazzy Dragons, our school's performance group, plays a vital role in bringing music to both school and community events. A portable PA system will enable them to perform in diverse settings, ensuring clear sound quality while allowing students to experience real-world stage production. This hands-on exposure will deepen their understanding of acoustics, audio engineering, and live performance dynamics, all of which are key components of STEM-related fields.

The Impact of Your Support

By providing these essential tools, the Anderson County Commissioners will be directly contributing to student engagement in STEAM and music education, fostering creativity and technical skills that will prepare them for future careers in technology, engineering, and the arts. These resources will not only benefit our students but will also enhance our ability to offer performances and workshops to the broader community.

We appreciate your commitment to educational enrichment and would be grateful for your support in making this initiative a reality. Please let us know if any further information is needed. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Matthew Bimstein
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Clinton High School Band Director



FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

298 Robertsville Road

Oak Ridge, TN 37830

2/21/2025

Anderson County Commission
100 North Main Street, Room 118
Clinton, TN 37716

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Attention: Commissioner Stephen Verran

Dear Commissioner Verran,

My name is Jo Bruce, and I am the Director of the Oak Ridge Schools Family Resource Center. The Family Resource Center is a school-based program that provides resources and social work support to families in our community. Through our mission, we serve all Oak Ridge Schools students and families from Pre-K through High School graduation by removing any barriers that inhibit a student's academic success. In the 2023-2024 school year alone, we served 1135 students and 501 families and provided direct support case management to the most vulnerable in our community. It is our goal to work alongside our families by encouraging and educating them on how to be responsible and active members in our community. We know when families are safe, cared for, and healthy, students are more focused and ready to learn!

Due to the rising cost of food, gas, and housing, more and more families are experiencing financial crisis. We utilize our donations to "fill the gaps" for families to purchase goods that pantries either do not offer, or to fill up a working mom's car with gasoline to carry her to the next paycheck. In other cases, we assist with utility and housing costs when families are in an emergency crisis and the funds are not available through our community network and partnerships. We strive to meet families where they are and provide guidance and your financial support as the need increases in our community.

Your donation will help us care for our families and directly impact students' ability to learn and engage more fully in their education. Our families give back to our program through our Ambassadors Program and volunteer time which leads to growth and healthy outlooks in the future for both our families and students. We thank you for your support and look forward to adding your organization to our partnership network.

Thank you for your consideration of this organization. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Miss Jo Bruce, Director
Oak Ridge Schools Family Resource Center

Dr. Bruce Borchers, Superintendent
Oak Ridge Schools

ANDERSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD MINUTES

March 3rd, 2025

Members Present:

Commissioner Denise Palmer, Lewis Ridenour, Scott Burton, Matthew Bader, Ben Taylor – Parks Director

Members Absent:

Tony Powers

Others Present:

Terry Frank – Mayor, Jamie Brooks – Law Director, Nichole Brooks, Chief Deputy Administrator (Law Director), Stephanie Wells – Tourism Director, Andrew Stone – Secretary

The Conservation Board meeting was called to order at 5:00pm on March 3rd, 2025.

Unfinished Business

1st Item of Unfinished Business:

Motion by Lewis Ridenour, seconded by Scott Burton, to name Commissioner Denise Palmer as Chairwoman of the Conservation Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lewis Ridenour, seconded by Denise Plamer, to name Scott Burton the Vice Chairman of the Conservation Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

2nd Item of Unfinished Business:

Motion by Scott Burton, seconded by Lewis Ridenour, to approve prior meeting Minutes from February 3rd, 2025 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

3rd Item of Unfinished Business:

Update provided by Ben Taylor on the current road erosion closure at Anderson County Park. Board requests Denise Palmer to speak with Road Superintendent Gary Long on the next steps for funding and repairing the road.

No motion required.

4th Item of Unfinished Business:

Update provided by Ben Taylor on the tree removal project at Anderson County Park. Project has been completed by Chadwell Enterprises, LLC.

No motion required.

5th Item of Unfinished Business:

Discussion held on the application and liability waiver forms drafted by the Law Director's office for food vendors at Anderson County Park.

Motion by Lewis Ridenour, seconded by Scott Burton, to accept the application and liability waiver as presented by the Law Director's Office. The Law Director's office will approve applications which must be submitted by noon on Monday of each week, receipt all annual fees, and assist the Park Director with the scheduling of food vendors.

Further discussion led to an amendment to the original motion: Increase the annual fee from \$30 (thirty) to \$50 (fifty).

Amendment carried unanimously.

Motion by Lewis Ridenour, seconded by Scott Burton, to approve the application and liability waiver with the amendment of the annual fee to \$50 (fifty) as presented by the Law Director's Office. The Law Director's office will approve applications which must be submitted by noon on Monday of each week, receipt all annual fees, and assist the Park Director with the scheduling of food vendors.

Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

- Update provided by Mayor Terry Frank on the Lost Bottom Park project, which has been divided into two phases for completion.
No motion required
- Discussion held on the Pellissippi Blueway project, which includes Lost Bottom Park and Gibbs Ferry Park.
Motion by Lewis Ridenour, seconded by Scott Burton, approving the Mayor to proceed with joining the memorandum of understanding and to bring back additional details to the Board.
Motion carried unanimously.
- Update provided by Mayor Terry Frank on the Gibbs Ferry project, notifying the project just received approval from TDOT on the initial initiation.
No motion required.
- Discussion held on Park staff salaries and prior increases. Board requests Andrew Stone to provide salary information to the Board for review.
No motion required.

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting scheduled for April 7th, 2025

AC Library Board Meeting
Briceville Library
13 February 2025 @ 1730 EDT

The November Anderson County Library Board meeting was called to order by ACL Board Vice Chair Vicki Underwood at 1730 EST on 13 February, hosted at the Clinton Library, due to the delayed arrival of Chair Anderson due to his attendance at another county meeting.

The Vice Chair asked for the roll to be called noting the multiple absences of ACLB Trustees.

Board members present were:	Present	
Josh Anderson, ACLB Chair,	_____	Arrived at 1744
Vickie Underwood, ACLB Vice Chair,	___√___	
Carolyn Boswell, ACLB Treasurer,	___√___	
Tommy Mariner, ACLB Secretary,	___√___	
Jess Ann Cole,	_____	Absent
Christy Hibbler,	_____	Absent
Charlotte Johnson,	_____	Absent
Terri Ryan,	___√___	
Debra Shaw,	_____	Absent

A quorum was not present until the arrival of Josh Anderson. Library Director reports were therefore taken first as no business could be conducted or decisions voted upon without a quorum.

Regional Director Matthew Jordan ___√___

Four library directors,	Present
Kimberlee Byrge (Norris),	___√___
Kelly Harris (Rocky Top),	___√___
Miria Webb (Clinton),	___√___
Daphne Windham (Briceville),	___√___

4 members of the public were in attendance as the meeting was started. 5 more members of the public arrived by 1745.

Library Director reports were taken first to allow Chair Anderson to arrive to make a quorum.

Briceville - The children's STEM day was successful with 37 children attending. Building HVAC fan blower has been replaced by the AC School System maintenance personnel at no impact to the Briceville library budget.

Clinton - A financial health class, adult craft class, sick day story time, and the MIT Public Library innovation exchange STEAM Saturday are all going well.

Norris - Building enhancements, including new signage, and improvements have been completed with some work contributed by the individual who did painting last fall.

Rocky Top - Arbor Day trees will be early delivered prior to the 28th March observance. Master gardeners will visit to assist this year's garden planning. The seed library effort with the Norris library is close to opening. A grant for a \$1,000 Dollar General scholarship will be submitted. Donated books to jailed women are being distributed at the AC jail using Caneta Gentry of Norris as a resource person.

It was noted that the revised Rocky Top hours for the library program working hours plan is going well. Wednesday's are very busy and well utilized.

Regional Director Jordan reviewed highlights from his regional report submitted to ACLB members via Email on Monday.

The roll call was completed with Chair Anderson now present, and a quorum was noted as present at 1750.

Chair Anderson called for the regular order of the Agenda to be taken back up following the directors' reports.

The minutes of the November 2024 meeting were reviewed. Each ACLB member has received draft minutes by Email prior to the meeting. No editorial changes were made. A motion to accept the minutes was made by ACLB Trustee Underwood, seconded by Trustee Ryan, and unanimously approved, 5 - 0.

Trustee Boswell provided a Treasurer's Report. Trustee Boswell noted that funding requirements submissions to the county finance office are complete.

New business -

No additional book reconsiderations have been submitted.

The McNeeley Building, which currently houses the Norris Library and Norris Historical Museum, may be changing as the Museum may move to an expanded Norris Community Building. Final decisions on changes to the occupancy of the museum area have not been made.

Old Business -

Concerning reviews of Library Director performance, 6 of 8 reviews have been completed.

Daphne Windham (Briceville) - Trustee Cole & Trustee Hibbler (Complete)
Miria Webb (Clinton) - Trustee Mariner & Trustee Underwood (Complete)
Kimberlee Byrge (Norris) - Trustee Boswell & Trustee Ryan (Incomplete, 1 of 2)
Kelly Harris (Rocky Top) - Trustee Hibbler & Trustee Shaw (Incomplete, 1 of 2)

The impact of the county rate reduction for the library funding has not been completely felt yet, but a No Increase budget's impact is already being felt by individual libraries in a variety of ways. Regional Director Jordan noted that city governments should review their library monetary support which has not been increased for about 15 years in Anderson County. The current library reserve will shrink away if the reserve is tapped in the future as it has been this year. It was noted by each library director that cities provide the buildings and maintenance of facilities which provides significant support for libraries.

Chairman Anderson called for a period to Hear from the Public after the other ACLB business was complete.

One member spoke and stated he was looking for middle ground on issues previously brought to the ACLB. A number of ACLB members noted compromises have been implemented and have already been in use for most of a year. The speaker stated he would review those changes. Regional Director Jordan noted that the ACLB policies, which have been revised this past year and are in place today, are among the best and most comprehensive procedures in the state.

The next ACLB meeting will be held at the Norris Library on 13 March 2025 at 1730 EST.

The ACLB meeting was adjourned at 1845 EST by Chairman Anderson.