

Anderson County Board of Commissioners
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
AGENDA

Monday

March 10, 2025

6:00 p.m. Room 312

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ANDERSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT

TERRY FRANK
COUNTY MAYOR

March 5, 2025

Commissioner Tim Isbel
Chairman, Anderson County Operations Committee

RE: Agenda

Dear Chairman Isbel,

I wish to add the following items to the Agenda:

1. Requesting Motion to authorize Anderson County to agree to alter the geographic response area for provision of ambulance service within the City of Oak Ridge, and the execution of necessary paperwork for such acknowledgment and agreement associated with the attached Resolution passed by the City of Oak Ridge. The City of Oak Ridge Resolution defines the changes to geographic response.
2. Requesting Motion for Anderson County to become a coalition partner with Pellissippi Blueways. Draft MOU attached.
3. Update Building Code. Repeal the adoption of the 2018 International Building Code and Adopt the 2024 International Building Code with amendments. See attached. Requesting motion to initiate the process of updating and adopting the 2024 International Building Code with attached amendments.
4. Per motion from the Anderson County Board of Commissioners to write letter to the State Fire Marshal's office requesting a regional fire academy, I have attached the response letter. See attached.

Sincerely,

Terry Frank

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ROANE COUNTY AND AN AGREEMENT WITH ANDERSON COUNTY FOR THE PROVISION OF AMBULANCE SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF OAK RIDGE.

WHEREAS, at the first meeting of the City Council in March 1970, City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Anderson County for the provision of ambulance services within the City Limits of Oak Ridge, which included both the Anderson County portion of Oak Ridge and the Roane County portion of Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, in October 2023, Roane County completed construction of and staffed an ambulance station at the Gallaher Road exit off Interstate I-40, approximately 2.6 miles from the entrance of The Preserve on the west end of Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, currently, the closest Anderson County ambulance station to the entrance of The Preserve is located approximately 11.8 miles away at 184 Raleigh Road in a City-owned building; and

WHEREAS, Roane County has approached the City and requested to provide ambulance services to The Preserve as well as for a portion of the Roane County section of Oak Ridge, though not all; and

WHEREAS, Roane County has requested to provide ambulance services from the west end City Limits to the State Route 95 / Highway 58 split; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated §7-61-102 authorizes municipal governing bodies to make provisions for ambulance service within the boundaries of a municipality; and

WHEREAS, both Roane County and Anderson County are licensed by the Tennessee Department of Health Emergency Services as a Class A – Advance Life Support ambulance service and are in good standing with the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in order to support agreements for ambulance service with both Anderson and Roane Counties, the City's Dispatch Center's computer aided dispatch (CAD) will need to be updated to include the changes to the EMS provider, and both Roane and Anderson County E-911 will need to make the necessary updates; and

WHEREAS, planning for the needed upgrades to the City's Dispatch Center and Roane and Anderson County E-911 is underway, with implementation to begin upon approval by City Council; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire a projected start date of April 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager recommends the City enter into the necessary legal documents with Roane County and Anderson County for the provision of ambulance services within the City of Oak Ridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE:

That the recommendation of the City Manager is approved and the City is hereby authorized to enter into the necessary agreements with Roane County and Anderson County for the provision of ambulance services within the City Limits of Oak Ridge, with Roane County providing ambulance service to the western portion of Oak Ridge from the west City Limits to the State Route 95 / Highway 58 split and Anderson County providing service to the remainder of Oak Ridge (which includes a portion of the Roane County section of Oak Ridge).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City is authorized to make all E-911 and computer aided dispatch (CAD) updates necessary to support the changes to the Emergency Medical Service provider.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or the City Manager are hereby authorized to execute the appropriate legal instruments to accomplish the same.

This the 10th day of February 2025.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Tammy M. Rackard, City Attorney

Warren L. Gooch, Mayor

Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk

**Memorandum of Understanding
Establishing the Pellissippi Blueway**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into on *[Date]*, by and among the following organizations:

(List in the following form)

[Name], with its principal office located at *[address]*.

