

Anderson County Board of Commissioners
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 12, 2026
6:00 PM Room 312

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

Members Absent: None

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

Commissioner Foster said the prayer.

Commissioner Wandell led the Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Capshaw made a motion that we add to the agenda to write a letter to Representative Rick Scarbrough and TVA concerning getting the permit for Anderson County Park road improvements to Legislative. Motion passed.

Commissioner Yager requested to move Telehealth, Norris Water Treatment, Waste to Jobs Act, Rails to Trails, Briceville Water Update and Claxton Playground Update to Unfinished Business.

Commissioner Wandell made a motion to keep the items on top of the agenda.

Motion to move everything to Old Business failed.

Motion to leave agenda as is passed.

Motion to add discussion from Highway Committee to Legislative passed.

Appearance of Citizens

Jennifer Smith

Robin Graham

Heather Kiser

Intergovernmental

Commissioner Foster made a motion to defer Telehealth for Animals to the February Operations meeting. Second by Commissioner Wandell. Motion Passed.

Legislative

Commissioner Capshaw made a motion from the Highway Committee for approval to send a letter to State Representatives Butler and Scarbrough concerning applying for a TVA permit concerning the Anderson County Park Road shoreline erosion and for grant money to help with the repairs. Law Director and Mayor work together to draft the letters. Second by Commissioner Foster. Motion passed to forward to full commission for approval.

Commissioner Vowell requested to add to Legislative that the Anderson County Commission would draft a resolution of support to be sent to the State legislative body for a mental health facility to be constructed in this area.

Commissioner Verran made the motion. Second by Commissioner Capshaw. Motion passed to forward to full commission for approval.

Mayor requested to add to Legislative, the Resolution in support of the Real Estate Transfer Tax. Commissioner Foster made a motion in support of Resolution 25-10-1235 Real Estate Transfer Tax and send back to Tennessee General Assembly again this year. Second by Commissioner Capshaw. Motion passed to forward to full commission for approval.

Mayor

Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve Resolution No. 26-01-1247 authorizing the county mayor and delinquent tax attorney to file for relief with the court on a property purchased at a tax sale identified as Tax Parcel ID 12-008-036.00 but send it to the February Commission meeting to allow the mayor time to communicate with Rocky Top. Second by Commissioner Anderson. Motion passed.

Commissioner Foster made a motion to refer to the Highway Committee Resolution No. 26-01-1246 for the Proposal of TDOT to construct a project designated as Federal Project No. STP-170(16), State Project No. 01024-1224-14, 01024-0224-14. Second by Commissioner Capshaw. Motion passed.

Norris Water Treatment Plant Update - No Action Taken.

Letter for Waste to Jobs Act

Commissioner Foster made a motion to send both the letter from the Law Director and Mayor to full commission for approval. Second by Commissioner McKamey. Motion passed.

Commissioner Yager made a motion to approve A-F changes to Policy Handbook. Second by Commissioner McKamey. Motion passed to forward to full commission for approval.

Law Director

Commissioner Wandell made a motion to ban groups soliciting funds at roadblocks. Second by Commissioner Foster. Motion passed to forward to full commission for approval.

Commissioner Wandell made a motion to have the Law Director look into a Mutual Aid Agreement Anderson County may have with Knox County. Second by Commissioner Capshaw. Motion passed.

Rails to Trails

Chairman Isbel passed the gavel to Commissioner Wandell and made a motion to draft a letter to the State to give the property back to the residents, for more help with water, more infrastructure, need identity back starting with the zip code. Second by Commissioner McKamey. Motion passed to forward to full commission for approval.

Commissioner Wandell passed the gavel back to Chairman Isbel.

EMS Review of incident involving 911 call

No Action Taken.

Veterans Service Office Update

No Action Taken.

Briceville / Rosedale clean water update

Commissioner Wandell made a motion that Anderson County approach ACWA to pursue funds from TDEC to install a clean water well in the Rosedale Community. Second by Commissioner Capshaw. Motion passed to forward to full commission for approval.

Claxton Playground Update

No Action.

Commissioner Wandell made a motion that Anderson County request ACWA to establish a contact system for the customers of ACWA to address the specific requests on sewer complaints. Second by Commissioner Capshaw. Motion passed to forward to full commission for approval.

ACWA Minutes

No Action. For Information only.

Strategic Planning Update

No Action.

Unfinished Business:

Commissioner Wandell made a motion to have our State Legislators Butler and Scarbrough address scam calls that come in on a regular basis through our system in Anderson County. Second by Commissioner Capshaw. Motion passed to forward to full commission for approval.

New Business:

Commissioner McKamey made a motion to refer to Rules Committee, the rule allowing citizens to speak about items on the agenda. Second by Commissioner Wandell. Motion passed.

Commissioner Wandell made a motion that the Chairman of Operations Committee draft a letter with the mayor and the Law Director to request a joint workshop with the City of Oak Ridge. Second by Commissioner Verran. Motion passed unanimous to forward to full commission for approval.

With No Further Business- Meeting Adjourned