
Anderson County Board of Commissioners

Regular Agenda Monday, September 15, 2025 @ 6:30 P.M.

1. **Call to Order / Roll Call**
2. **Prayer**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Appearance of Citizens** – Items on or not on the agenda
5. **Approval and Correction of Agendas**
 - Consent Agenda
 - Regular Agenda
6. **Public Hearing Report** – by vice-Chair Vandagriff
7. **Courtesy Resolutions / Proclamations, Presentations**
 - Resolution Recognizing September as Suicide Prevention Month
 - Resolution Honoring the Career and Service of Patrol Sergeant David Davis
8. **Elections:**
 - Resignation Letter from Chairman Mayes
 - Elect Chairman and Vice-Chairman
 - Name a Parliamentarian
 - Board of Commissioners Committee Requests
9. **Presentation of Reports:**
 - A. Elected Officials
 1. County Mayor – Terry Frank
 - Request for county commission endorsement of grant application from the State of Tennessee for \$20,000 for Tennessee’s America 250.
 - Anderson County 250th
 - Animal Shelter Statistics
 - Grant award for Lost Bottom Park
 - NRDA Grant for Lost Bottom Park
 - Archives Development Program Direct Grant
 - B. Department Heads
 1. Director of Finance – Robby Holbrook
 - Purchasing and Budget Reports
 2. Director of Schools – Dr. Tim Parrott
 - Written Report including BOE Minutes (8.14.25)
 3. Law Director’s Office Report
 - A. Contract Approvals
 - B. Zoning Violations
 - C. Bankruptcies
 - D. Other
 - Senior Center Copyright Claim Correspondence
 - Resolution to change the size and composition of Audit Committee.
 - Aslinger Cemetery
 - E. Litigation Updates

C. Committees/Boards Reports

1. Operations Committee Report – by Chairman Isbel

- New River Water Line
- Oak Ridge General Sessions Court
- Anderson County Government 2026 Holiday Schedule

3. Fire Commission Report – by Chairman Wandell

4. Opioid Settlement Committee Report – by Commissioner Vandagriff

10. New Business

11. Announcements

12. Adjourn

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

Annette Prewitt

From: Commissioner Tyler Mayes
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 10:21 AM
To: Commissioner Tracy Wandell; Commissioner Denise Palmer; Commissioner Michael Foster; joshanderson1984@gmail.com; Commissioner Shelly Vandagriff; Shain Vowell; isbelt@ymail.com; robertmckamey@comcast.net; Commissioner Jerry White; Commissioner Anthony Allen; Commissioner Ebony Capshaw; Commissioner Sabra Beauchamp; Commissioner Steve Verran; rjsmal@yahoo.com; Commissioner Phil Yager; Terry Frank; James Brooks; Jeff Cole; Annette Prewitt
Cc: Dr. Tim Parrott; Robby Holbrook; Andrew Stone; James Brooks
Subject: Notice of Resignation

Dear Commissioners and Officials,

It is with both gratitude and a sense of responsibility that I submit my resignation as County Commissioner for District One, effective September 16, 2025. This decision comes as I have purchased a family home outside of the district and will no longer be eligible to serve in my position.

In April, I accepted a consulting position with the University of Tennessee's County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS). This new role requires my full attention. That combined with being fully present in our children's lives and their school/non-school activities, led us to finding a home that met our current and future needs. This decision was made after much prayer and a peace that God provided us.

I consider all of you my friend and some of the most honorable people I've had the privilege to work with. Whether we agreed or disagreed on an issue, you treated me with respect and professionalism. Thank you.

I look forward to serving with you one more time.

With respect and appreciation,

Tyler



H. Tyler Mayes
Commissioner

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ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEES REQUEST 2025-2026

PRESENT MEMBERS

REQUESTS

AUDIT (Required to be Budget members)

Tyler Mayes
Michael Foster
Josh Anderson
Ebony Capshaw
Sabra Beauchamp
Stephen Verran - *not on Budget*
Phil Yager

Sabra Beauchamp
Stephen Verran

BUDGET

(one from each district, cannot be on Operations)

Tyler Mayes
Denise Palmer
Shelly Vandagriff
Shain Vowell
Jerry White
Anthony Allen
Sabra Beauchamp
Bob Smallridge

Denise Palmer
Shelly Vandagriff
Shain Vowell
Jerry White
Anthony Allen
Sabra Beauchamp
Bob Smallridge

FINANCE

Tracy Wandell
~~Joshua Anderson~~
Tim Isbel
~~Phil Yager~~
Terry Frank, Mayor
Dr. Tim Parrott, Director of Schools
Gary Long, Road Superintendent

Michael Foster
Tracy Wandell
Denise Palmer
Tim Isbel
Anthony Allen
Terry Frank, Mayor
Dr. Tim Parrott, Director of Schools
Gary Long, Road Superintendent

HIGHWAY

Tracy Wandell
Shelly Vandagriff
Tim Isbel
Jerry White
Ebony Capshaw

Tracy Wandell
Shelly Vandagriff
Tim Isbel
Jerry White
Ebony Capshaw

ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEES REQUEST 2025-2026

LEGAL SERVICES ADVISORY

Tracy Wandell
Sabra Beauchamp
~~Josh Anderson~~

Tracy Wandell
Sabra Beauchamp
Denise Palmer
Anthony Allen

NON-PROFIT (5 members)

Tracy Wandell
~~Denise Palmer~~
Shelly Vandagriff
Shain Vowell
Jerry White
Anthony Allen
Stephen Verran
Phil Yager

~~(one from each district)~~

Tracy Wandell
Sabra Beauchamp
Shelly Vandagriff
Shain Vowell
Jerry White
Anthony Allen
Stephen Verran
Phil Yager

OPERATIONS

Tracy Wandell
Michael Foster
Josh Anderson
Tim Isbel
Robert McKamey
Ebony Capshaw
Stephen Verran
Phil Yager

(one from each district, cannot be on budget)

Tracy Wandell
Michael Foster
Josh Anderson
Tim Isbel
Robert McKamey
Ebony Capshaw
Stephen Verran
Phil Yager

OPIOID SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE

Denise Palmer
Michael Foster
Shelly Vandagriff
Josh Anderson
Tim Isbel
Sabra Beauchamp

Denise Palmer
Michael Foster
Shelly Vandagriff
Josh Anderson
Tim Isbel
Sabra Beauchamp
Anthony Allen
Ebony Capshaw

**ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEES REQUEST 2025-2026**

RESALE OF PURCHASED DELQ. TAX LAND

Terry Frank
Josh Anderson
Shain Vowell
Ebony Capshaw
Phil Yager

County Mayor

Shain Vowell

Ebony Capshaw

Anthony Allen

RULES

Sabra Beauchamp
Michael Foster
Ebony Capshaw
Anthony Allen
Bob Smallridge

Sabra Beauchamp

Michael Foster

Ebony Capshaw

Anthony Allen

Bob Smallridge

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES OVERSIGHT

Stephen Verran
Anthony Allen

Stephen Verran

Anthony Allen

ANDERSON COUNTY BEER BOARD

Jerry White
Josh Anderson

Jerry White

Josh Anderson



ANDERSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT

TERRY FRANK
COUNTY MAYOR

September 10, 2025

Commissioner Tyler Mayes
Chairman, Anderson County Board of Commissioners

RE: Mayor's Report

Dear Chairman Mayes and Honorable Members of Commission,

I wish to add the following items to the agenda:

1. Action Item: Request for county commission endorsement of grant application from the State of Tennessee for \$20,000 for Tennessee's America 250. The grant project will involve a media project, through Tourism and Archives Department, that preserves and shares the county's unique role in America's history. The project will focus on developing a podcast series that highlights Anderson County's significant historical contributions, ensuring that local stories become part of the broader national narrative during this milestone anniversary. As part of the effort, tourism will be dedicating a webpage to 250 events in our county.
2. Anderson County 250th. I am putting together an Anderson County 250th planning committee to support the America250 and TN250 Initiatives, commemorating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. The primary objective of the committee will be to encourage individuals, organizations, schools, businesses, and churches to create and host events that educate and inspire about historical events in the spirit of America 250. Working with a local graphics firm, I have a logo to use for the committee and tourism. Any commissioner wishing to participate can let me know. If commission has any ideas for expanded use of the logo, let me know.
3. Status: Animal Shelter Statistics. Attached.
4. Status: Great news! Anderson County was selected as the recipient of a grant award for signage, fencing, wayfinding, and entrance landscaping for Lost Bottom Park.

Thank you to Stephanie Wells for all her help on the application, and to Lose Design for their assistance with the concept design. The project will receive \$49,000 from the State of Tennessee. Thank you to Chairman Mayes, Conservation Board, Budget Committee, and county commission for supporting the application! Also thank you to Lt. Governor Randy McNally and Rep. Rick Scarbrough for their letters of support.

5. Status: Great news! Anderson County was selected for award for a grant from NRDA for Lost Bottom Park. The Oak Ridge Reservation Natural Resource Trustees selected the Lost Bottom restoration project to receive \$327,450. Many thanks to the support and collaboration from the Conservation Board, Budget Committee, Tourism, Melton Hill Lake Users Association, and Pellissippi Blueways. This grant will allow Lost Bottom to accomplish many goals that will include planting native vegetation, addressing stormwater runoff and erosion, providing a kayak launch, addressing the insufficient ramp, adding an ADA pier, and more. Thank you to Chairman Mayes and county commission for supporting this grant application! Also thank you to Congressman Chuck Fleischmann, Lt. Governor Randy McNally, and Rep. Rick Scarbrough for their letters of support. Thank you to John Prince and thank you to Lose Design for all the help with the final application!
6. Status: Great news! Anderson County Archives was selected for an award for an Archives Development Program Direct Grant in the amount of \$4,200 for the purchase of roller shelving for the Archives. Great work by Zach Foster with an assist from Leean Tupper!



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but I know agenda
is in black! white





Shelter Stats: July 11th-July 31st

Adoption:

Dog: 6 / Cat: 28

Total = 34

Reclaim:

Dog: 4 / Cat: 0

Total = 4

Rescue:

Dog: 16 / Cat: 9

Total = 25

Transfer

Dog: 1 / Cat: 0

Total = 1

DIC:

Dog: 1

Euthanasia:

Dog: 1; Cat: 1; Bat: 1

Finalized Total: Dog: 27 / Cat: 37 (64)

In House Numbers:

In Shelter

Dogs: 9 / Cats: 34

Total = 43

In Foster

Dogs: 24 / Cats: 16

Total = 39

PetSmart:

Cats: 5

Total = Dog: 33 / Cat: 55 (88)

Intake Number YTD: 51

July 31st- Sept 4th

Adoption:

Dog: 20 / Cat: 35

Total = 55

Reclaim:

Dog: 7 / Cat: 0

Total = 7

Rescue:

Dog: 0 / Cat: 2

Total = 2

Transfer

Dog: 7 / Cat: 0

Total = 7

DIC:

Dog: 5 / Cat: 2

Total = 7

Euthanasia:

Behavioral: Dog: 2 / Cat: 0

Medical: Dog: 1 / Cat: 0

Total = 3

Finalized Total:

Dog: 42 / Cat: 40 (82)

In House Numbers:

In Shelter

Dogs: 12 / Cats: 26

Total = 38

In Foster

Dogs: 20 / Cats: 25

Total = 45

PetSmart:

Cats: 7

Total = Dog: 32 / Cat: 58 (90)

Intake Number YTD: 600

**ANDERSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT
SUMMARY OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

September 4, 2025

<u>PAGE NO.</u>	<u>ITEM NO.</u>	<u>FUND - DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Group 1 Financial Reports			
Cash & Fund Balance, Sales Tax, ARPA and Grant Reports			
Group 3 Purchasing Contracts & Surplus Vehicles - Legal Review - Commission Approval			
1	3A	Canon, Dental Clinic, Contract #26-0025	
1	3B	Patrick Donnelly, EMS, Contract 26-0029	
2	3C	Cherokee Health Systems, BOE, Contract #23-0031	
2	3D	Lexis Nexis, Sheriff, Contract #26-0038	
2	5	Surplus Vehicles (2 Vehicles, Juvenile & Fleet)	
Group 3 Consent Agenda - Transfers (No Commission Action Necessary)			
3	0	General Fund 101 - Juvenile	\$ 400.00
3	1	General Fund 101 - Veteran's Office	\$ 1,010.00
3	2	General Fund 101 - Circuit Court Clerk	\$ 1,200.00
4	3	General Fund 101 - Detention Facility	\$ 9,000.00
Group 4 - Appropriations - School (Commission Approval by Board Vote)			
4	4	Fund 141 - Fiscal Services	\$ 256,938.78
5	5	Fund 141 - Fiscal Services	\$ 135,000.00
5	6	Fund 141 - Fiscal Services	\$ 116,775.10
6	7	Fund 141 - Fiscal Services	\$ 6,088.88
6	8	Fund 141 - Special Education	\$ 96,410.51
Group 5 - Transfers - School (Commission Approval by Board Vote)			
Group 6 - Appropriations - NonSchool (Commission Approval by Board Vote)			
7	9	General Fund 101 - Register of Deeds	\$ 50,000.00
7	10	General Fund 101 - County Clerk	\$ 25,000.00
8	11	General Fund 101 - EMA (Grant)	\$ 10,000.00
8	12	General Fund 101 - EMA (Grant)	\$ 25,425.00
8	13	General Fund 101 - EMA (Grant)	\$ 6,373.91
9	14	Fund 128 - Tourism	\$ 124,500.00
9	15	General Fund 101 - Health Department (Grant)	\$ 349,000.00
10	16	General Fund 101 - Animal Control	\$ 8,000.00
10	17	General Fund 101 - Finance (Opioid Funds)	\$ 40,000.00
11	18	General Fund 101 - Finance (Opioid Funds)	\$ 10,000.00
11	19	General Fund 101 - Finance (Opioid Funds)	\$ 25,000.00
14	25	General Fund 101 - EMS	\$ 360,000.00
14	26	General Fund 101 - Health Department	\$ 250,000.00
15	27	Fund 171 - General Capital Projects - Claxton School Bond	\$ 10,174,540.05
15	28	Fund 171 - General Capital Projects - FLAP Grant	\$ 2,061,400.00
15	29	Fund 128 & Fund 101- FLAP Grant Matching Funds	\$ 201,400.00
Group 7 - Appropriations - General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance (Commission Approval by Board Vote)			
12	20	General Fund 101 - Finance	\$ 55,500.00
12	21	General Fund 101 - Finance (Grant Funds)	\$ 6,373.00
12	22	General Fund 101 - Finance (Grant Funds)	\$ 163,303.00

