
Anderson County Board of Commissioners

6:00 P.M.

Proclamation Honoring Lacresha Logan – requested by Commissioner Vowell

Proclamation Honoring Zach Allen – requested by Commissioner Vowell

Proclamation Honoring Sheriff Russell Barker – requested by Commissioner Vowell

Presentation – CPR Save Recognitions – by Anderson County EMS Director, Nathan Sweet and Sheriff Russell Barker

Presentation – Civil Air Patrol – by Oak Ridge Composite Squadron Commander, Major Steven Mellard

6:30 P.M.

Consent Agenda

Monday, March 16, 2026

- 1. Approval and corrections of February 17, 2026 Minutes**
- 2. Approval of Notary and Bonds** (Notary List included in packet)
- 3. Waste Management**
 - Briceville Elementary School is requesting funds for their end of year field trip to Dollywood.
- 4. Committee Reports**
 - ACWA Minutes (01/20/26)
 - ADA Oversight Committee Minutes (12/1/25)
 - Fire Commission Minutes (1/6/26) (2/3/26)
 - Library Board Minutes (11/26/25) (2/10/26)
 - Opioid Settlement Committee Minutes (01/27/26)
 - Road Committee Minutes (01/12/26)

**Respectfully Submitted,
B. Denise Palmer, Chairman**

Board of Commissioners For Anderson County, Tennessee

PROCLAMATION: HONORING LACRESHA LOGAN, PROGRAMS DIRECTOR 2025 TENNESSEE CORRECTION INSTITUTE'S PROGRAMS FACILITATOR OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Director Lacresha Logan has served the citizens of Anderson County with distinction, integrity, and dedication since 2021 as Programs Director at the Anderson County Detention Facility demonstrating a steadfast commitment to rehabilitation, accountability and public safety; and

WHEREAS, Director Logan has developed, implemented and overseen programs to promote education, life skills, substance abuse treatment, vocational training and reentry readiness for individuals in custody; and

WHEREAS, these initiatives have improved institutional operations, enhanced inmate behavior and increased opportunities for successful reintegration into the community; and

WHEREAS, Director Logan was honored for her work at the Anderson County Detention Facility as the 2025 Programs Facilitator the Year by the Tennessee Corrections Institute for her outstanding contributions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we hereby recognize and commend Director Logan for her exceptional service, professional leadership and compassion that have positively impacted the lives of countless individuals and strengthened the mission of the Anderson County Detention Facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Proclamation be given to Director Logan as a token of our appreciation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and caused this Official Seal of Anderson County, Tennessee to be affixed on this 16th day of March, 2026.

Denise Palmer, Chair A.C. Comm.

Terry Frank, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeff Cole, County Clerk

Board of Commissioners For Anderson County, Tennessee

PROCLAMATION: HONORING ZACH ALLEN, ASSISTANT CHIEF DEPUTY, 2025 TENNESSEE CORRECTION INSTITUTE'S JAIL ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Chief Allen has served the citizens of Anderson County with distinction, integrity, and dedication for 14 years as an employee and 1 year as the Jail Administrator of the Anderson County Detention Facility; and

WHEREAS, Chief Allen has upheld the highest standards of facility operations, staff management, inmate safety and regulatory compliance; and

WHEREAS, Chief Allen has implemented innovative policies, operational improvement and programming initiatives that enhance security, efficiency, accountability and rehabilitation within the detention facility; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of these exemplary skills, Chief Allen was selected as the 2025 Jail Administrator of the Year by the Tennessee Corrections Institute, an honor reflecting superior performance, integrity and service to the citizens of Anderson County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we hereby recognize and honor Assistant Chief Allen for his exceptional leadership, unwavering dedication and commitment to the safety and well-being of the staff and inmates at the Anderson County Detention Facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Proclamation be given to Chief Allen as a token of our appreciation.

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Denise Palmer, Chair A.C. Comm.

