

Anderson County Board of Commissioners
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 9, 2026
6:00 PM Room 312

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

Members Absent: Joshua Anderson and Ebony Capshaw

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

Commissioner Foster said the prayer.

Commissioner Wandell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Wandell made a motion to add under New Business, to request a joint meeting with Roane County Commission, Oak Ridge City Council and ORNL. Also, to move item 9A Robert Campbell & Associates up to under Appearance of Citizens. Motion passed.

Appearance of Citizens
Donna Hejtmanek

Commissioner Wandell made a motion to proceed to allow Robert Campbell & Associates to run two different studies; one to service all three, the church and two residents, second to run the numbers on what it will be to run water to 15-20 homes in the area and present this back to Operations Committee. Second by Commissioner Verran. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Foster made a motion to refer the discussion of supplying first responders with a vehicle for Volunteer Fire Departments to the Fire Commission. Second by Commissioner Wandell. Motion passed.

Mayor

Commissioner Yager made a motion to approve Resolution No. 26-01-1246 for the acceptance of the proposal of the Tennessee Department of Transportation to construct a project designated as Federal Project No. STP-170(16), State Project No. 01024-1224-14, 01024-0224-14. Second by Commissioner Foster. Motion passed to forward to full commission for approval.

Commissioner Yager withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Wandell made a motion to refer to the Highway Department. Second by Commissioner Foster. Motion passed.

Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve update to Resolution No. 25-11-1242 County Flood Damage Prevention Resolution to forward to full commission for approval. Second by Commissioner McKamey. Motion passed.

Commissioner Foster made a motion to have a dedicated space under the Jolly Building to park the Crime Scene Vehicle. Second by Commissioner Yager. Motion passed to forward to full commission for approval.

Law Director

Commissioner Wandell made a motion to approve the letter to State Representatives regarding illegal Robo-Calls. Second by Commissioner Verran. Motion passed to forward to full commission for approval.

Budget Report Appropriation

Discussion. No Action.

PILT Revenue

Commissioner Wandell made a motion to defer the PILT Revenue discussion to next month's Operations Meeting. Second by Commissioner Foster. Motion passed.

State Route 116 – Emergency Maintenance Request

Commissioner Wandell made a motion to allow the Mayor to draft a letter to State Legislature and respectfully request that they provide emergency funding to immediately make repairs to Highway 116 as soon as possible. Second by Commissioner Foster. Motion passed to forward to full commission for approval.

Animal Shelter Updates

No Action Taken.

ACWA Minutes

Add to Consent Agenda for Information only. No Action.

Unfinished Business:**Rails To Trails in New River**

Commissioner Wandell made a motion to defer for 60 days. Second by Commissioner McKamey. Motion passed.

Telehealth for Animals

Commissioner Verran made a motion for the Law Director to draft a letter to State Legislators to rectify the issue of no longer being able to purchase medicine for livestock without the field veterinarian coming to write a prescription or use telehealth to be able to get the prescription. Second by Commissioner McKamey. Motion passed unanimously to forward to full commission for approval.

New Business:

Commissioner Wandell made a motion to have the Mayor set up a joint meeting for Roane County, Anderson County and the City of Oak Ridge to go to ORNL for a lunch & learn. Second by Commissioner Yager. Motion passed to forward to full commission for approval.

With No Further Business- Meeting Adjourned