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Group 8 - Transfers - NonSchool (Commission Approval by Board Vote)			
13	23	General Fund 101 - Finance/Grants Drug Court (Payroll)	\$ 30,000.00
13	24	General Fund 101 - Detention Facility (Payroll)	\$ 75,000.00
Group 9 - Miscellaneous			
16	A	EMS Stryker Equipment	Motion To Approve
16	B	Health Dept. Renovation	Motion To Approve
17	C	PreTrial Release Fees	Motion To Approve
17	D	FY 25/26 Budget Approval from State of TN	Motion To Approve
17	E	New Business 1 & 2 - BA's 27-29, Claxton Bond & Flap Grant	Motion To Approve
17	E	New Business 3 - OR General Sessions II	Motion To Approve
18	F	Unfinished Business - Solar lights for Carroll Hollow & Hwy 116	Deffered
Group 10 - Additional Items not discussed during budget committee (requires 3/4 majority vote)			

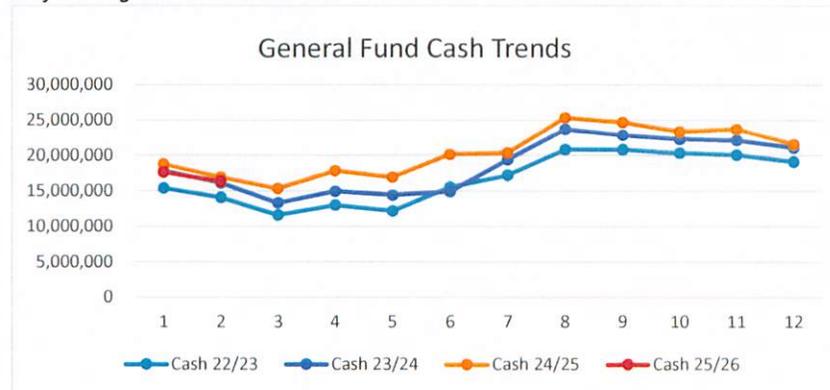
**ANDERSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT
CASH AND FUND BALANCE REPORT
August 31, 2025**

FUND	DESCRIPTION	NON-SPENDABLE	RESTRICTED FUNDS	COMMITTED FUNDS	ASSIGNED FUNDS	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	TOTAL FUND BALANCE	CASH
101	General Fund	\$ -	\$ 1,487,573	\$ 357,761	\$ 2,237,153	\$ 13,742,638 *	\$ 17,825,125	\$ 16,296,989
115	Library Fund	\$ -	\$ 181,520		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 181,520	\$ 219,890
116	Solid Waste/Sanitation Fund	\$ -	\$ 774,813	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 774,813	\$ 822,767
121	American Rescue Plan							\$ 2,116,515
122	Drug Control Fund	\$ -	\$ 139,101	\$ 8,754	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 147,855	\$ 184,382
127	Channel 95 Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,056	\$ -	\$ 21,056	\$ 41,633
128	Tourism Fund	\$ -	\$ 1,055,397	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,055,397	\$ 1,026,416
131	Highway Fund	\$ 47,550	\$ 269,737	\$ 3,331,764	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,649,051	\$ 4,488,033
141	General Purpose School Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,170,168	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,170,168	\$ 20,528,636
143	Central Cafeteria	\$ 112,744	\$ 3,925,789	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,038,533	\$ 4,418,345
151	General Debt Service Fund	\$ -	\$ 1,180,430	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,180,430	\$ 1,151,258
152	Rural Debt Service Fund	\$ -	\$ 587,730	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 587,730	\$ 1,203,576
156	Education Debt Service Fund	\$ -	\$ 96,991	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 96,991	\$ 102,378
171	Capital Projects Fund	\$ -	\$ 652,382	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 652,382	\$ 582,918
177	Education Capital Projects Fund		\$ 1,069,419	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,069,419	\$ 1,002,165
263	Employee Benefit Fund	\$ 27,936	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 522,415	\$ -	\$ 550,351	\$ 444,934
		\$ 188,230	\$ 11,420,882	\$ 16,868,447	\$ 2,780,624	\$ 13,742,638	\$ 45,000,821	\$ 54,630,835

* General Unassigned Fund Balance limit of \$6M requiring 2/3 (11) votes for budget amendments.

Cash Trends
August

Cash 21/22	14,460,896
Cash 22/23	14,073,017
Cash 23/24	16,085,935
Cash 24/25	16,929,910
Cash 25/26	16,296,989



ARPA PROJECTS

	ARPA Funding Eligibility Category	OTHER		TOTAL			
		REVENUE LOSS	ELIGIBILITIES				
	Total ARPA Allocation	\$ 10,000,000.00	\$ 4,952,074.00	\$ 14,952,074.00			
	-Less Budgeted To-Date	\$ (10,012,639.51)	\$ (5,120,393.55)	\$ (15,133,033.06)			
	Remaining Allocation	\$ (12,639.51)	\$ (168,319.55)	\$ (180,959.06)			
	<i>Interest earned and balance of allocations</i>	\$ 430,747.33	\$ (180,959.06)				
	Total Interest Remaining			\$ 249,788.27			
	Project Name	BUDGETED	EXPENDED TO-DATE	BUDGETED BUT NOT EXPENDED	PROJECT STATUS	REVENUE LOSS	Date Approved by Commission
1	Employee Retention Payments -Exempt	\$ 85,013.68	\$ 85,013.68	\$ -	Complete	YES	4/18/2022
2	Employee Retention Payments -Non-Exempt	\$ 614,826.78	\$ 614,826.78	\$ -	Complete	NO	4/18/2022
3.1	TN Emergency Broadband Fund Grants -MF Highland	\$ 11,636.84	\$ 11,636.84	\$ -	Complete	YES	2/22/2022
4	GIS Digitized Stormwater System And Outfall Map	\$ 103,060.00	\$ 103,060.00	\$ -	Complete	YES	11/21/2022
5	Comp/Building/Contents/MotorPool)	\$ 280,000.00	\$ 280,000.00	\$ -	Complete	YES	8/15/2022
6	Whole Body Scanner for Jail	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 135,000.00	\$ -	Complete	YES	9/20/2021
7	County Paving Projects	\$ 766,991.63	\$ 766,991.63	\$ -	Complete	YES	8/15/2022
7.1	County Paving Projects - New Eligibility	\$ 1,485,844.01	\$ 1,485,844.01	\$ -	Complete	NO	8/15/2022
8	County-wide Assessment for Water & Sewer Planning	\$ 92,000.00	\$ 92,000.00	\$ -	Complete	YES	3/10/2022
9	Claxton Sewerline Study	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	Complete	YES	8/15/2022
10	Witness Room/Archives Relocation	\$ 1,019,170.85	\$ 1,019,170.85	\$ -	Complete	YES	8/15/2022
11	Senior Center Kitchen Improvements	\$ 670,200.00	\$ 670,200.00	\$ -	Complete	YES	5/16/2022
12	A/V Technology for Room 118A	\$ 15,182.53	\$ 15,182.53	\$ -	Complete	YES	5/16/2022
15	Other Vehicles on Capital Requests	\$ 224,823.00	\$ 224,823.00	\$ -	Complete	YES	8/15/2022
16	Sheriff's Vehicles for 2 Years	\$ 899,349.03	\$ 899,349.03	\$ -	Complete	YES	8/15/2022
18	Family Justice Center -Building Purchase	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 175,000.00	\$ -	Complete	YES	8/15/2022
19	EMS Stretchers (12)	\$ 398,409.00	\$ 398,409.00	\$ -	Complete	YES	11/21/2022
21	Oak Ridge Fire Dept. Training Center	\$ 273,500.00	\$ 273,500.00	\$ -	Complete	YES	8/15/2022
22	Other County Capital Outlay Requests (e.g., \$10k Judges)	\$ 9,334.76	\$ 9,334.76	\$ -	Complete	YES	8/15/2022
23	Repair Chimes	\$ 18,635.00	\$ 18,635.00	\$ -	Complete	YES	1/17/2023
24	A/V Technology for Room 312	\$ 13,994.24	\$ 13,994.24	\$ -	Complete	YES	3/20/2023
25	Jail Medical Services	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	Complete	YES	5/15/2023
26	EMS Budget Fund Balance Adjustment (FY24)	\$ 516,000.00	\$ 516,000.00	\$ -	Complete	YES	6/19/2023
28	Fire Department/Rescue Squad Equipment	\$ 547,389.89	\$ 547,389.89	\$ -	Complete	YES	8/21/2023
29	EMS AED's	\$ 272,669.74	\$ 272,669.74	\$ -	Complete	YES	8/21/2023
30	Claxton Area Repeater	\$ 13,475.23	\$ 13,475.23	\$ -	Complete	YES	8/21/2023
32	Contributions Child Advocacy Center & American Legion	\$ 18,405.00	\$ 18,405.00	\$ -	Complete	YES	3/18/2024
33	County-wide Emergency Communications System	\$ 1,250,000.00	\$ 1,250,000.00	\$ -	Complete	NO	12/18/2023
34	Parks Bobcat	\$ 53,161.25	\$ 53,161.25	\$ -	Complete	YES	5/20/2024
35	Anderson County Fire Commission Funding for Departments	\$ 330,000.00	\$ 330,000.00	\$ -	Complete	YES	5/20/2024
36	Auto Purchases	\$ 170,281.35	\$ 170,281.35	\$ -	Complete	YES	6/17/2024
38	Sheriff's Vehicles FY25	\$ 571,962.02	\$ 571,962.02	\$ -	Complete	YES	8/19/2024
39	Archives Security Cameras	\$ 13,802.94	\$ 13,802.94	\$ -	Complete	YES	8/19/2024
40	Senior Center Badge System	\$ 10,888.36	\$ 10,888.36	\$ -	Complete	YES	9/16/2024
42	County Auto Purchases	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	Complete	YES	11/18/2024
44	Employee Retention Payments 2024	\$ 469,288.25	\$ 469,288.25	\$ -	Complete	YES	12/16/2024
3	TN Emergency Broadband Fund Grants -MF Comcast	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00	In Progress	YES	2/22/2022
13	IT Infrastructure Needs (e.g., Multi-Factor Authentication)	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 147,629.02	\$ 2,370.98	In Progress	YES	8/15/2022
14	EMS Ambulances for 2 years	\$ 1,346,903.66	\$ 500,511.66	\$ 846,392.00	In Progress	NO	8/15/2022
27	TDEC ARP Water Infrastructure Investment Plan (WIIP)	\$ 379,514.92	\$ 263,225.98	\$ 116,288.94	In Progress	YES	6/19/2023
31	Dental Clinic Redesign/Relocation/Bldg Improvements	\$ 604,000.00	\$ 408,501.04	\$ 195,498.96	In Progress	YES	9/18/2023
37	EMS Vehicles FY25	\$ 422,819.10	\$ 8,857.10	\$ 413,962.00	In Progress	NO	8/19/2024
41	Blockhouse Valley Recycling Center	\$ 56,500.00	\$ 22,600.00	\$ 33,900.00	In Progress	YES	10/21/2024
43	Blockhouse Valley Recycling Center	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 4,200.00	In Progress	YES	12/16/2024
		\$ 15,133,033.06	\$ 13,270,420.18	\$ 1,862,612.88			

BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

Members Present:

Shain Vowell, Commissioner-Chairman
Denise Palmer, Commissioner-Vice-Chair
Anthony Allen, Commissioner
Bob Smallridge, Commissioner
Jerry White, Commissioner
Sabra Beauchamp, Commissioner
Shelly Vandagriff, Commissioner

Members Absent:

Tyler Mayes, Commissioner

Meeting Facilitator:

Robby Holbrook, Finance Director

Committee Chair Shain Vowell called the meeting to order.

1. Appearance of Citizens

No citizens appeared.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by **Commissioner Bob Smallridge**, second by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, to approve the agenda as presented with inclusion of New Business Items 1, 2, 3, and one Unfinished Business item.

Motion Passed

3. Purchasing Contracts with Legal Review

A. **Canon, Dental Clinic, Contract #26-0025** – Five-year copier rental agreement. Cost is \$31.77/month and per copy fees (\$0.0052 per copy).

B. **Patrick Donnelly, EMS, Contract #26-0029** – Agreement to provide EMS employee tuition in the amount of \$895 for the Anderson County Community Paramedic Course with the conditions that the employee passes the course and does not terminate employment prior to the completion of the year after obtaining the Critical Care Paramedic State EMS license.

C. **Cherokee Health Systems, Board of Education, Contract #23-0031** – One-year Mental Health Services agreement. The cost is \$5,000 per therapist with a maximum amount of four therapists.