Terry Frank, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeff Cole, County Clerk

Board of Commissioners For Anderson County, Tennessee

PROCLAMATION: HONORING SHERIFF RUSSELL BARKER, 2025 TENNESSEE SHERIFF ASSOCIATION'S SHERIFF OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Sheriff Barker has served the citizens of Anderson County with distinction, integrity, and dedication for eight (8) years; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Barker began his career in law enforcement in 2001 and has served as Anderson County Sheriff since 2018, bringing ethical leadership, stability, and public trust to the Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Barker has mentored countless deputies and fostered a culture of service, protecting the residents, business owners, and visitors in Anderson County; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Russell Barker was named 2025 Tennessee Sheriff of the Year by the Tennessee Sheriff's Association, for his emergency response and leadership in managing relief efforts to Tennessee communities devastated by Hurricane Helene; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Russell Barker was also elected President of the Tennessee Sheriff's Association; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Russell Barker, has earned the deep and abiding respect of colleagues, community partners, and the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we hereby recognize and honor Sheriff Russell Barker for his extraordinary dedication, leadership, and exemplary service to Anderson County, Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Proclamation be given to Sheriff Barker as a token of our appreciation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and caused this Official Seal of Anderson County, Tennessee to be affixed on this 16th day of March, 2026.

Denise Palmer, Chair A.C. Comm.

Terry Frank, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeff Cole, County Clerk

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Notaries to be elected __/__/____

CHELSEY AVILA
KIMBERLY HOPE BELL
BRANDI N BRAYMAN
JACK BROWN
DAVID L BROWN
AMY ROSS COMBS
CHRISTY L CRABTREE
CHRISTY ANN CROWNOVER
DIANA LORENA DAVIS
LADAJA RENAE FOSTER
RACHEL DONNETT GARRETT
KASEY RAY GRAHAM
DANA GRIFFITH
SANDRA KAYE HOUSE-MARTIN
BENJAMIN HOWARD
DANIEL FRANCIS KALEC
FAITH KENDALL
SHERRY LYNN KRAMER
JENIFER LYNN LAURENDINE

MISTY MARTIN
MADISON REID MCKAMEY
KEVIN T MCMAHAN
MELISSA MECK
MICHAEL SCOTT MORRIS
MICHAEL F MOTT
JAMES MCKENZIE NORMAND
KATHLEEN TERRY PARDUE
TAMMY M RACKARD
DONNA SUE RICHARDSON
NICHOLAS JACKSON ROBERTS
GINA RUIZ
NORDEANA VANN SAUNDERS
KATHERINE SELLERS
PAM STEGALL
EMILY G WARD
SAMANTHA P WEBER
VANESSA YORK

PERSONAL SURETY

Briceville Elementary School
103 Slatestone Road
Briceville TN 37710

Phone: 865-426-2289

Fax: 865-426-6451

Dear County Commissioner(s),

At Briceville Elementary School our third grade class goes on an end of year field trip to Dollywood. For many of our students, this will be a once in a lifetime adventure. Our community consists of many families that experience economic hardship who would be unable to afford this field trip without assistance.

As their teacher, I would love for each of my students to be able to enjoy this trip without adding any strain to their families financial situations. The trip is going to cost approximately \$1,200 including their ticket, meal and bus ride (to and from Dollywood). I am requesting any funds that may be available to be donated to help us make this a possibility. We hope to take this field trip sometime in May if we can secure the funds.

We appreciate your time and consideration of helping make this trip possible! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you!!

Brooklin McCoy
bmccoy1@acs.ac
865-426-2289

Approval
D. L. P
3/10/2026



Anderson County Water Authority

1611 N Charles G. Seivers Blvd
Clinton, TN 37716

MINUTES JANUARY 20, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT

GEORGE HORTON (CHAIRMAN)
JACK SHELTON
RICKEY ROSE
DUSTY IRWIN
ERNEST BOWLES (ABSENT)

OTHERS PRESENT

JEFF ELROD TIM ISABEL
JOHN MITCHELL SHANE VOWELL
KEVIN BOWLING NANCY MANNING
JEREMIAH SWEAT
TRACY WADELL

On January 20, 2026, Commissioner Horton called the ACWA Board Meeting to order at 4:55p.m.