Collectively referred to as “the Parties.”

Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to formalize and document the cooperation and collaboration between the Parties in planning, developing, and maintaining a water trail on the Clinch River, to be known as the Pellissippi Blueway. The focus is on the Clinch River segment between Norris Dam and Melton Hill Dam.

Background

For a number of years, persons affiliated with several of the Parties and other citizens of the region have recognized the recreational potential of the Clinch River as a water trail and have sometimes informally called it a “blueway.” In 2021, representatives of the Parties began meeting to discuss cooperative efforts to plan, develop, maintain, and promote the Clinch River as the Pellissippi Blueway. The National Park Service’s Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program has advised and assisted these efforts.

Vision and Values

The Parties share a common interest in the conservation and recreation of the wild lands and waters of the Clinch River and recognize the importance of establishing and maintaining a water trail on the Clinch River to facilitate recreational activities, promote environmental conservation, and enhance public access to the river. The Parties envision the Pellissippi Blueway as a regional recreation trail on the Clinch River that benefits visitors and local communities through partnerships that celebrate the area’s rich natural and cultural resources.

Scope

The Parties agree to work together to plan, develop, maintain, and promote a water trail on the Clinch River. Activities may include, but are not limited to, trail design, river access improvements, design and installation of signage, maintenance, educational programs, and public safety.

Each Party is responsible for its own expenses related to this MOU. There is no requirement for, nor a prohibition of, exchanges of funds between the parties for tasks associated with this MOU.

Responsibilities

This MOU establishes that the Parties agree to work collaboratively. The collaboration is expected to develop and evolve over time.

Responsibilities to be enumerated (for all parties or for specified parties) may include, but are not limited to:

- Working together to promote public access to the water trail and develop educational programs that highlight the importance of conservation and safe and responsible recreation along the Clinch River.
- Establishing or maintaining specified public access points.
- Seeking funding through grant applications, partnerships with private donors, and other fundraising efforts. All parties are encouraged to contribute to the Blueway's financial sustainability, but are not obligated to do so.

The Primary Parties to this MOU are organizations with direct responsibility for managing land and water on or adjacent to the Blueway, including public access points. Collaborating Parties do not have a role in managing land and water, but intend to support the Blueway through education, promotion, fundraising, and related efforts.

Communication and Coordination

The Parties will establish a Blueway Steering Committee composed of representatives from each party to oversee project coordination, decision-making, and communication. Regular meetings will be held to ensure effective collaboration.

Branding and Logos

The Parties agree to accept the "Pellissippi Blueway" brand as defined in this MOU, agree to use the name and associated logos only consistent with this MOU, and use the brand and logos on their relevant signage and promotional materials as appropriate.

Designation of National Water Trail

All parties to this MOU are in support of asking the National Park Service to designate the Pellissippi Blueway as a National Water Trail.

Term and Termination

This MOU shall commence on the date of execution. Any Party may terminate its participation in this MOU by providing thirty (30) days' written notice to the other parties.

Liability

The parties entering into this MOU do not become liable or any way accept liability for the actions of other parties acting under the auspices of the MOU.

Amendments

Any amendments to this MOU must be made in writing and agreed upon by all Parties.

Governing Law

This MOU shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Tennessee.

Authorization

In witness whereof, the Parties have executed this MOU as of the date first above written.

[Name, Title, Organization] – Separate signatory page for each signing Party

Anderson County Government

Mrs. Terry Frank, Anderson County Mayor

Separate signatory page for each signing Party

Candidates for Parties to the MOU

Primary Parties (Land and Water Management Organizations)

- Anderson County
- Aspire Park
- City of Clinton
- City of Oak Ridge
- DOE Office of Science
- Knox County
- Loudon County ?
- Roane County ?
- Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) ?
- Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)
- Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ?