D. **Lexis Nexis, Sheriff, Contract #26-0038** – One-year contract for Accurint Virtual Crime Center software. The cost is \$9,000. *Correction to \$11,000.*

Motion by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, seconded by **Commissioner Denise Palmer**, to approve **Items 3A through 3D with correction to 3D totaling \$11,000.** *Motion Passed.*

4. Purchasing Contracts Pending Legal Review

None

5. Capital Asset Surplus Request

Description	Department	Condition	Starting Bid
2002 Chevy Impala	Juvenile Court	Good Condition	\$500
2009 Ford Crown Victoria	Fleet Services	Good Condition	\$500

Motion by **Commissioner Bob Smallridge**, seconded by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, to approve the request. *Motion Passed*

6. Capital Assets Sold – Informational Only

Description	Department	Condition	Starting Bid	Winning Bid
2001 Dodge Durango	Sheriff	Totaled, scrap only	\$100	\$139.75
2017 Jeep Grand Cherokee	Sheriff	Inoperable	\$500	\$4100
2011 Ford Crown Victoria	Sheriff	Operable	\$500	\$3800
2015 Dodge Charger	Sheriff	Operable	\$500	\$2975

TRANSFERS (Approved through Consent Agenda)

THE 0 ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Tracy Spitzer, Juvenile Department, that the following **TRANSFER** in General Fund 101 be approved.

Decrease Expenditure Codes:

101-53500-307	Juvenile – Communication	\$400.00
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Increase Expenditure Codes:

101-53500-320	Dues and Membership	\$400.00
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Justification: An error occurred during the budget process and these funds now need to be added to this code.

Motion by **Commissioner Sabra Beauchamp**, seconded by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, and passed to refer to the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval.

THE 1st ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Scott Nation, Veterans Service Office, that the following **TRANSFER** in General Fund 101 be approved.

Decrease Expenditure Codes:

101-58300-435	Office Supplies	\$510.00
101-58300-399	Other Contracted Services	<u>\$500.00</u>
		\$1,010.00

Increase Expenditure Codes:

101-58300-499	Other Supplies and Materials	\$1,010.00
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Justification: Finance directed that I needed to pay for flags out of 499 code and recommended that I do a budget transfer to the code.

Motion by **Commissioner Sabra Beauchamp**, seconded by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, and passed to refer to the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval.

THE 2nd ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Rex Lynch, Circuit Court, that the following **TRANSFER** in General Fund 101 be approved.

Decrease Expenditure Codes:

101-53100-337	Maintenance and Repair	\$1,200.00
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Increase Expenditure Codes:

101-53100-711	Furniture and Fixtures	\$1,200.00
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Justification: To purchase new filing cabinets for Collections Department.

Motion by **Commissioner Sabra Beauchamp**, seconded by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, and passed to refer to the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval.

THE 3rd ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Zach Allen/Russell Barker, Sheriff Department, that the following **TRANSFER** in General Fund 101 be approved.

Decrease Expenditure Codes:

101-54210-524	Jail-Staff Development	\$9,000.00
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Increase Expenditure Codes:

101-54210-355	Jail-Travel/Transportation of Prisoners	\$9,000.00
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Justification: This transfer is needed to cover inmate transports and travel for employees while training out of town.

Motion by **Commissioner Sabra Beauchamp**, seconded by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, and passed to refer to the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval.

APPROPRIATIONS REQUIRING FULL COMMISSION APPROVAL

THE 4th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Marcus Bullock, CFO, Fiscal Services, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in General Purpose School Fund 141 be approved.

Decrease Reserve Code:

141-39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$256,938.78
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(Amendment will be from 141-34615 Unassigned Fund Balance and a JE will replenish the reserve for 39000)

Increase Expenditure Codes:

141-71100-201	Regular Instruction - Social Security	\$5,902.69
141-71100-212	Regular Instruction - Medicare	\$1,380.47
141-71100-213	Regular Instruction – Payment to Retirees	\$95,204.62
141-71100-214	Regular Instruction – Retiree Insurance	\$60,000.00
141-71200-201	Special Education – Social Security	\$2,275.87

141-71200-212	Special Education – Medicare	\$532.26
141-71200-213	Special Education – Payments to Retirees	\$36,707.50
141-71300-201	CTE Education – Social Security	\$825.69
141-71300-212	CTE Education – Medicare	\$193.10
141-71300-213	CTE Education – Payments to Retirees	\$13,317.50
141-72120-201	Health Services – Social Security	\$930.04
141-72120-212	Health Services – Medicare	\$217.51
141-72120-213	Health Services – Payments to Retirees	\$16,188.54
141-72610-201	Operation of Plant – Social Security	\$1,339.81
141-72610-212	Operation of Plant – Medicare	\$313.34
141-72610-213	Operation of Plant – Payments to Retirees	\$21,609.84
		<u>\$256,938.78</u>

Justification: Appropriation for retiree payouts and retiree health insurance contributions.

Motion by **Commissioner Bob Smallridge**, seconded by **Commissioner Denise Palmer**, and passed to refer to the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval.

THE 5th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Marcus Bullock, CFO, Fiscal Services, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in School Fund 141 be approved.

Decrease Reserve Code:

141-39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$135,000.00
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(Amendment will be from 141-34690 Committed for Other Purposes and a JE will replenish the reserve for 39000)

Increase Expenditure Code:

141-71100-429	Regular Instruction – Instructional Supplies	\$135,000.00
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Justification: Appropriation for Mastery Connect curriculum and TISA teacher supply funds.

Motion by **Commissioner Bob Smallridge**, seconded by **Commissioner Denise Palmer**, and passed to refer to the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval.

THE 6th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Marcus Bullock, CFO, General Purpose School, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in School Fund 141 be approved.

Increase Revenue Code:

141-46980-SPSSG	Other State Grants – State Public School Security Grant	\$116,775.10
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Increase Expenditure Code:

141-72620-790-SPSSG Maintenance – Other Equipment – State Public School - \$116,775.10
Security Grant

Justification: To appropriate the State Public School Security Grant for the purchase and installation of Avigilon electronic door locking systems at Clinton Middle School and Norwood Elementary School approved by the TN Department of Education in ePlan.

Motion by **Commissioner Bob Smallridge**, seconded by **Commissioner Denise Palmer**, and passed to refer to the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval.

THE 7th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Marcus Bullock, CFO, General Purpose School, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in School Fund 141 be approved.

Increase Revenue Code:

141-48610 Donations \$6,088.88

Increase Expenditure Code:

141-71100-599 Regular Instruction – Other Charges \$6,088.88

Justification: To appropriate a donation for individual teacher grants awarded by the Civitan Club.

Motion by **Commissioner Bob Smallridge**, seconded by **Commissioner Denise Palmer**, and passed to refer to the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval.

THE 8th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Kim Towe, Special Education, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in School Fund 141 be approved.

Increase Revenue Code:

141-46515-STSEP State Special Education Preschool Grant \$96,410.51

Increase Expenditure Codes:

141-71200-116-STSEP Teachers \$59,962.00
141-71200-163-STSEP Educational Assistants \$18,275.00
141-71200-201-STSEP Social Security \$4,664.69
141-71200-204-STSEP State Retirement \$5,036.25
141-71200-207-STSEP Medical Insurance \$5,100.00
141-71200-212-STSEP Employer Medicare \$1,090.94
141-71200-429-STSEP Instructional Supplies & Materials \$5,281.63
\$96,410.51

Justification: FY 2026 State Special Education Preschool Grant allocations: Budgeted in this grant are 1.0 FTE Pre-K Teacher and 1.0 FTE Pre-K Assistant.

Motion by **Commissioner Bob Smallridge**, seconded by **Commissioner Denise Palmer**, and passed to refer to the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval.

THE 9th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Tim Shelton, Register of Deeds, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in General Fund 101 be approved.

Decrease Reserve Code:

101-39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$50,000.00
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(Amendment will be from 101-34510 Data Processing Reserve and a JE will replenish the reserve for 39000)

Increase Expenditure Code:

101-51600-799	Book Restoration	\$50,000.00
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Justification: Digitizing Historical Books with AI Indexing.

Motion by **Commissioner Sabra Beauchamp**, seconded by **Commissioner Shelly Vandagriff**, and passed to refer to the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval.

THE 10th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Jeff Cole, County Clerk, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in General Fund 101 be approved.

Increase Revenue Code:

101-43383	County Clerk - Additional Fees – Tilting and Registration	\$25,000.00
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Increase Expenditure Codes:

101-52500-709	Data Processing Equipment	\$22,858.00
101-52500-435	Office Supplies	\$1,500.00
101-52500-317	Data Processing Services	<u>\$642.00</u>
		\$25,000.00

Justification: New Software for County Commission Minutes/Replacing old equipment and old PC's.

Motion by **Commissioner Sabra Beauchamp**, seconded by **Commissioner Bob Smallridge**, and passed to refer to the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval.

Justification: To purchase various hazmat supplies (boots, gloves, Tyvek suits, etc.) for emergency response.

Motion by **Commissioner Sabra Beauchamp**, seconded by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, and passed to refer to the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval.

THE 14th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Terry Frank, Tourism, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in Fund 128 be approved.

Increase Expenditure Codes:

128-58110-316-ACED1	Tourism – Contributions – Anderson County Economic Development Board	\$124,500.00
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Decrease Reserve Codes:

128-34535	Restricted for Tourism	\$124,500.00
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Justification: Under the new statute for the collection of hotel/motel taxes, funds collected must be spent for tourism-related activities. ACEDA dues were appropriated from tourism revenues last FY, and this year’s budget included the same plan. However, as ACEDA is not a tourism-related expenditure, to ensure compliance with the new state law, this request is to move funds from the Tourism Fund Balance FY26 payments to ACEDA. The Tourism Fund current balance includes proceeds from sale of land as well as proceeds collected prior to the statutory change and adoption by Resolution 25-04-1213. Audit has agreed with this action. ACEDA payments will need to be funded from another source for FY27.

Motion by **Commissioner Sabra Beauchamp**, seconded by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, and passed to refer to the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval.

THE 15th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Mayor Terry Frank, Health Department, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in General Fund 101 be approved.

Increase Expenditure Code:

101-55110-707-	SPNMG Local Health Center – Building Improvements – Special Needs Matching Grant	\$349,000.00
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Increase Revenue Code:

101-47590-SPNMG	Other Fed. Thru State – Special Needs Matching Grant	\$349,000.00
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Justification: The amendment recognizes the special needs Health Department grant and places in an expenditure code. This grant is for construction renovations at the Anderson County Health Department.

Motion by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, seconded by **Commissioner Bob Smallridge**, and passed to refer to the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval.

THE 16th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Mayor Terry Frank, Animal Control and Care, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in General Fund 101 be approved.

Increase Expenditure Codes:

101-55120-451	Uniforms	\$2,500.00
101-55120-499-ANML	Other Supplies & Materials-Animal	\$2,500.00
101-55120-499	Other Supplies & Materials	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
		\$8,000.00

Decrease Reserve Code:

101-39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$8,000.00
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(Amendment will be from 101-34530-ANML Animal-Restricted for Animals and a JE will replenish the reserve for 39000)

Justification: During budget process, we made an error and failed to fund uniform line item. This amendment adds funding for uniforms. The 499-ANML request is to add additional funds to ensure sufficient finding for the various disease tests for feline and canine. (e.g. SNAP testing) The 499 code is where we purchase health supplies or shelter specific supplies. This request for extra funding is to be able to purchase volunteer identifiable T-shirts with logo, table covers, tent with logo for community adoption events, and brochures.

Motion by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, seconded by **Commissioner Bob Smallridge**, and passed to refer to the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval.

THE 17th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Robby Holbrook, Finance, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in General Fund 101 be approved.

Increase Expenditure Codes:

101-53330-189	Drug Court-Other Salaries & Wages	\$29,500.00
101-53330-201	Drug Court-Social Security	\$3,782.00
101-53330-204	Drug Court-Retirement	\$3,660.00
101-53330-207	Drug Court-Health Insurance	\$2,173.00
101-53330-212	Drug Court-Medicare	<u>\$885.00</u>
	Opioid/TN Abatement Council	\$40,000.00

Increase Revenue Code:

101-46845-DRUG	Opioid Settlement Funds- TN Abatement Council- Drug Court	\$40,000.00
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Justification: Opioid Abatement award to increase the availability of the licensed alcohol & substance abuse counselor. This counselor will conduct evaluations and provide counseling for both Recovery Court and The AC Detention Facility.

Motion by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, seconded by **Commissioner Bob Smallridge**, and passed to refer to the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval.

THE 18th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Robby Holbrook, Finance, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in General Fund 101 be approved.

Increase Expenditure Code:

101-56300-499-46845	Senior Citizens Assistance-Other Supplies & Materials-Opioid/TN Abatement Council	\$10,000.00
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Increase Revenue Code:

101-46845-SENR	Opioid Settlement Funds-TN Abatement Council-Office on Aging	\$10,000.00
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Justification: Opioid abatement award to increase awareness and accessibility of at home medication disposals among AC seniors and dental clinic patients.

Motion by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, seconded by **Commissioner Bob Smallridge**, and passed to refer to the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval.

THE 19th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from John Prince, Finance, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in General Fund 101 be approved.

Increase Revenue Code:

101-46845-OVETC	Opioid Settlement Funds-Opioid Vet Court	\$25,000.00
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Increase Expenditure Codes:

101-53330-355-OVETC	Travel-Opioid Vet Court	\$5,000.00
101-53330-399-OVETC	Other Contracted Services-Opioid Vet Court	\$15,000.00
101-53330-524-OVETC	Staff Development-Opioid Vet Court	\$2,000.00
101-53330-599-OVETC	Other-Opioid Vet Court	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
		\$25,000.00

Justification: To allocate Opioid Grant Funds to the Veterans Court.