- I. Motion by Commissioner Irwin to approve December 16, 2025, Minutes, Second by Commissioner Rose, 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.
- II. Motion by Commissioner Rose to approve January 20, 2026, Agenda, Second by Commissioner Shelton, 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.
- III. Motion by Commissioner Rose to approve December 2025 Invoice History Report, Second by Commissioner Irwin, 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.
- IV. Motion by Commissioner Irwin to approve December 2025 Expenditure Report, Second by Commissioner Rose, 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.
- V. Motion by Commissioner Shelton to approve December 2025 Revenue Report, Second by Commissioner Irwin, 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.
- VI. Motion by Commissioner Shelton to approve December 2025 Profit and Loss Report, Second by Commissioner Rose, 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Public comments- Mr. Isbel expressed his gratitude for responsiveness and communication from ACWA regarding getting water to the New River area. He shared installing a well idea after speaking with Robert Campbell regarding cost of well purchase, installation, maintenance, and water treatment. Mr. Poore and Nancy Manning, along with board discussed ideas and scenarios for a solution. After much discussion, further information is needed by Robert Campbell to discuss this matter.

VII. **Old Business-**

VIII. **New Business**



Anderson County Water Authority

*1611 N Charles G. Seivers Blvd
Clinton, TN 37716*

A. MANAGER'S REPORT

1. **ACTION REPORT** Manager Elrod discussed the attached action report with the board. He updated the board on the Hinds Creek Townhomes Subdivision.
2. **ARP PROJECTS-** Manager Elrod reviewed and updated the following projects with the board.
 - a. **HPUD BOOSTER STATION UPDATE-** Still waiting on the pumping stations. Eric from CCI stated the delivery should be February 2026.
 - b. **AIRBASE SEWER PROJECT-** Manager Elrod stated that the TDEC inspection has been completed and camera work starts soon. ACWA received a letter saying that the Directors' orders have been lifted.
 - c. **INDUSTRIAL TANK-** Manager Elrod presented photos in the Exhibit section of the packets and informed the board that the fencing is in process of being re-installed.
3. **SEWER COMPLAINTS-** Manager Elrod discussed with the board recent discussions at local meetings regarding odors from ACWA lift stations. Manager Elrod stated that he is checking these areas and making changes.
4. **SEWER SMOKE TESTING PROGRAM-** Manager Elrod informed the board that smaller issues on the customers side found. Plans are being developed to repair the Authority's I&I issue behind the residences in Arcadian Springs.
5. **SANITARY SURVEY-** Manager Elrod informed the board this will start the week of January 19th through 23rd.
6. **RAW WATER INTAKE COSTS & LAUREL ROAD BOOSTER STATION UPGRADE METERS-** Manager Elrod discussed with the board about pumps and cost needed. He requested permission for funds to correct the issues. Motion by Commissioner Irwin to fund purchases of pumps not to exceed \$60,000 and not to be charged until next fiscal year, Second by Commissioner Rose, 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.
7. **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE-** Manager Elrod requested formal adoption of the attached holiday schedule. Motion by Commissioner Irwin to adopt the 2026 holiday schedule as attached, Second by Commissioner Shelton, 4 ayes, 1 absent, motion carried.



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8. **EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT**- Manager Elrod discussed how he would like to highlight new hires to introduce to the board. Mr. Caden Haden was hired in July 2025 and is in the distribution field.

B. OTHER REPORTS

1. **ENGINEERS REPORT-**

1. **OFFICE MANAGERS REPORT-**

2. **HR REPORT-**

3. **ASSISTANT MANAGER REPORT (JEREMIAH)**

4. **ASSISTANT MANAGERS REPORT (JOHN)**

- A. **OVERTIME**- Assistant Manager John Mitchell discussed December 2025 overtime.
- B. **WATER LOSS**- There was a water loss of 31.0% in December 2025.

MEETING ADJOURNED BY COMMISSIONER SHELTON 6:15pm

Jack Shelton

Rickey Rose

George Horton

Dusty Irwin

Ernest Bowles

Anderson County ADA Oversight Committee
Minutes for December 1, 2025's meeting

Present: ADA coordinator Roger Lloyd, Commissioner Anthony Allen, Marian Wildgruber, and Louise McKown, who is the chair of this committee

#1: Roger told the committee that the step climber battery lasted for about two times and he has looked all over to find a battery to work with our step climber. A step climber is needed for a person who uses a wheelchair or a walker and cannot use the stairs when both elevators do not work or an emergency is in the courthouse, such as a fire. The step climber the county bought was around \$2,000. Roger did say that he knew of another type step climber, but he wondered if it was worth the investment, and the committee has yet to make a decision about this.