Collaborating Parties

- Adventure Anderson County
- Adventure Outdoors
- Advocates For the Oak Ridge Reservation (AFORR)
- Explore Oak Ridge
- Legacy Parks Foundation
- Melton Lake Users Association
- National Park Service (Manhattan Project National Historic Park) – *which name to use here?*
- Oak Ridge Rowing Association
- River Sports
- Sierra Club
- Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning
- Trout Unlimited
- Worthington Cemetery families

Other Potential Collaborators

- Calhoun's Restaurant
- Canoe clubs
- Catalyst Sports
- Keep Anderson County Beautiful
- Keep Knox Beautiful
- Keep Tennessee River Beautiful
- Local Clean Waters programs
- Other user groups (e.g., fishing tournament promoters, powerboat organizations)
- REI (Recreational Equipment Inc.)
- University of Tennessee
- Whitewater clubs

- 1) Repeal the adoption of the 2018 International Residential Code
- 2) Adopt the 2024 International Residential Code with amendments of:

a. **Section R101.1 Title.**

Delete “[NAME OF JURISDICTION]” and insert “Anderson County, Tennessee” in its place.

b. **Section R102.5 Appendices.**

At the end of this section, insert the following:

“The following Appendices are specifically included in the adoption. **All others are excluded.**”

Appendix AA	Board of Appeals.
Appendix BA	Manufactured Housing used as Dwellings
Appendix BB	Tiny Houses
Appendix BE	Radon Control Methods Delete section BE104 – Testing
Appendix BF	Patio Covers
Appendix BI	Light Straw-Clay Construction
Appendix BJ	Strawbale Construction
Appendix BO	Existing Buildings and Structures
Appendix CA	Sizing and Capacities of Gas Piping
Appendix CB	Sizing of Venting systems serving appliances equipped with draft hoods, category 1 appliances and appliances listed for use with type B vents
Appendix CD	Piping standards for various applications
Appendix CE	Venting Methods (i.e. Plumbing)
Appendix CF	Sizing of Water System
Appendix CG	Non-Sewered Sanitation System
Appendix CH	Private Sewage Disposal
Appendix NB	Solar-Ready provisions – Detached one-and-Two Family Dwellings and Townhouses
Appendix NE	Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

c. **Section R105.2 Work exempt from permit.**

Delete Item 1 in its entirety and replace with “other than storm shelters, one story detached accessory structures, provided it does not exceed 100 square feet”.

d. **Section 301 Table R301.2 Climatic and Geographic Design Criteria**

Insert “10 PSF” in the table for Ground Snow Load.

Insert “90” in the table for Wind Speed.

Insert “C” in the table for Seismic Design Category.

Insert “Severe” in the table for Weathering.

Insert “12 inches” in the table for Frost Line Depth.

Insert “Moderate to heavy” in the table for Termite.

Insert “19 degrees Fahrenheit” in the table for Winter Design Temperature.

Insert “No” in the table for Ice Barrier Underlayment Required.

Insert “250” in the table for Air Freezing Index.

Insert “60” in the table for Mean Annual Temperature.

- e. **Section R309.1 Townhouse automatic sprinkler systems.**
Delete this section in its entirety
 - f. **Section R309.2 One- and two-family dwellings automatic sprinkler systems.**
Delete the words “An automatic residential sprinkler system shall be installed in one- and two-family dwellings.” and replace with “**If** an automatic residential sprinkler system is installed in one- and two-family dwelling it must meet all design and installation requirements in Section P2904 or NFPA 13D”.
 - g. **Section R310.3 Location.**
Insert “5. In all garages. A smoke alarm shall be specifically approved for use in a garage.
Exception: Heat detectors interconnected with the alarm system and having battery backup may be used in a garage.
 - h. **Section 317.5 Fire Sprinklers.**
Delete “shall be” replace with “may be”.
 - i. **Section N1102.5.1.2 (R402.5.1.2) Air leakage testing.**
Delete the words “shall be tested for air leakage” replace with “may be tested where required by the building official”.
 - j. **Section P2603.5.1 Sewer depth.**
Delete “[NUMBER]” in two places and insert “twelve inches” in two places.
 - k. **Section E3403.2 Inspection Required.**
Delete “by the building official” and replace with “by the state of Tennessee electrical inspector”.
 - l. **Section AE305.5.1 Structural inspections for the manufactured home installation.**
At the end of the section insert “**Exception:** The inspections required by this section shall not apply to manufactured homes as exempted by the State of Tennessee but shall apply to any construction or installation of decks, porches, steps, or other structures or equipment. All manufactured homes shall pass a final inspection before a certificate of occupancy will be issued or before power will be released.”
- 3) Repeal 2018 International Building Code
Adopt 2024 International Building Code
- a. **Section [A] Title**
Delete “Name of jurisdiction” and replace with “Anderson County, TN”.
 - b. Insert “The following Appendices are specifically included in this adoption. **All others are excluded**”.
Appendix C – Group U – Agricultural Buildings
Appendix E – Supplementary Accessible Requirements
Appendix F – Rodent Proofing
Appendix G – Flood Resistant Construction
Appendix H - Signs