Motion by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, seconded by **Commissioner Bob Smallridge**, and passed to refer to the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval.

THE 20th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Robby Holbrook, Finance, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in General Fund 101 be approved.

Increase Expenditure Codes:

101-55130-307-0100	EMS-Communication-Cellular/Pager	\$7,500.00
101-55130-356	EMS-Tuition	\$5,000.00
101-55130-399	EMS-Other Contracted Services	\$41,000.00
101-55130-450	EMS-Tires & Tubes	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
		\$55,500.00

Decrease Reserve Code:

101-39000	Unassigned	\$55,500.00
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Justification: During budget season EMS submitted 3 budgets, and I entered the no increase budget as the initial budget. When Budget Committee approved Option 2 for EMS, I didn't go back and make changes to the codes that had been increased in Option 2. This BA will correct EMS budget for the 25/26 budget season.

Motion by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, seconded by **Commissioner Bob Smallridge**, and passed to refer to the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval.

THE 21st ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Robby Holbrook, Finance, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in General Fund 101 be approved.

Decrease Reserve Code:

101-39000	Unassigned	\$6,373.00
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Increase Expenditure Code:

101-53310-399-AEM1	General Sessions Judge-Other Contracted Services-Alternate Electronic Monitoring Grant	\$6,373.00
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Justification: Funding still available from AEM Grant funds received in July of 24. Received \$13,430, expenditures \$7,057, for a balance of \$6,373.00 that rolled into FB.

Motion by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, seconded by **Commissioner Bob Smallridge**, and passed to refer to the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval.

THE 22nd ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Robby Holbrook, Finance, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in General Fund 101 be approved.

Increase Expenditure Code:
101-54210-312-SMHT4 Restricted for Public Safety-State Mental Health Transport Grant \$163,303.00

Decrease Reserve Code:
101-39000 Unassigned \$163,303.00

Justification: Unspent funds available from State Mental Health Transport Grant State pays for the grant upfront and allows unspent funds to be moved into new fiscal year.

Motion by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, seconded by **Commissioner Bob Smallridge**, and passed to refer to the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval.

THE 23rd ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from John Prince, Finance, that the following **TRANSFER (Payroll)** in General Fund 101 be approved.

Increase Expenditure Code:
101-53330-189 Drug Court – Other Salaries and Wages \$30,000.00

Decrease Reserve Code:
101-53330-399 Drug Court – Other Contracted Services \$30,000.00

Justification: To shift allocation of funds to support a new permanent position rather than contracting for those services. State approved contract change.

Motion by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, seconded by **Commissioner Bob Smallridge**, and passed to refer to the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval.

THE 24th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Zach Allen/Russell Barker, Sheriff's Department, that the following **TRANSFER (Payroll)** in General Fund 101 be approved.

Decrease Expenditure Code:
101-54210-160 Jail-Jailers Salary \$75,000.00

Increase Expenditure Code:
101-54210-187 Jail-Overtime Pay \$75,000.00

Justification: This transfer is needed to cover overtime pay at ACDF due to a staff shortage.

Motion by **Commissioner Sabra Beauchamp**, seconded by **Commissioner Denise Palmer**, and passed to refer to the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval.

THE 25th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Robby Holbrook, Finance, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in General Fund 101 be approved.

Increase Expenditure Code:
101-55130-790-STRYK EMS-Other Equipment-Stryker Equipment Contracts \$360,000.00

Decrease Reserve Code:
101-39000 Unassigned Fund Balance \$360,000.00

(Amendment will be from 101-34785 Assigned for Capital Projects and a JE will replenish the reserve for 39000)

Justification: First year funding the Stryker Medical Equipment contract, following 2 years will be \$255,000.

Motion by **Commissioner Sabra Beauchamp**, seconded by **Commissioner Shelly Vandagriff**, to fund a contract for \$255,000 the next 3 years out of Assigned for Capital Projects. Motion to Amended by **Commissioner Denise Palmer**, seconded by **Commissioner Anthony Allen** to fund \$360,000 for the first year to cover the cost of data processing hardware, tablet mounts, and training equipment, motion amendment passed. Motion as amended by **Commissioner Bob Smallridge**, seconded by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, and passed to refer to the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval.

THE 26th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Robby Holbrook, Finance, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in General Fund 101 be approved.

Increase Expenditure Code:
101-55110-707-SPNMG Health Department-Building Improvements- County Contributions \$250,000.00

Decrease Reserve Code:
101-39000 Unassigned Fund Balance \$250,000.00

(Amendment will be from 101-34785 Assigned for Capital Projects and a JE will replenish the reserve for 39000)

Justification: Contribution to the Health Department Building Renovation.

Motion by **Commissioner Sabra Beauchamp**, seconded by **Commissioner Shelly Vandagriff**, and passed to refer to the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval.

THE 27th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Robby Holbrook, Finance, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in Fund 171 be approved.

Increase Expenditure Codes:

171-82330-605	Education Underwriter’s Discount	\$131,181.25
171-82330-606	Education Other Debt Issuance Charges	\$108,000.00
171-95100-306	Capital Projects-Contributions to the School Department	<u>\$9,935,358.80</u>
		\$10,174,540.00

Increase Revenue Codes:

171-49100	Bonds Issued-Education-Claxton Elementary	\$10,000,000.00
171-49410	Premiums on Debt Issue-Education-Claxton Elementary	<u>\$174,540.05</u>
		\$10,174,540.05

Justification: Amendment needed to record Claxton School Bond.

Motion by **Commissioner Sabra Beauchamp**, seconded by **Commissioner Shelly Vandagriff**, and passed to refer to the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval.

THE 28th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Mayor Terry Frank, General Administration, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in Fund 171.

Increase Revenue Codes:

171-47990-FLAP1	Other Direct Federal Revenue-Gibbs Ferry-FLAP Grant	\$1,860,000.00
171-49800-FLAP1	Transfers In	<u>\$201,400.00</u>
		\$2,061,400.00

Increase Expenditure Codes:

171-91150-321-FLAP1	Engineering Services-Gibbs Ferry FLAP Grant	\$290,000.00
171-91150-799-FLAP1	Other Capital Outlay-Gibbs Ferry FLAP Grant	<u>\$1,771,400.00</u>
		\$2,061,400.00

Justification: To allocate matching funds and Federal Grant funds to the FLAP Gibbs Ferry Project.

Motion by **Commissioner Sabra Beauchamp**, seconded by **Commissioner Denise Palmer**, and passed to refer to the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval.

THE 29th ITEM, to be presented to the Anderson County Budget Committee, was a written request from Robby Holbrook, Finance, that the following **APPROPRIATION** in General Fund 101 and Fund 128 be approved.

Decrease Reserve Codes:

101-39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$50,000.00
128-34535	Restricted for Tourism	<u>\$151,400.00</u>
		\$201,400.00

(Amendment will be from 101-34510-SBGT Restricted for General Government-Sports Gaming and a JE will replenish the reserve for 39000)

Increase Expenditure Codes:

101-99100-590-FLAP1	Transfers Out-FLAP Grant Matching Funds	\$50,000.00
128-99100-590-FLAP1	Transfers Out-FLAP Grant Matching Funds	<u>\$151,400.00</u>
		\$201,400.00

Justification: Contribution of matching funds for the Gibbs Ferry FLAP Grant.

Motion by **Commissioner Sabra Beauchamp**, seconded by **Commissioner Denise Palmer**, and passed to refer to the Anderson County Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval.

SECTION A EMS / Stryker Equipment

EMS Director Nathan Sweet presented capital outlay requests for EMS equipment. Director Sweet identified the highest priority requests that can be fulfilled for \$225,000 a year through a Stryker program for three years. The next priorities Director Sweet identified were data processing hardware, terminals, tablet mounts, and training equipment. This request would be a one-time cost of \$105,000

The EMS capital outlay request is reflected as “The 25th ITEM” above.

SECTION B, Health Department Renovation Bids/ Mayor Frank

Mayor Terry Frank discussed funding was approved for the Health Department renovation for \$500,000 if the State would provide the extra funding required for the renovation. The State has agreed to provide a total of \$350,000 additional funding. Mayor Frank mentioned different funding sources. The funding source decided upon by the committee is \$250,000 out of Assigned for Capital Projects to be spent first, and the second funding source is \$250,000 out of ARP interest to be used last so more interest is accrued.

The Health Department renovation funding is reflected as “The 26th ITEM” above.

SECTION C, Pre-trial Fees / Mayor Frank

Mayor Terry Frank opened discussion for fee changes and presented the current Pre-Trial Release administrative fee that has not changed since 1999. The Mayor provided fee structures from other counties in our region and the committee discussed the value of the program.

Motion by **Commissioner Sabra Beauchamp**, seconded by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, to raise the fee to \$100 to be paid within a six-month period, every six months they are on probation. Additionally, the individual would pay for their own drug testing including lab charges, if drug test is contested and comes back clean the county will pay the lab charges. Motion amended by **Commissioner Shelly Vandagriff**, seconded by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, to include possible community service of 20 hours every 6 months in lieu of payment decided by the Judge. *Motion Passed.*

SECTION D, FY 25/26 Budget/State Approval

Finance Director presented the Committee with a letter from the State of Tennessee for the approval of Anderson County's budget and commendation for timely adoption.

Motion by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, seconded by **Commissioner Bob Smallridge**, to accept the letter and enter in Budget Committee's minutes. *Motion Passed.*

SECTION E, New Business

1. **Claxton Bond:** A budget amendment to put the bond proceeds on the books.

Reflected as "The 27th ITEM" above.

2. **Flap Grant:** Budget amendments allocating federal funding and county matching funds for the FLAP grant for Gibbs Ferry Park.

Reflected as "The 28th and 29th ITEM" above.

3. **Oak Ridge General Sessions II:** The Budget Committee discussed the Oak Ridge General Sessions II workshop. There was discussion on what a contract would look like with the City of Oak Ridge to contribute a portion of the incurred operating expenses.

Motion by **Commissioner Sabra Beauchamp**, seconded by **Commissioner Anthony Allen**, for a one-time payment of \$50,000 for roof repairs and a contract with the City of Oak Ridge for \$50,000 a year until 2030. This would be reviewed by the Law Director and Purchasing Agent every five years. Voting "no" Commissioner Shain Vowell, and Commissioner Bob Smallridge. *Motion passed.*

SECTION F, Unfinished Business

Budget Committee Chairman Commissioner Shain Vowell passed the gavel to Vice Chairwoman Denise Palmer. Commissioner Shain Vowell discussed solar flashing signs for Highway 116 and Carroll Hollow. This will be brought back next month with more information.

Meeting Adjourned.



Robby Holbrook, Finance Director



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Dr. Tim Parrott, Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: County Commission Members
Terry Frank, County Mayor
Robbie Holbrook, Finance Director

FROM: Dr. Tim Parrott, Director of Schools *T. Parrott*

DATE: September 2025

RE: Report to County Commission

ATTENDANCE

Student enrollment stands at 5,669 students including Kindergarten standing at 349 students.

HIGH SCHOOL

Clinton

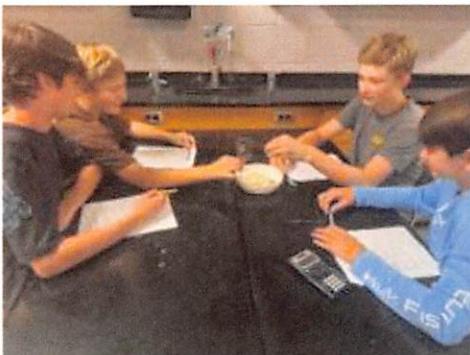


The beginning of the school year is bananas! Who knew this delicious fruit could be such a great learning tool? Our CDC students have been working hard on their academic and life skills. They studied the habitat and life span of Beluga whales, and then they made beluga whales with bananas, vanilla wafers, and blue pudding.



In the meantime, Ms. Mitchell's Anatomy and Physiology students have been conducting autopsy labs on bananas. This activity gave students an opportunity to practice directional terms and body planes in a way that is more concrete and easier to understand than just theoretical learning. Students also got to practice using their medical tools to actually cut the banana and then label the various parts. Thank you, bananas, for making learning so fun!

Anderson County

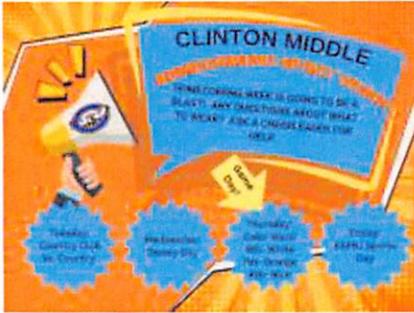


As the new school year begins, Anderson County High School's classrooms are already buzzing with curiosity, creativity, and collaboration. In Randy Hall's U.S. Government class, students are sharpening their critical thinking skills through a lively debate, learning to listen respectfully and express their ideas with confidence. Downstairs in Donovan Harrington's Honors Biology class, students are engaged in a hands-on simulation lab as students begin studying populations in their ecology unit. In the library, Andrew Richter's English 4 class visits Shanda Hall to learn about the media center's new resources and how to use the online Destiny resource to select books. Meanwhile, in Clint Haig's U.S. History class, students bring the Industrial Age to life with skits about groundbreaking inventions, blending performance, history, and humor. Together, these moments reflect the dedication of our teachers and the bright potential of our students as they dive into a year full of learning and growth.