#2: Roger has yet to find a vendor that can provide a reasonable price to have a Braille and raised print sign beside every door in the courthouse. Most doors have these signs, but some of them do not. It would be nice to have an insert for a paper to slide in to tell sighted people which department or court they are trying to find, but that may increase the amount of money we will have to spend for this.

#3: The doors at the Circuit Court in the courthouse are very heavy to open, especially for wheelchair users and older people. Roger got a quote for a push button door opener of \$10,500 to \$12,000. The doors are not 45 inches apart, so to be ADA compliant, we will have to have two push button door openers.

#4. The Senior Center is being renovated to have two doors with an air locked space. It will also have a push buttoned door opener. and the entrance floor will be level. Mayor Frank was able to get a grant to do this, along with some ADA funds.

#5: Mistakenly, I thought that the timeline for the committee members need to see an ADA spreadsheet for all the work we have done for the past three years was due by December 31, 2025 to be sent to the Tennessee Department of Transportation/TDOT. Mayor Frank contacted the TDOT's ADA coordinator, who said it is not due until 2026. Mayor Frank assured me that she is working with Andrew Stone who is the Director of the Human Resources & Management Risk Management Department, and Roger to get a spreadsheet of all the county has spent for ADA compliance when it is near the end of 2026.

Minutes were respectfully submitted by Louise McKown, the chair of the Anderson County ADA Oversight Committee.

Anderson County Fire Commission

February 3rd, 2026 Minutes

Time: 6:30pm

Date: Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026

Location: Anderson County Courthouse-Room 312

Call to Order:

Prayer

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ANDERSON COUNTY
FIRE COMMISSION

1. **Approval of February Agenda-attached**

Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of "Introduction of the new county fire marshal" under Unfinished business, taking the place of "none to report". Motion made by Daniel Adams and seconded by George Carroll. Motion Carried.

2. **Approval of January Minutes-attached**

Motion to approve the minutes made by Dusty Sharpe and seconded by Darrick Dugger, motion carried.

3. **Unfinished Business**

- a. **Introduction of the new county fire marshal: There were a lot of applications to sort through , the vast majority were previously in a fire marshal position elsewhere. It has been narrowed down to Jeremy Wade who comes from the Tennessee State Fire Marshall's Office. Welcome aboard, Jeremy!**

4. **New Business**

- a. **Next meeting date: March 3rd, 2026**

5. **Department Reports**

- **Andersonville VFD – Tim Roche- We did well during the storms, had a house fire during the weather event and plenty of downed trees. Andersonville has got the Firehouse Subs grant and the VFEAT grant.**
- **Briceville VFD – Not present**
- **Claxton VFD – Dusty Sharpe- 52 downed trees total during the winter storm, 1 of said trees struck the chief's truck. 1 tree was in a house with the family safely evacuated, and we had a camper fire during the weather event.**
- **Marlow VFD – Daniel Adams- Marlow did well during the storms and had a house fire during the second weekend of storms. We had a few trees down as well. We got the VFEAT grant and are awaiting the forestry grant.**
- **Medford VFD –Matt Burrell- We got the VFEAT grant which will go towards replacing some older hoses. We are still not running trees down calls.**

- Anderson County Rescue Squad – Jacob Seiber- We did good during the storms the first weekend of storms but were short staffed for the second weather event, but managed to run calls still.
- Clinton FD –Darrick Dugger- In February we will be hosting a car seat safety class.
- Rocky Top FD – Not present
- Norris FD – Not present
- Oak Ridge FD – George Carroll- During the first storm, we responded to the wreck that damaged the Edgemoor bridge. We are hiring again.
- Oliver Springs FD – Not present
- County Commissioner Tracy Wandell (Chairman) – Thank you all for what you all did during the storms and thank you for your input on the zoning information sent via email.
- County Commissioner Joshua Anderson–Not present
- Non-voting Departments and Members
- Anderson County EMS – Scott Thomas- Thanks for the assistance with the MRV’s that helped transport patients to the ambulances in the areas with limited access due to the winter weather. There were no findings on the EMS audit. February 2/17 starts the EMR class.
- Anderson County EMA – Joe Mead- The on call number is 865-264-6393. There is a provision in place to keep track of storm damage that is available through Ready Op, where you can also log road issues as well.
- Anderson County Sheriff’s Office – Not present
- Y-12 – Not present
- ORNL – Not present
- E-911 – Justin Massengill- no report
- Anderson County Constable- Not present
- American Red Cross of East TN-Not present
- Codes enforcement/Zoning-Not present
- Adjourn: 7:18PM