Appendix I – Patio Covers
Appendix J – Grading
Appendix K – Administrative Provisions
Appendix P – Sleeping Lofts

- c. **Section [A] 104.3 Plumbing**
Delete “*International Private Sewage Disposal*” and replace with “*Tennessee Department of Environmental Conservation*”.
- 4) Adopt the 2024 International Energy Code with amendments of:
- a. **Section R101.1 Title.**
Delete “[NAME OF JURISDICTION]” and insert “Anderson County, Tennessee” in its place.
 - b. **Section R101.5 Compliance.**
Just after the first occurrence of the word “provisions” insert “or Chapter 11, Energy Efficiency, of the 2024 International Residential Code”
 - c. **Section R402. Building Thermal Envelope**
Table R402.1.3 insulation and fenestration requirements by component and table R402.1.4 equivalent U-Factors are deleted and replaced with Table R402.1.1 Insulation and Fenestration Requirements by Component and Table R402.1.3 Equivalent U-Factors of the 2009 IECC.
 - d. **Section R402.5.1.2 Air leakage testing.**
Delete “shall be tested” replace with “may be tested where required by the building official”.
- 5) Repeal the adoption of the 2018 International Plumbing Code
- 6) Adopt the 2024 International Plumbing Code with amendments of:
- a. **Section 103.1. Creation of Agency.**
Delete “Insert name of Department” and insert “Anderson County Planning & Development”
 - b. **Section 305.4.1 Sewer Depth.**
Delete “[NUMBER]” in two places and insert “twelve” in its place.
Delete “(mm)” in two places.
 - c. **Section 701.2 Sewer Required.**
After “*International Private Sewage Disposal Code*” insert “and in accordance with *Tennessee Department of Environmental Conservation*”.
 - d. **Section 903.1 Roof Extension.**
Delete “[NUMBER]” and insert “not less than 6 inches” in its place.

- e. Insert “The following Appendices are specifically included in this adoption. **All others are excluded.**
 - 1. Appendix B – Rates of rainfall for various Cities.
 - 2. Appendix C – Structural Safety
 - 3. Appendix D – Degree Day and Design Temperatures
 - 4. Appendix E – Sizing of Water Piping System
- 7) Repeal the adoption of the 2018 International Fuel Gas Code
- 8) Adopt the 2024 International Fuel Gas Code with amendments of:
- a. **Section [A] 101.1 Title.**
Delete “[NAME OF JURISDICTION]” and insert Anderson County, Tennessee” in its place.
 - b. **Section [A] 101.3 Appendices.**
Insert “The following Appendices are specifically included in this adoption. **All others are excluded.**
Appendix A. Sizing and Capacities of Gas Piping (IFGS).
Appendix B. Sizing of Venting Systems Serving Appliances Equipped with Draft Hoods, Category I Appliances, and Appliances Listed for Use with Type B Vents (IFGS).
Appendix C. Exit Terminals of Mechanical Draft and Direct-Vent Venting Systems (IFGS).
Appendix D. Recommended Procedure for Safety Inspection of an Existing Appliance Installation (IFGS)”.
 - c. **Section [A] 106.6.2 Fee schedule.**
Delete Section 106.6.2 in its entirety and insert “Fees as adopted by resolution for Anderson County, Tennessee.”
- 9) Repeal the 2018 International Mechanical Code
Adopt 2024 International Mechanical Code
- a. **Section [A] 101.1 Title**
Delete “Name of jurisdiction” and insert “Anderson County, TN”.
 - b. **Section [A] 105.1.1 Annual permit.**
Delete section in its entirety.
 - c. **Section [A] 105.1.2 Annual permit records.**
Delete this section in its entirety.
 - d. Insert “The following Appendices are specifically included in this adoption. **All others are excluded**”.
Appendix A Chimney connector pass-throughs.
- 10) Adopt the 2024 International Existing Building Code
- a. **Section[A]101.1 Title**
Delete “name of jurisdiction” and insert “Anderson County Planning & Development”.