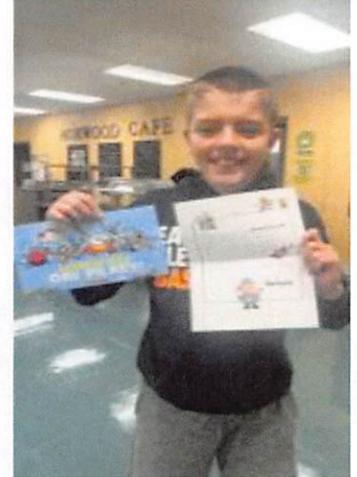
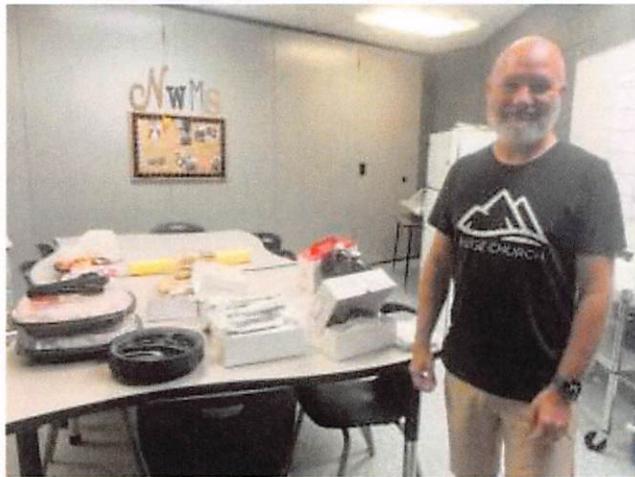
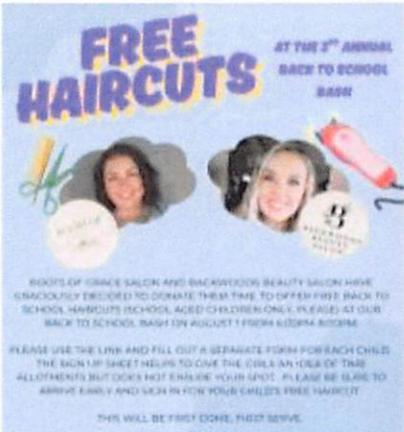
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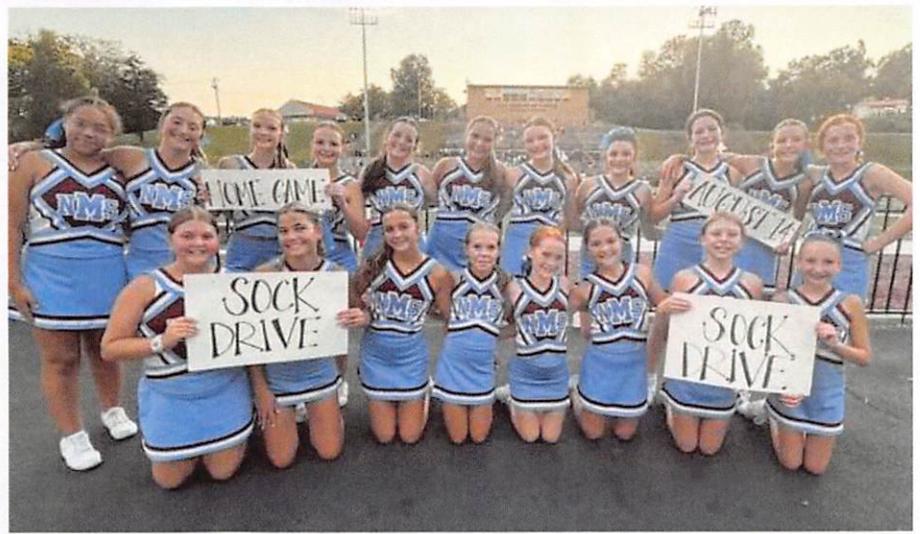
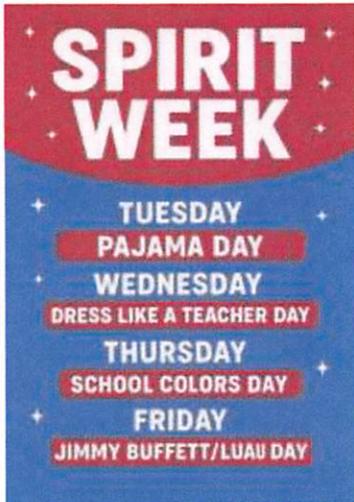
This week our Hawks got to celebrate Homecoming Spirit Week! Tuesday was Country Club vs. Country, Wednesday was Disney Day, Thursday was Color Wars, and Friday was ESPN Day. Our Cross Country girls also represented us at the Jefferson Invitational and it was a beautiful day. Volleyball is starting back up and our Hawks Dance Team put on an amazing performance during Thursday night's game. Join us in spreading words of wisdom from our sixth graders who are choosing kindness every day, and a special congratulations to our Hawks of the Week who have been noticed by their teachers for going above and beyond!

Norwood



Norwood has had a busy week! Cross Country has taken off, and Student Government Association Elections were held. We are so proud of the brave students who stood in front of their peers and convinced them to vote for them as the future leaders at Norwood Middle. Also, one of our lucky students received a letter from an author in response to their library research class, how cool! We would also like to give a big shout out to The Ridge Church for feeding our staff breakfast on their first day back to school.

Norris



This week our Senators celebrated Spirit Week: Tuesday was pajama day, Wednesday was dress like a teacher day, Thursday was school colors day, and we wrapped up the week with Friday being Luau/Jimmy Buffet day. Our Lady Senators soccer team dominated the pitch with a 7-1 win over Powell – the Panthers were no match to their defense. Our Lady Senators basketball team are undefeated with their next game against Jellico. We of course can't forget our tough football win against the 3-0 Jefferson Eagles. Support from our cheerleaders kept everyone fired up all night long! What a great time to be a Senator!

Lake City



Our Lakers have started this year off with a bang! A big shout out to our cross country team for running their first meet of the year at the Victor Ashe Fall Classic. Our Lakers also had their back to school dance and celebrated favorite team day. The Lady Lakers volleyball team were back to a full roster as they took on Winfield. JV took a win home, and varsity swept the season series with two wins back to back. Although our football team came up just shy of a win, our Laker ladies looked absolutely beautiful and the team played their hearts out. In art, sixth grade students were allowed to play with their food designing tasty sculptures from oreos!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Andersonville



We have some future architects in Mrs. Mounger's STEM class. After reading the book *Iggly Peck, Architect*, our kindergarteners built their best structures.



Our second graders worked hard today and had amazing teamwork as they were building their first informational paragraph of the year.



Our third graders are planning and carrying out their own investigations about the properties of rocks.

Briceville



Emily Crabtree from WBIR interviewed students, Principal Travis Hutcherson, and Librarian Jennifer Lindsay about Briceville's upcoming Book Fair and how the Briceville community can contribute to "Share the Fair."

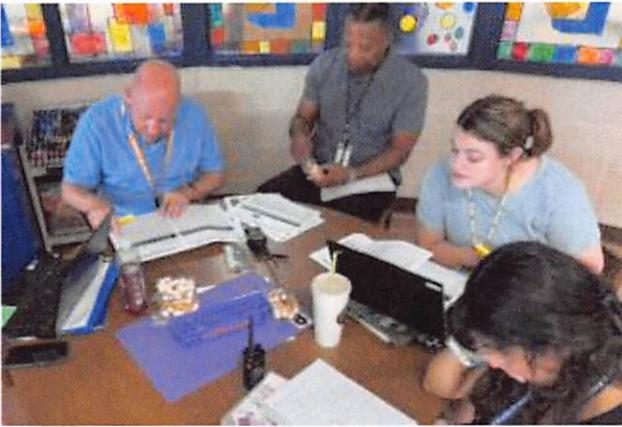
"Share the Fair" is a giving program built into the Scholastic Book Fair empowered by donations from people in our community and beyond!! These funds support students at our school who need help getting new books.

Click the link below if you'd like to contribute to our "Share the Fair"
shop.scholastic.com/stf/fund?orgUCN=600094434



We loved having our students back with us today. We are so excited to see what this year holds for BES!

Claxton



Claxton Elementary is back in full swing. Teachers are looking at previous year/beginning of the year data to plan. The Cougar Corner is training new crew members. New Safety Patrol members are supporting our campus in many ways. STEAM Integration projects are being started.

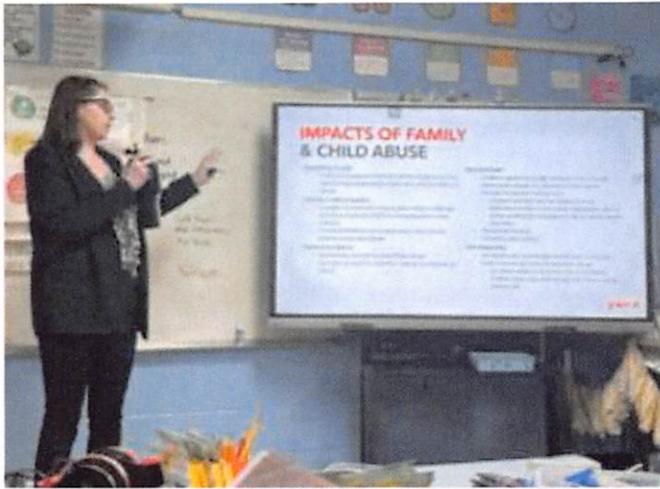


Dutch Valley



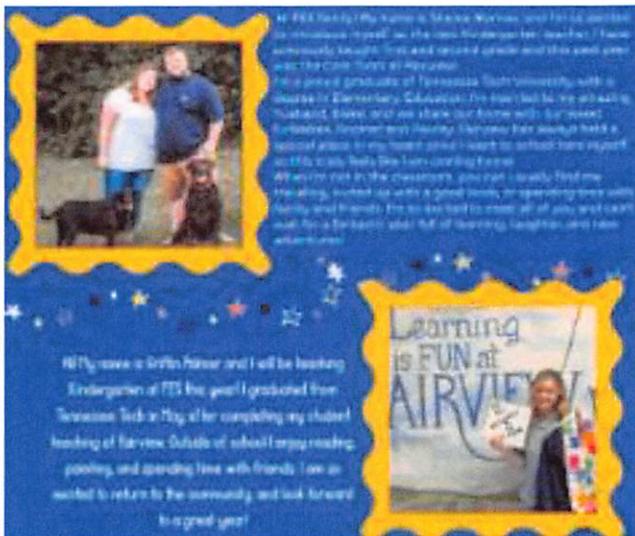
“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.”





This afternoon our staff took some time to learn about how to recognize domestic violence and the impact it has on children. Special thanks to Jessie Baer, Victim Advocate with the Anderson County Family Justice Center and the YWCA for taking the time to share this training with us.

Fairview



Fairview is excited to have two new Kindergarten teachers: Mrs. Marlow and Miss Palmer (who are both former FES students themselves!) Our amazing PTO provided lunch for all of our staff to welcome us back to school. We also had the pleasure of welcoming back a military dad who has been deployed for over a year! We are off to a great start to the school year.

Grand Oaks



Our very own Miss Rose was recognized as one of the Top 9 finalists in the entire state of Tennessee at the Tennessee Teacher of the Year banquet in Nashville. This is an incredible accomplishment and a true reflection of her dedication and impact on our students and our school community. We are so proud of Miss Rose!

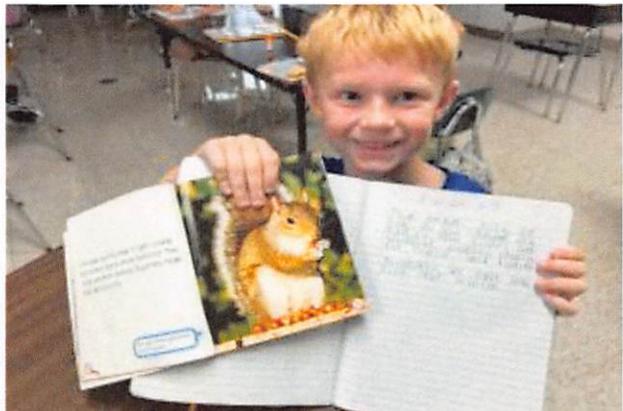
Our school had the incredible honor of welcoming United States Secretary of Education, Linda McMahon, as one of the first stops on her 50-state school tour. Secretary Linda McMahon visited classrooms, met our amazing teachers, chatted with students about their learning, and read aloud to our students in the library.



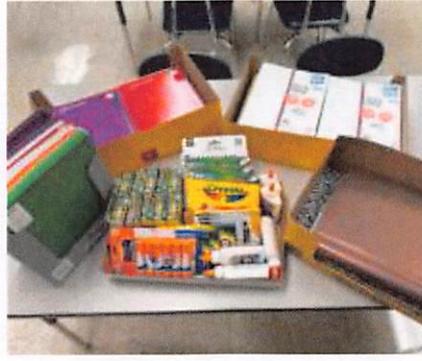


We are proud to have been chosen as a starting point for this nationwide journey and honored to showcase the incredible work happening at Grand Oaks with leaders from across the country and state.

Lake City



Mrs. Myers' 2nd grade ELA classes are working on determining the main topic of the text "How Do You Know It's Fall?" and answering the question "How do the changes in fall weather impact people and nature?" Mrs. Myers and her students worked together to determine the main topic of the text was "cooler fall weather causes changes for people and animals." As students finished, they were challenged to find a piece of text evidence that supported the main topic. Students also participated in a Socratic seminar and discussed the question "How do things change in fall?" They all did a fantastic job!