Anderson County Fire Chief's Association

February 3rd , 2026 Minutes

To: Anderson County Fire Chief's Association

Date: Tuesday, February 3rd , 2026
Location: AC Courthouse-Room 312



Anderson County
FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

Agenda:

Call to order:

1. Approval of January 6th ,2026 Minutes

Motion to approve made by Matt Burrell and seconded by Darrick Dugger, motion carried.

2. Approval of February 3rd , 2026 Agenda

Motion to approve made by Matt Burrell and seconded by George Carroll, motion carried

3. Unfinished Business

None to report

4. New Business

a. Open discussions for any upcoming events/ trainings

Oliver Springs is hosting a mountain rescue coming up. Cody Braden has the registration code. We will be looking into swiftwater class again. February 28th Medford will be hosting a EVOC instructor class. If Claxton can get a few more buses to go with the bus in the back of station 1, we might be able to host another bus class. SDI air fill class is in the works.

b. Review By-Laws- Review for next meeting

c. Next meeting date- 3/3/2026

Voting Departments

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| • Andersonville VFD | Tim Roche | Chief |
| • Briceville VFD | Jamie Brewster- | Chief |
| • Claxton VFD | Dusty Sharpe | Chief & Chair |
| • Marlow VFD | Daniel Adams | Chief |
| • Medford VFD | Josh Lane | Chief & Treasurer |
| • Anderson County Rescue Squad | Elliot Mitzelfeld | Chief |
| • Clinton FD | Jeff Little | Chief |

Anderson County Fire Chief's Association

March 3rd , 2026 Agenda

To: Anderson County Fire Chief's Association

Date: Tuesday, March 3rd , 2026
Location: AC Courthouse-Room 312



Anderson County
FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

Agenda:

Call to order:

1. Approval of February 3rd ,2026 Minutes
2. Approval of March 3rd , 2026 Agenda
3. Unfinished Business

None to report

4. New Business
 - a. Open discussions for any upcoming events/ trainings
 - b. Budgeting request
 - c. Next meeting date

Meeting Adjourned

Voting Departments

• Andersonville VFD	Tim Roche	Chief
• Briceville VFD	Jamie Brewster-	Chief
• Claxton VFD	Dusty Sharpe	Chief & Chair
• Marlow VFD	Daniel Adams	Chief
• Medford VFD	Josh Lane	Chief & Treasurer
• Anderson County Rescue Squad	Elliot Mitzelfeld	Chief
• Clinton FD	Jeff Little	Chief
• Rocky Top FD	Anthony Braden	Chief
• Norris FD	Rick Roach	Chief
• Oak Ridge FD	Travis Solomon	Chief
• Oliver Springs FD	Justin Bailey	Chief & Vice Chair

Non-voting Auxiliary Members

AC Library Board Meeting
Briceville Community Library
13 November 2025 @ 1730 EDT

The November 2025 Anderson County Library Board meeting was called to order by ACL Board Chair Shain Vowell at 1730 EDT on 13 November, hosted at the Briceville Community Library. No ACLB meeting was held in October due to the expected absence of multiple trustees and directors and no pressing library matters.

Board members present were:	Present	
Shain Vowell, ACLB Chair,	—√—	
Vickie Underwood, ACLB Vice Chair,	—√—	
Susan Miceli, Treasurer.	—√—	
Tommy Mariner, ACLB Secretary,	—√—	
Jess Ann Cole,	—√—	
Tina Daniels,	—√—	
Charlotte Johnson,	—	Absent
Terri Ryan,	—	Absent
Eddie Taylor, (new Rocky Top Trustee)	—√—	Arrived at 1755
Regional Director Matthew Jordan	—√—	
Four library directors,	Present	
Kimberlee Byrge (Norris),	—√—	
Kelly Harris (Rocky Top),	—√—	
Miria Webb (Clinton),	—√—	
Daphne Windham (Briceville),	—√—	

Two members of the public were in attendance as the meeting started. One member expressed concern over the letter of 27 October 2025 from the Tennessee Secretary of State concerning certain book subjects that might be in some libraries. Four more members of the public arrived after the meeting started, but they had no further comments for the ACLB meeting.