11) Repeal the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code
Adopt the 2024 International Property Maintenance Code

a. **Section [A]101 Title**

Delete “insert name of jurisdiction” and insert “Anderson County, TN”.

b. **Section [A]102.3 Application of Other Codes**

Delete “any provision of the International Zoning Code” and replace with “Anderson County Zoning Ordinances and Resolutions”.

c. **Section [A]103.1 Creation of Agency.**

Delete “insert name of Department” and insert “Anderson County Planning & Development”.

d. **Section 302.4 Weeds.**

Delete “Jurisdiction to insert height in inches” and insert “30 inches”.

Insert after 1st paragraph “only areas of dense residential growth, all empty lots in PUD’s must be maintained by owner/developer, excludes all agricultural/farm land as determined by the building official”

e. **Section 303.2 Enclosures.**

Add new section at end as follows:

1. All abandoned in-ground swimming pools shall be filled with concrete, dirt or other approved material as necessary to prevent accumulation of water within the pool area. Any abandoned above-ground pools shall be removed immediately. Any pool which is not maintained or is in such condition as to demonstrate the it is the intent of the owner that they are not going to use the pool for an indefinite period of time – pool shall be presumed to be abandoned.

f. **Section 304.14 Insect Screens.**

Delete “Date to date” and replace with from “March 01 to November 30”.

g. **Section 602.3. Heat Supply.**

Delete “date to date” and insert “October 31 to May 31”.



State Fire
Marshal's Office



Anderson County Government
Attn: Terry Frank, County Mayor
100 North Main Street
Ste. 208
Clinton, TN 37716

February 18, 2025

Dear Mayor Frank,

We hope this correspondence finds you and your county doing well. Commissioner Lawrence and I appreciate the kind words about the Volunteer Firefighter Equipment and Training Grant Program. We are thankful for Governor Lee's leadership and the support of the legislature to fund this program over the last four years. We know how important these grants are to your departments in Anderson County and to the rest of our volunteer departments around the state.

We appreciate your offer of partnership with the state on a training facility in East Tennessee as we understand the need for firefighters to receive top notch training close to home. We did want to make sure you knew about the training opportunities already available free of charge to your volunteer firefighters. Several years ago, Governor Lee directed the State Fire Marshal's office to offer all firefighting classes at no cost to the men and women who serve our state as volunteers and all the classes they need, except for the live burn class, can be given at your local departments. The live burn class is also free of charge, including class training, room and board, but firefighters would have to come to the Tennessee Fire and Codes Academy in Bell Buckle to take advantage of the entire student experience.

We are grateful for your concern of the time and expense of the volunteers in Anderson County, and we hope the current practice of providing all the classes except for the live burn is serving your firefighters well. Currently, the state has no plans for regional academies but that could change in the future. There is a considerable commitment and expense in building and maintaining an academy which would require the support of our Governor and our legislative partners.

We appreciate you and the Anderson County Commission starting this dialogue.