We are so thankful for our community partners who helped to get our students off to a great start by donating much needed school supplies. Thank you PCUD, Vendetta Biker Club, Clayton Connect/Homes and community families!



We had an amazing turnout tonight at our annual Back to School Bash! We had a cotton candy machine, face painting, balloon animals and more to celebrate with our teachers, students, and families. It was so great to see all of our families coming together to kick off the new school year. Let's make it a great year! Go Lakers.

Norris

Norris Elementary School continues its journey to be a certified Integrated Arts School. The process is a three year endeavor focused on building sustainability once the certification process is completed. Part of the year one requirements were to present your plan at the national Arts Integration and STEAM Conference. The presentation went very well and was attended by many curious professionals attending the conference. Those going on the conference were Renee Branham, principal, Alison Greenhouse, art teacher, Nicole Reeves, music and theater teacher, Sarah Abbott, third grade teacher, and Dara Charry, academic coach.

Norwood



Our 4th graders had an exciting STEM lesson with Mrs. Owen this week. To tie in with their Wit & Wisdom Module on the human heart, students explored how the heart pumps blood. They started with a video and notes, moved around the room to answer quiz questions, and then rolled up their sleeves for a hands-on STEM challenge. Using cups, balloons, straws, red food dye, and tape, they built a working model to simulate how the heart pumps blood through the body.



This morning, students in Miss Lee's second grade class tackled a fun open-ended problem: Pick two cards numbered from 1 to 9 that add up to 10. The challenge was to find all the different ways to make 10 and explain their thinking. Students collaborated in pairs and small groups, discussing different strategies for decomposing numbers into parts that sum to 10. They used manipulatives, such as counters and number bonds. This approach builds deep number sense, encouraging students to see relationships between numbers, not just memorize addition facts. The activity aligns with Grade 2 standards: exploring multiple solutions and understanding addition through visual and verbal reasoning.





We're thrilled to announce the candidates running for our Student Council Elections this year. These future leaders have shown courage, creativity, and commitment to making Norwood the best it can be. We're so proud of all the students who stepped up to run. Their ideas and energy represent the heart of Norwood Elementary. Stay tuned for more updates and good luck to all our amazing candidates.

2025-2030+ Capital Projects

- Yearly maintenance priorities - \$1 million per year for roofs, safety cameras, floors, gym floors refinished, painting, playground mulch, and other needed maintenance
- CES- new Claxton Elementary School – construction at 20% completed. \$28,474,000 and 672 days to complete.
- CHS softball locker room - \$90,000 design work completed.
- GOES- new parking lot – Est. \$125,000
- CHS - Welding and Agriculture building, building is 90% completed \$3,000,000.00
- ACHS - multi-sport facility - ½ cost from district ½ cost from donors- Building purchased for \$625,000.00
- CES HVAC – scheduled to start in the spring of 2025
- BES - Waste water upgrade - work in progress \$800,000.00
- CHS/CMS – Replace bleachers and fieldhouse at football stadium partnership with City of Clinton – design phase \$500,000.00.
- NES, GOES – add safety vestibule to school main entrances.
- NES, AVES, DVES, and FES - replace gym floors, Est. \$80,000.00 per floor, in bid process.
- LCMS- new auditorium seats 2025, in process Est. 85,000.00, installing mid-Oct.
- CHS – replace windows at CHS in Walkway
- BES - update gym Est \$200,000.00
- ACHS - replace turf at ACHS 2028- Field conditioned in the summer of 2024. Est \$500,000.00
- NES - replace classrooms to provide space for growth and safety. 2029-30
- Start replacing HVC from first ESG -2028?
- All schools - upgrade door scanners for safety, 2024-25 CHS, CHS completed ACHS-summer 2026, \$300,000.00
- NWES/ NWMS – replace lights on softball field, spring 2026
- NMS – update lower hallway

ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
 101 S. Main Street
 Clinton, TN 37716
 Board of Education Meeting
 August 14, 2025
 6:00 PM

Board Members	Present	Absent
Sherri Beaty	✓	
Don Bell	✓	
Dail Cantrell	✓	
Darren Carden	✓	
Scott Gillenwaters, Chairman	✓	
David Miller	✓	
Teresa Portwood, Vice Chair	✓	
Jo Williams	✓	
Dr. Tim Parrott	✓	
Student Board Members		
Chloe Freeman	✓	
Brooklin Wilkerson	✓	

OTHERS PRESENT

Alexis West, Ben Downs, Ryan Sutton, RaeAnn Owens, Kathryn Price, Anne Ford, Patsye Thurman, Katrina Oakley, Phillip Warfield, Darla Warfield, April Meyers, Amy Butcher, Paula Sellers, Andrea Russell, Kelly Myers, Suzi Schmidt, Travis Freeman, Holly Strickland, Cindy Boyles, Stacey Turner, Gary Daugherty, Cathy Toney, Yelena Kirillina, Teresa Wallace, Cindy Hicks, Gladys Stooksbury, Tim Vowell, Gary Conner, Ben Pounds.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Scott Gillenwaters called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM as a regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education. Dail Cantrell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chloe Freeman (ACHS) and Brooklin Wilkerson (CHS) officially took their oaths to serve as the 2025-2026 Student Board members.

II. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

AC Retired Teachers – Recent retirees were celebrated and given a plaque and a gift card for their service to Anderson County Schools. Additionally, Patsye Thurman from the Anderson

County Retired Teachers Association came to share their program and invited all retirees to join their organization.

III. **RESOLUTIONS**

IV. **PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

David Miller, ACBOE member – Mr. Miller came to express his unhappiness with the recent U.S. Secretary visit to GOES.

V. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Jo Williams and seconded by Sherri Beaty to approve the Agenda. **Motion carried.**

VI. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes – [July 10, 2025](#)
- B. Human Resources [Report](#)
- C. Student Services Report - None
- D. Field Trips - None
- E. 141 Expenditure [Report](#)
- F. Policies for Second Reading
 - a. [1.407](#) – School District Records
 - b. [1.700](#) – School District Goals
 - c. [1.1021](#) – Student Board Member
 - d. [2.403](#) – Surplus Property Sales
 - e. [3.202](#) – Emergency Preparedness Plan
 - f. [3.204](#) – Threat Assessment Team
 - g. [4.100](#) – Instructional Program
 - h. [4.212](#) – Virtual Education Program
 - i. [4.301](#) – Interscholastic Activities
 - j. [4.403](#) – Library Materials
 - k. [4.406](#) – Use of the Internet
 - l. [4.601](#) – Reporting Student Progress
 - m. [5.100](#) – Personnel Goals
 - n. [5.110](#) – Compensation Guides and Contracts
 - o. [5.119](#) – Employment of Retirees
 - p. [5.305](#) – Family and Medical Leave
 - q. [5.500](#) – Discrimination/Harassment of Employees
 - r. [5.701](#) – Substitute Teachers
 - s. [6.200](#) – Attendance
 - t. [6.304](#) – Student Harassment, Bullying, Cyberbullying, and Intimidation
 - u. [6.312](#) – Use of Wireless Communication Devices
 - v. [6.411](#) – Student Wellness

w. [6.600](#) – Student Records

G. A Motion of Support for Scott Gillenwaters to Seek the TSBA Treasurer Position

H. Sports

- a. NMS [Volleyball](#)
- b. NMS [Football](#)
- c. NMS [Cross Country](#)

VII. **EXECUTIVE APPROVAL** - None

VIII. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

Chairman Scott Gillenwaters reminded the board about the Fall District Meeting coming up on August 26th, and gave a brief explanation of Summer Law and all of the recent bill changes/additions affecting education. Mr. Gillenwaters additionally made a statement regarding the recent visit of U.S. Secretary Linda McMahon to GOES.

IX. **COMMENTS FROM STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS**

X. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Enrollment currently stands at 5,703 with Kindergarten at 348. There have been 333 withdrawals thus far which is fairly normal for the beginning of the school year due to families moving, etc.; a huge growth in achievement after looking at data from last year with many thanks to all staff for consistently making every day count; New Claxton is running on time with the K-2 wing concreted and starting to put walls up, the second phase of concrete will be the special areas rooms and office complex, the foundation is set to be completed in two weeks and then they will move on to sewer, water, etc., there was a minor issue with bad soil that has been taken care of and the giant rock wall has been taken care of as well; CTE building 85-90% complete and hoping to be finished by Fall Break; the new scoreboard at CHS is up and should be connected and running by game one; a lot of work was done at CMS during the summer: the locker rooms were redone and the gym floor/lobby were redone; they are starting grade work on the ACHS sports-plex any day and are currently working with a contractor for sewage, water, drainage, etc.; the bleachers at CHS were redone; thanks to help from the community, the LCES gym was repainted, the auditorium was repainted as well as the floors redone, and we are currently waiting on seats to come in; the Rave Safety app is up and running at all schools. We have already had one incident where it has been utilized yielding great results; CHS softball field lawsuits are all completely done! Thanks to Kelly Myers, Director of Safety, we will be using a safety grant to update the keyless door locks in all schools; summer feeding was a huge success thanks to RaeAnn in School Nutrition with 68,238 meals distributed.

XI. **WORKSHOP ACTION ITEMS**

A. Policies for First Reading

- a. [4.605](#) – Graduation Requirements

Motion by Jo Williams and seconded by Sherri Beaty to approve of Policy 4.605 on First Reading.
Motion carried.

b. [5.200](#) – Separation Practices for Tenured Teachers

Motion by Darren Carden and seconded by Teresa Portwood to approve of Policy 5.200 on First Reading. **Motion carried.**

c. [6.303](#) – Questioning Students and Searches

Motion by Teresa Portwood and seconded by Don Bell to approve of Policy 6.303 on First Reading.
Motion carried.

XII. [FINANCIAL REPORT](#)

Motion by Don Bell and seconded by Teresa Portwood to approve budget appropriation 1a-1g. **Motion carried.**

Scott Gillenwaters	Yea
Teresa Portwood	Yea
Don Bell	Yea
Darren Carden	Yea
Dail Cantrell	Yea
David Miller	Yea
Sherri Beaty	Yea
Jo Williams	Yea

A. Transfers - None

XIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (Items not listed on the agenda)

Katherine Scarboro – GOES U.S. Secretary visit statement

Ashley Craven – GOES U.S. Secretary visit statement

Adjourned at 7:20 PM

Scott Gillenwaters, Chairman

Dr. Tim Parrott, Director of Schools

CERTIFIED ON: _____

BY: _____

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ms. Annette Prewitt
CC: Commission
FROM: Law Director's Office
DATE: September 10, 2025
RE: Law Director's Report –September 15, 2025 – County Commission

Please add the following to the County Commission Agenda under the Law Director's Report.

A. Contract Approvals:

1. ACSO SRO MOU – Renewal
2. Animals First Management Software
3. Auctioneer Services
4. Brownfield Site Investigations Grant
5. Cherokee Health – Schools
6. Claxton Dietetic Solutions
7. Foundation House – Opioid Fund
8. GCE Senior Center Entry Renovation
9. i3 Verticals – Clerks Office
10. Johnson Controls
11. Lexis Nexis Virtual Crime Center –ACSO
12. Nationwide MOU – Mayor's Office
13. Tourism Marketing Grant
14. Trident Care – Detention Facility
15. Tourism Enhancement Grant- Mayor's Office
16. Grace Rehabilitation- Schools
17. Ridgeview Head Start- Schools
18. DOT Brushy Valley- Roger's Group
19. DOT Park Lane- Roger's Group

B. Anderson County Zoning Violations:

Opened:

1. 301-375 Old Lake City Highway
2. 474 Old Lake City Highway

Closed:

1. 239 Greendale Lane
2. 272 Clear Branch Road
3. 1290 E. Wolfe Valley Road
4. 1019 Briceville Highway
5. 1080 New Clear Branch Road
6. 292 Lambdin Road
7. 149 Black Oak Road
8. 301 Old Lake City Highway
9. 359 Old Lake City Highway

Motion for Default Judgment:

1. 438 Old Fratersville Hollow Lane- Filed June 26, 2025. Granted on July 28, 2025. Defendant has 30 days to get the property into compliance. Will be moving forward with an Order for Contempt proceedings.

Motion for Trial Date:

1. 774 Hillvale Road- Will be scheduling for a trial date.

Contempt:

1. 1824 Lake City Highway- Hearing on August 8, 2025. Contempt granted. Allows us to put a lien on the property, if the property is not compliant after 30 days from date of hearing.

Liens:

1. 222 Old Tacora Hills Road- daily fine of \$100 beginning May 24, 2024.
2. 230 Haney Hollow Road- daily fine of \$100 beginning August 26, 2024.
3. 177 Scott Brogan Lane- daily fine of \$50 beginning December 9, 2024.

Pending Quotes for Cleanup:

1. 177 Scott Brogan Lane- emailed zoning about getting a quote.

C. Bankruptcies:

1. Ezell- Notice of Chapter 7
2. Berry- Notice of Chapter 13
3. Genesis Healthcare- Noticed of Continued Final Hearing. A Hearing is scheduled for 8/21/25.
4. Genesis Healthcare- Final Order Authorizing Debtors to Pay Certain Prepetition Taxes, Fees, and Related Obligations and Granting Related Relief. (Signed on 8/22/25)

5. Roy- Order of Discharge
6. Snellings- Motion to Dismiss Chapter 13
7. Cox- Notice of Chapter 13
8. Burt- Notice of Chapter 13 Plan. Filed a claim on behalf of county.
9. Cooper- Notice of Chapter 13.

D. Other:

1. CSX Lawsuit – OSAP investigation reveals claim is without merit, state has requested support from County Governments in moving to dismiss claim
2. Senior Center Copyright Claim, (*correspondence attached*)
3. Resolution changing the size and composition of Audit Committee.
4. Resolution establishing month of September as Suicide Prevention Month.
5. Resolution Honoring Sergeant David Davis
6. Aslinger Cemetery- Attorney General declined to provide an opinion on the access issue. At the request of Rep. Butler, CTAS attorney Kristy Brown provided the attached email.

F. Litigation Updates:

1. Barker v. Pro-Vision- Pending Discovery
2. Rick Schubert v. Terry Frank- No ruling on Motion to Dismiss as status pending a ruling in Delinquent tax Case No.: 20CH2100.
3. Zayo v. AC Commission, ACS, & AC Purchasing- 10/2/25, hearing on Plaintiff's Writ of Certiorari in Chancery at 1:00 p.m. I encourage Commission members to attend.
4. Samuel Marra v. ACSO et. al- Summary Judgment granted in favor of ACSO. Pending Order of Dismissal.
5. Dylan Dotson v. AC- Summary Judgment granted in favor of AC. Pending Order of Dismissal.
6. Shane Dietlin v. Kirk, et al.– Insurance company has assigned defense of this action to Knoxville attorney, Alix Michel. We will continue to monitor status.
7. Nathan Partin v. ACSO, et al. –Assigned to Insurance Defense Counsel, Reid Spaulding at Watson Roach. Trial date has been set for 3/2/27. Monitor Status.
8. Michael Harber et.al. v. A.C. and the Estate of Jay Yeager. Ron Attanasio is prepared to file an Answer on behalf of Mr. Yeager's Estate within the next 30 days.

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September 9, 2025

Robin Gillham, Licensing Agent
resolution@pixsy.com
Pixsy Inc.
440 N. Barranca Avenue
Covina, California 91723

Re: Pixsy, Inc., Case No. 002-257218

Mr. / Ms. Gillham:

Your email, which was sent to my client on August 25, 2025, at 9:04 a.m., has been forwarded to my office. I represent Anderson County Government, it's elected officials, and employees in their official capacity. I respectfully request you cease and desist from any further threats against my client. Going forward do not make any attempt to contact my client directly. You must direct all future communications to my office.

If you possess any documents that evidence your attempts to contact my client prior to August 25, 2025, send them to my office at the address referenced above as my client has no record of letters, emails or other correspondence from you regarding this matter. Additionally I will require the following information in order to evaluate your demand:

1. Proof that your client is the author of the image in question;
2. Proof of copyright registration of the image with the proper government authority;
3. Documentation of your ability to act on behalf of the artist;
4. Proof that your client can account all copies of the image, alleged to be used by my client without authority;
5. A copy of the original image identified in your notice, including metadata and documentation of the dates and location of the alleged unauthorized use including metadata;
6. Documentation which you rely on in support of your claim for monetary damages on behalf of the artist.

My client disputes the validity of your claim. I intend to take advantage of every affirmative defense available to my client if you proceed with any further action against them. The image was promptly removed on August 25, 2025, out of an abundance of caution even though no proof of enforceable copyright was produced. Under the totality of the circumstances I request that Pixsy, Inc. and

/or the artist, depending on who is the authorized person, provide a signed release to my office releasing all claims alleged against my client.

Anderson County has acted in good faith by removing the image immediately upon receipt of your notice and by seeking to resolve this matter without litigation. Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Brooks", written in a cursive style.

James W. Brooks, Esq.
Anderson County Law Director

JWB/cmp

Cc: Mayor, Terry Frank
Robyn Poppick, Senior Center Director

James Brooks

From: Walker, Kaley <kaley@tennessee.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 8:51 AM
To: James Brooks
Cc: mackenzie.randall@capitol.tn.gov
Subject: External: Fw: Anderson Co. Aslinger cemetery - New River

CAUTION: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Mr. Brooks,

Please see below. If you have any other questions, we are happy to help.

Kaley Walker

From: Brown, Kristy <kgodsey@utk.edu>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 11:32 AM
To: Walker, Kaley <kaley@tennessee.edu>; CTAS_Legal_Services <CTAS_Legal_Services@utk.edu>
Subject: Re: Anderson Co. Aslinger cemetery - New River

Kaley,

In looking at Tennessee law on this subject, it does not appear we have a statute specifically granting access to cemeteries. A bill was introduced (SB 1936) in 2019, but it did not pass. That bill only proposed requiring access for family members and descendants of deceased persons buried at the cemetery, cemetery plot owners and persons engaging in genealogy research (provided they gave reasonable notice to the owner of record or to the occupant of the property or both). Several states do have statutes requiring access, but again, those don't seem to grant access rights to the general public.

Since we don't appear to have a statute on the subject, I looked at the case law. There is a case from 1911 which speaks to access. It is Hines v. State, 149 S.W. 1058 (Tenn. 1911). In that case, the Supreme Court answered the following questions:

1 The question presented in the record is whether the prosecutor and other descendants of Wm. Crawford have a right or easement of burial in the cemetery, and of ingress and egress for the purposes of burial, visiting, repairing, and keeping in proper condition the graves and grounds around the same. We are of the opinion that they have these rights and may exercise them in a reasonable manner and at seasonable times, so as not to unnecessarily injure the owner of the farm in its cultivation and use.

2 When land has been definitely appropriated to burial purposes, it cannot be conveyed or devised as other property, so as to interfere with the use and purposes to which it has been devoted. When once dedicated to burial purposes, and interments have there been made, the then owner holds the title to some extent in trust for the benefit of those entitled to burial in it, and the heir at law, devisee, or vendee takes the property

subject to this trust. The right of burial extends to all the descendants of the owner who devoted the property to burial purposes, and they may exercise it when the necessity arises. They also have the right to visit the cemetery for the purpose of repairing, beautifying, and protecting the graves and grounds around the same, and for these purposes they have the right of ingress and egress from the public road nearest the cemetery, to be exercised at seasonable times and in a reasonable manner.

Hines v. State, 126 Tenn. 1, 149 S.W. 1058, 1059 (1911).

I haven't found anything that extends the right of access to the general public. In fact, I found several related questions on this topic on the Tennessee Historical Commission's website and they also reference the perpetual right of descendants (and not the general public) to access cemetery property in which their ancestors are buried: <https://www.tn.gov/historicalcommission/state-programs/cemetery/faq.html>

Thus, it seems the access issue here is a disagreement between the landowner and the folks desiring to visit the cemetery. It does not appear to involve the county as the facts presented do not indicate the gate is located on county property or on a county road.

Thanks,
Kristy

From: Walker, Kaley <kaley@tennessee.edu>
Date: Monday, September 8, 2025 at 7:10 AM
To: CTAS_Legal_Services <CTAS_Legal_Services@utk.edu>
Subject: Anderson Co. Aslinger cemetery - New River

Good Morning,

This original request is from the Anderson County Law Director.

Kind Regards,
Kaley Walker

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mackenzie Randall <mackenzie.randall@capitol.tn.gov>
Date: September 8, 2025 at 8:03:28 AM EDT
To: "Walker, Kaley" <kaley@tennessee.edu>
Subject: FW: Aslinger cemetery - New River

You don't often get email from mackenzie.randall@capitol.tn.gov. [Learn why this is important](#)

Kaley,

Good morning! I hope this email finds you well. Below is a constituent issue we are dealing with. I initially reached out to the Attorney General's office but they said this is outside of the scope of their

office and that I should reach out to you. Any help you could provide with this, I would greatly appreciate!

Warm regards,
Mackenzie Randall

Legislative Assistant
Office of Representative Ed Butler
House District 41

425 Rep. John Lewis Way N.
Suite 578 Cordell Hull Bldg.
Nashville, TN 37243
(615) 741-1260

From: James Brooks <jbrooks@andersoncountyttn.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 12:02 PM
To: Ed Butler <rep.ed.butler@capitol.tn.gov>
Cc: Mackenzie Randall <mackenzie.randall@capitol.tn.gov>
Subject: Aslinger cemetery - New River

Ed,

I hope you are doing well. Members of the Anderson County Commission have requested I contact your office regarding a locked gate installed at the intersection of Hwy 116 and an old mining road in the New River community. The mining road is the sole access to three family cemeteries. One on land owned by Windrock Land Company and two on land owned by the State of Tennessee. There is no access issue with the State. The locked gate is on Windrock property and it interferes with access to all three cemeteries. I have attached copies of the correspondence between my office and attorney Lewis Howard, Jr. which will fill in the gaps in this email.

We would like an AG Opinion, if possible, on the right of access. I have obtained copies two of prior AG Opinions discussing family cemeteries (91-057 & 92-051), but neither addressed the access issue. Is this an opinion you, or perhaps a fellow Rep. from another District, can request. Thank you.

Sincerely,

James Brooks, Jr.

Anderson County Board of Commissioners
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 8, 2025
6:00 PM Room 312

Members Present: Tim Isbel, Tracy Wandell, Joshua Anderson, Ebony Capshaw, Michael Foster, Stephen Verran and Robert McKamey.

Members Absent: Phil Yager

Call to Order: Chairman Isbel called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Vowell said the prayer.

Chairman Wandell led the Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Wandell made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed.
Commissioner Wandell requested to move TN Waste to Jobs up to #6 Intergovernmental.
County Clerk moved to next month.
Add Oak Ridge General Sessions Court to Intergovernmental.

Appearance of Citizens

Todd Waterman

Robin Graham

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Commissioner Wandell nominated Isbel for Chairman. Second by Commissioner McKamey.
Motion passed.

Commissioner McKamey nominated Tracy Wandell for Vice-Chairman. Second by Commissioner Foster. Motion passed.

Intergovernmental

Tennessee Waste to Jobs - Presentation by Gary Cohen, needs support for recycling materials.
Commissioner Wandell made a motion to send to Solid Waste Board for further evaluation and come back to this Committee in 30 days. Second by Commissioner Capshaw. Motion passed.

> New River Water Line – Commissioner Wandell made a motion that ACWA pursue the TDEC AML Program Fee Grant and an IIJA AML Grant to finish the water lines up to Fork Mountain Church. Second by Commissioner Anderson. Motion passed unanimously to forward to full commission for approval.

Commissioner Allen requested that the Operations Committee consider having a public forum for citizens input on how to use the clean-up property.

Commissioner Wandell made a motion to get a copy of the resolution about the 294+ acres that was done previously and bring back to this committee next meeting. Second by Commissioner Capshaw. Motion passed.

> Oak Ridge General Sessions Court – Commissioner Wandell made a motion for the Law Director to respond to Mayor Gooch and City Council with \$50,000 a year thru 2030 with a one time payment of \$50,000 for improvements. Second by Commissioner Capshaw. Motion passed to

forward to full commission for approval.

Mayor

No Report

Law Director

Commissioner Foster made a motion to refer the modified Fireworks Private Act of 2021 to October Operations meeting. Second by Commissioner Wandell. Motion passed.

Restructure Audit Committee – Resolution 25-08-1228

No Action Taken.

Tele-Health for Animals – Commissioner Foster made a motion to defer to next month's Operations meeting under Intergovernmental. Second by Commissioner Wandell. Motion passed.

Traffic Signal/Study at Sinking Springs & Hwy. 61 Intersection – Commissioner Wandell made a motion to send to the Road Committee. Second by Commissioner Capshaw. Motion passed.

Citizens for Animal Advocacy in Anderson County (CAAAC)

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve what was presented last month. Second by Commissioner Capshaw. Motion passed.

Commissioner Anderson amended the motion to accept changes Commissioner Foster suggested. Second by Commissioner Capshaw. Motion passed.

Commissioner Foster made a motion to defer for 30 days to allow changes to be made and the Law Director review. Second by Commissioner Wandell. Motion passed.

Clean Water Update for Rosedale Community

Discussed previously.



Anderson County Government 2026 Holiday Schedule – Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the schedule. Second by Commissioner Wandell. Motion passed to forward to full commission for approval.

ACWA Minutes

No Report.

Strategic Planning Update

Next meeting will tentatively be November 7th or 14th.

Unfinished Business

EPA Fact Sheet – Information only.

Traffic on Carroll Hollow Road and Hwy 116. – No Action Taken.

New Business

None.

With No Further Business- Meeting Adjourned



September 4, 2025

James W. Brooks, Jr.
Anderson County Law Director
101 South Main Street Suite 310
Clinton, Tennessee 37716-3624

Re: General Sessions Division II

Dear Jamie:

I thought the joint work session between the City of Oak Ridge and Anderson County on General Sessions Division II was very beneficial for both parties. From the comments made at the meeting, everyone who spoke recognizes the benefits of keeping General Sessions Division II in Oak Ridge.

Under Private Act of 1947 Chapter 459, as amended, General Sessions Division II cases "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." I would like to suggest the following as a starting point for how the City can contribute toward keeping General Sessions Division II in the Oak Ridge City Limits. Please provide me with the following information:

1. The total amount of heated and cooled space in each of the two Anderson County-owned buildings located on 728 Emory Valley Road, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830.
2. The total amount of heated and cooled space that is used by General Sessions Division II in each of the two Anderson County-owned buildings located on 728 Emory Valley Road, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830.

I do think it is appropriate for Anderson County to request Oak Ridge to pay for the heating and cooling of the space used for General Sessions Division II as this is related to "providing adequate courtroom and office facilities for the Judge and support staff." I suggest the City and County enter into an agreement for the City to pay the actual cost of utilities for General Sessions Division II for a period of five (5) years and I am ready to make this request to City Council.