Sincerely,

Mike Bell

Mike Bell
Assistant Commissioner, Fire Prevention
Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance

Cc: Commissioner Carter Lawrence

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Law Director Report

Commissioner Foster made a motion for the Law Director to bring his report to this committee before taking it to full commission. Seconded by Commissioner Yager. Motion passed unanimous to forward to full commission for approval.

Commissioner Foster made a motion for the Law Director to look into the Statutory Committees and the Resolution Committees with an eye toward what can be consolidated, what can be streamlined and what can't be touched. Seconded by Commissioner Yager. Motion passed to forward to full commission for approval.



Cybersecurity for Phones and Computers

Moved to next month.

Strategic Planning Update

No Action Taken

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Commissioner Wandell made a motion to have the Animal Shelter Oversight Committee Resolution No. 2024-01-1151 placed on the regular agenda and forward to full commission for a roll call vote. Seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Motion passed to forward to full commission for approval.

Commissioner Capshaw made a motion to send a letter of support to State Representatives requesting to release grant funds for Atomic Elks Lodge community project. Seconded by Commissioner Verran. Motion passed unanimous to forward to full commission for approval.

Announcements

Marlow VFD chili supper is February 22

Medford VFD chili supper is March 8

Fire Department Study is March 12th at 4:30 in room 118A

Meeting Adjourned

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witnesses, the fees, commissions, and emoluments of the Sheriff, his Deputies, Constables, State Highway Patrolmen, Game Wardens and other officers for services to said Court, and the fines and forfeitures adjudged by said Court shall be handled, accounted for, and disbursed as required by law.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1992, Chapter 226.

SECTION 14. There shall be two full-time Judges for the General Sessions Court of Anderson County, Tennessee, one being the Judge of Division I and the other being the Judge of Division II, with the same qualifications and term of office as provided by the Constitution of the State of Tennessee for Judges of inferior courts; and such Judges shall take the same oath as prescribed for Circuit Judges and Chancellors. The Judges of the General Sessions Court of Anderson County, Tennessee shall be licensed attorneys of this State and residents of Anderson County, Tennessee. The Judges shall devote full time to the office and shall not otherwise practice law, and shall be paid a salary as provided in Section 15. The Judges of Division I and Division II shall have and exercise all the same jurisdiction and may hold court and hear cases in either Division. Both Judges shall devote such time as necessary between either Division to equalize the case load and to provide for the expeditious hearing of all cases in both Divisions. Cases arising in Division II of the General Sessions Court of Anderson County, Tennessee shall be heard in Oak Ridge, Tennessee subject to the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee providing adequate courtroom and office facilities for the Judge and support staff.

The Judges of the General Sessions Court of Anderson County, Tennessee are hereby vested with all of the powers possessed by Circuit Judges and Chancellors to issue all writs of injunction, attachment, habeas corpus, ne exeat, and all other kinds of extraordinary process, returnable to the General Sessions Court of Anderson County, Tennessee, or to any other County Courts, Circuit Courts, Chancery Courts, or any other comparable courts of the State.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1997, Chapter 22.

SECTION 15. The Judges of Anderson County shall be paid the same salary as provided by the general law in the State of Tennessee pertaining to the General Sessions Court Judges.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1949, Chapter 592.
Private Acts of 1951, Chapter 453.
Private Acts of 1957, Chapter 313.
Private Acts of 1974, Chapter 290.
Private Acts of 1992, Chapter 226.
Private Acts of 1993, Chapter 77.

SECTION 16. That J. Leon Alkenes of Anderson County, Tennessee, is hereby named as Judge of the General Sessions Court of Anderson County, should this Act apply to Anderson County, and he shall serve until the first day of September, 1948, and until his successor has been elected and qualified. His successor shall be elected by the qualified voters of the County at the general election on the first Thursday of August, 1948, to serve until the first day of September, 1950, or until his successor is elected and qualified. His successor shall be elected every eight years thereafter for a term of eight years. Any vacancy shall be filled as provided by law.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1992, Chapter 226.