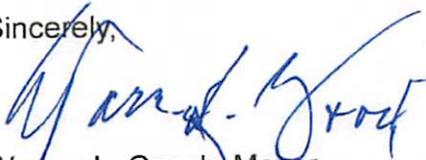
At the joint work session, there was a suggestion that the City and County jointly agree to pay for some improvements to the exterior of the building such as the awnings and

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landscaping to enhance the appearance of the facility. I would like a detailed list of any improvements Anderson County is interested in making to the building for General Sessions Division II - not for the other portions of the building - for the City to evaluate and consider. While I feel aesthetic improvements are above the bar of "adequate" space, I am willing to seek support by City Council to make one-time improvements that directly impact General Sessions Divisions II such as wrapping the columns, painting the drop off entrance, and adding new signage.

I look forward to working with Anderson County to resolve this issue quickly and efficiently.

Sincerely,



Warren L. Gooch, Mayor

cc: Randall W. Hemann, City Manager
Tammy M. Rackard, City Attorney
Terry Frank, Anderson County Mayor
Members, Oak Ridge City Council
Members, Anderson County Commission



Anderson County Fire Commission

August 5th, 2025 Minutes

Time: 6:30pm

Date: Tuesday, August 5th, 2025

Location: Anderson County Courthouse-Room 312

Call to Order: 6:32pm

Prayer

Pledge



ANDERSON COUNTY
FIRE COMMISSION

1. Approval of August Agenda-attached

Motion made by Anthony Grande and seconded by Josh Lane to add election of officers under Item 1 labeled as "1a."

1a: The motion was made to nominate Tracy Wandell as the Chairman by Josh Lane and seconded by Justin Bailey, motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Josh Lane and seconded by Justin Bailey to nominate Elliot Mitzelfeld to be the Vice Chairman, motion carried unanimously.

Motion made to approve the August agenda by Anthony Braden and seconded by Dusty Sharpe

2. Approval of June Minutes-attached

Motion made to approve the June minutes by Anthony Grande and seconded by Josh Lane

3. Unfinished Business

a. Ready Op Survey from Briceville Fires

Push item to next meeting

b. Current status of the county funding for fire departments

The funding is available already. The line item has not been in any future agenda on the budget committee yet as far as discussion for next years funding.

4. New Business

a. Discuss the 1947 Fireworks Private Act

The draft of the new act will be available sometime in October, but it was requested that it be discussed amongst the Fire Commission prior to then to get an idea of our opinions. Overall, the sell of fireworks in the county could lead to a source of funding for the county departments, but there should be some wording in the act that would discourage any reckless acts with the fireworks and advocate safe usage.

b. Presentation and review of Letter of Support for the Fire Marshall position from the Anderson County Fire Chief's Association

The letter was presented to Tracy Wandell and the motion to accept the letter of recommendation was made by Anthony Braden and seconded by Anthony Grande, motion carried unanimously.

c. Next meeting date: September 9th, 2025 6:30PM Anderson County Courthouse Room 312

5. Department Reports

- **Andersonville VFD** – Tim Roche- Thank you for all the help on the mutual aid structure fires. Had the red cross out as well as ACEMS providing an ambulance for a cooling station.
- **Briceville VFD** – Steve Rice- no report
- **Claxton VFD** – Dusty Sharpe- Advanced extrication will be held August 23rd and 24th at Claxton station one with the classroom portion starting at Anderson county rescue squad. We're expecting a large turnout. We currently have 1 truck down. The demolition of the stacks and scrubber building went well.
- **Marlow VFD** – James Davis- no report
- **Medford VFD** -Josh Lane- Letter drive is coming up soon as well as open house sometime in November. Thanks for all the mutual aid help.
- **Anderson County Rescue Squad** – Not present
- **Clinton FD** –Not present
- **Rocky Top FD** – Anthony Braden- Rocky top has some banners available for PR events that have a QR code that allows for someone to scan and learn about the opportunities to volunteer or apply with Rocky top. These are available to the volunteer departments if needed.
- **Norris FD** – Not present
- **Oak Ridge FD** – Anthony Grande- Oak Ridge has ran 2 or more mutual aid calls within the last 60 days. The new tower 20 has been delivered. The regional fire chiefs meeting is coming up in September, it will probably be in Powell at rural metro.
- **Oliver Springs FD** – Justin Bailey- The last month has been busy. There will be a basic extrication class held in October, and Daniel Adams has filed the paperwork for a 64 hour class. Volunteers, keep in mind the submission date is coming up to receive incentive pay for volunteer members.
- **County Commissioner Tracy Wandell (Chairman)** – Thoughts and prayers for Bryson Trentham and the Blair volunteer fire department. Details will be included in the email of ways to help the family.
- **County Commissioner Josh Anderson** –Not present
- **Non-voting Departments and Members**
 - **Anderson County EMS** – Scott Thomas- Keep an eye out on the ACEMS website for a night time EMT class coming up. Also, it is almost time again for the EMS audit.
 - **Anderson County EMA** – Not present
 - **Anderson County Sheriff's Office** – Not present
 - **Y-12** – Not present
 - **ORNL** – Not present
 - **E-911** – Not present
- **Anderson County Constable**- Not present
- **American Red Cross of East TN**-Melissa Gibson- The red cross has assisted 25 families in Anderson county since new fiscal year in July. This is a total of 53 persons assisted, and has put back \$16,546.75 into the communities.
- **Codes enforcement/Zoning**-Not present

Primary Risks of Legalizing Fireworks Sales

1. Increased Fire Risk

- **Fires caused by fireworks, especially during dry summer months—can lead to widespread property damage, environmental harm, and loss of life.**
- **In Tennessee, counties experience numerous structure, vehicle, and brush fires each July due to amateur fireworks. In 2023, the state reported 135 fireworks-related fires totaling nearly \$1 million in damages.**
- **The county could face liability if local regulations are seen as too permissive or if enforcement is lax.**

Example: A single fireworks-related house fire could trigger insurance claims, lawsuits, and public backlash—especially if fireworks were bought locally under a newly relaxed policy.

2. Public Health and Safety Concerns

- **Nationwide, 14,700 injuries and 11 deaths were reported from fireworks in 2024, mostly involving amateurs, with Tennessee reflecting similar patterns.**
- **Legalization leads to increased access, which disproportionately impacts children and teens, who make up a large share of injuries.**
- **Most common injuries:**
 - **Burns to hands, face, and eyes**
 - **Eye damage/blindness**
 - **Hearing loss**
 - **Amputations or severe trauma from explosions**

Local EMS & hospitals may experience spikes in call volume, ER visits, and trauma center demand, especially around holidays like July 4th and New Year's.

3. Enforcement Challenges

- **Legalizing fireworks creates gray areas for law enforcement, especially when neighboring counties/cities prohibit them.**
- **Challenges include:**
 - **Distinguishing legal vs. illegal fireworks**
 - **Enforcing time-of-use restrictions**
 - **Monitoring underage sales or misuse**

- Policing public nuisance complaints (noise, debris, animal distress)
- Inspecting and ensure code compliance at sales and storage tents.

Without strong enforcement resources, legalization can overwhelm local fire and police departments, especially volunteer or underfunded agencies.

4. Insurance and Liability Exposure

- If property or injury damage results from fireworks legally sold within the county, the local government could face legal scrutiny, especially if:
 - Sales were authorized with inadequate safety regulation
 - Retailers were improperly licensed or monitored
 - County failed to warn residents of elevated risk

Public sector insurance pools may raise premiums or require additional coverage if fireworks are legalized.

5. Increased Burden on Emergency Services

- Fire departments (especially volunteer-based) may see a 30–50% increase in calls during peak periods.
- Legalization requires training, readiness, and resources to respond to fires, injuries, and medical emergencies.

Volunteer firefighter recruitment and retention can suffer if holiday risk becomes overwhelming.

6. Environmental and Animal Impact

- Fireworks release heavy metals, sulfur, and particulate matter into the air, potentially violating local clean air or burn bans.
 - Debris left behind affects parks, roads, and waterways.
 - Pets and wildlife are distressed or injured by fireworks, leading to more lost pets, vet visits, and wildlife displacement.
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7. Moral Hazard and Behavioral Spillover

- **Once legalized, residents may feel emboldened to push boundaries, such as:**
 - **Launching large aerial or illegal commercial fireworks**
 - **Setting them off outside of approved times or locations**
 - **Using fireworks while intoxicated**

Foreseeable Harm and Duty of Care

Legalizing the sale of consumer fireworks knowingly permits increased access to hazardous explosive devices that statistically cause fires, injuries, and fatalities. Under tort law, entities that allow or encourage such activities can be held liable for resulting harm due to the principle of **foreseeability**. A county government has a **legal duty of care** to protect public safety. Allowing fireworks sales without adequate safeguards can be construed as negligence, especially if prior incidents or state safety warnings exist.

Legal Precedents of Government Liability

Counties and municipalities have faced legal challenges related to fireworks policies, highlighting their vulnerability to liability:

- **Fairfax County, Virginia (2008):** Sued after fireworks display injuries; county implicated for failing to ensure safety.
- **Pasco and Hernando Counties, Florida:** Faced lawsuits from fireworks vendors over permit denials and bans.
- **Midland County, Texas (2006):** Threatened with lawsuits following fireworks bans.
- **Counties in Idaho (2015):** Targeted by tort claims linked to fireworks restrictions impacting businesses.

These examples show governments can be sued both for restricting and for authorizing fireworks, but legalizing sales carries increased risk of injury and property damage claims. Once the law is changed to allow the sales, it is hard to reverse or modify without potentially getting sued for the sales companies.

Financial Exposure from Injuries and Property Damage

Legal fireworks sales open the county to:

- **Personal injury lawsuits** involving burns, eye trauma, amputations, and deaths.
- **Property damage claims** due to structure, brush, and vehicle fires.
- **Wrongful death suits** if fatalities occur from legal fireworks use.
- **Rising insurance costs** or potential coverage denials for public entities and fire districts.

These liabilities can far outweigh any potential revenue generated by fireworks sales.

Supporting Data on Fireworks-Related Harm

- Nationally, approximately **14,700 injuries** and **11 deaths** occurred in 2024 due to fireworks (Consumer Product Safety Commission data).
- Fireworks cause over **\$100 million annually** in property damage nationwide.
- Tennessee specifically experienced **135 fireworks-related fires in 2023**, with nearly **\$1 million in damages**.
- In 2008, Tennessee reported over **460 emergency hospital visits** related to fireworks injuries.

These statistics illustrate that injuries and damage from amateur fireworks are not isolated incidents but predictable consequences of legalized sales.

Conclusion

Legalizing fireworks sales significantly increases the risk of foreseeable harm, placing the county at risk of costly legal claims for negligence and liability. Given the documented injuries, fatalities, and property damage linked to fireworks, the county must carefully weigh these potential legal exposures before allowing sales.

Citations

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- Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance, Fire Marshal Division News, 2024.
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- Midland County, TX Fireworks Ban Legal Threat (2006):
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Anderson County Board of Commissioners
Opioid Settlement Committee
MINUTES

September 9, 2025
@ 5:00 P.M.
Room 312

Members Present: Shelly Vandagriff, Denise Palmer, Sabra Beauchamp, Tim Isbel, Michael Foster and Joshua Anderson

Members Absent: None

Others Present:

Call to Order: Chairwoman Vandagriff called the meeting to order.

Prayer led by Pastor Dusty Martin

Appearance of Citizens: None

Commissioner Beauchamp made a motion to approve the May 8, 2025 Minutes. Second by Commissioner Palmer. Motion passed.

Commissioner Beauchamp made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Commissioner Palmer. Motion passed.
Add Needs Assessment to New Business.

Review of Budget Amendments

Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve to allow Celebrate Recovery at Heritage to reallocate \$3,500 for items to help promote recovery programs. Second by Commissioner Palmer. Commissioner Beauchamp voted no. Motion passed.

Budget Amendment for Main Street Baptist Church tabled to the end of meeting.

Update on project reports
Discussion. No Action Taken.

Opening of portal on November 1
No Action

Update to Resolution No. 24-07-1193
Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the following amendments to the resolution. Second by Commissioner Beauchamp. Motion passed.

Section 2:

- Composition of voting members – Four (4) from Budget Committee and four (4) from Operations Committee.
- EX Facto Non-Voting Members – Mayor, Sheriff, Finance Director and Law Director.

Anderson County Board of Commissioners
Opioid Settlement Committee
MINUTES

September 9, 2025
@ 5:00 P.M.
Room 312

- Purpose and Authority – The committee shall have the responsibility to oversee, coordinate, and make recommendations regarding the administration and use of funds received from the Opioid Settlement, in accordance with applicable laws and county policies.

Delete Section three (3). Application Review and Ranking Procedure

- Committee adopted the RFP with Guidelines

Add Section 5: Dissolution of the Committee

- Upon the conclusion of opioid abatement funding, the Opioid Settlement Committee shall be automatically dissolved, and all responsibilities and authorities of the committee shall cease.

Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-07-1193 as presented minus Section three (3), there will be an RFP with guidelines. Second by Commissioner Beauchamp. Motion passed to forward to full commission for approval.

New Business

Needs Assessment presentation by Kayley McMahan, PhD Research & Evaluation Specialist and Karen Pershing, MPH Implementation Consultant.

Commissioner Beauchamp made a motion to approve to allow Main Street Baptist Church to reallocate \$8,000 for audio/video equipment necessary for recovery meeting, group studies, team member and group leader certification training. Second by Commissioner Palmer. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business

None

Next meeting will be October 14, 2025 at 4:30 in room 118A.

Meeting Adjourned