The meeting agenda was reviewed. One change was made to the agenda which added a discussion of Secretary of State Hargett's letter of 27 October 2025 to AC Library Directors. Trustee Underwood made a motion that this addition to the agenda be approved; the motion was seconded by Trustee Mariner and passed without objection, 6-0.

The draft minutes of the September 2025 meeting were reviewed. ACLB members had received draft minutes by Email prior to the meeting. Trustee Miceli made a motion to accept the September minutes which was seconded by Trustee Underwood. The motion passed 6-0.

Trustee Miceli had no Treasurer's Report as no changes had been requested to the current budget.

Trustee Taylor arrived at 1755.

Old Business -

Former Commissioner Mayes has left the AC Commission, but he was contacted by Chairman Vowell concerning his ideas for a Parental Advisory Shelf. Each library has implemented its own version of a Parental Advisory Shelf. Library Directors are prepared to answer inquiries from parents concerning their collections. No further action is anticipated on this matter.

A discussion of the process of adding books to library collections included a review of the Donated Book Policy and the Purchased Book Policy. A flow chart for the decision on the acceptability of donated books was presented and discussed. Each library has a similar process following Clinton's process as it is the largest county library. The Donation Flow Chart process has been reviewed by a subcommittee of Trustees Vowell, Underwood and Cole. The subcommittee's changes to the original flow chart were discussed. DVDs, CDs and books donated, space available within each library, and staff review of the donations was discussed. The library directors will review their processes and join the subcommittee in their next meeting.

New Business - *Fred Gets Dressed* was read by ACLB Trustees who had not seen the book before.

Tennessee Secretary of the State's letters of 8 September, 27 October and 31 October 2025 were discussed. The ACLB has dealt with similar issues over the past two years. Each library collection has been reviewed, procedures are in place for challenged books to be reviewed, and the collection is online for review at any time. The AC Law Director will be consulted on the impact of these letters in light of previous ACLB efforts in this area. Efforts to review each library collection for particular subject material could be combined with the normal annual inventory to reduce workload on library staff. A response to the Secretary of State letters is required by 19 January 2025. Trustee Cole moved to table further discussion on the issue until the law director gives an opinion; Trustee Daniels seconded the motion. The motion to table the discussion passed 6-1.

The need to review all library policies which had been brought up by Trustee Vowell in September was discussed. It was noted that Internet Use and Collection Development policies require yearly review which will be due in May/June. The review committee of Trustees Vowell, Underwood and Cole thus far has only looked at the Collection Development issue and at the acceptance of books / media process and flowchart.

Director performance reviews need to be undertaken, but the new review form has not been distributed from AC HR to the ACLB.

Regional Library Director Jordan provided certificates of completion to Trustees Underwood, Mariner and Taylor for their participation in the Trustees Workshop in September at Jefferson City.

Library Directors were asked if they had items for the ACLB. They reviewed past highlights.

Briceville - The Briceville Library highlights have been Emailed to ACLB members.

Clinton - Director Webb noted that some of Clinton library volunteers are experienced, and her book and media donation reviews follow their initial screening. She saw about 300 of the items of the 1,000 which she received last week.

Norris - Questioned by Trustee Miceli Director, Norris Library Director Byrge discussed the Norris Library sponsored Pokemon club.

Rocky Top - Director Harris noted there will be a teleconference review of the details of the letters with the State Librarian and Archivist on Friday, 14 November.

The next ACLB meeting will be held at the Clinton Library on 11 December 2025 at 1730 EDT.

The ACLB meeting was adjourned at 1855 EDT by Chairman Vowell.

AC Library Board Meeting
Clinton Community Library
8 January 2026 @ 1730 EDT

The January 2026 Anderson County Library Board meeting was called to order by ACL Board Chair Shain Vowell at 1730 EDT on 8 January, hosted at the Clinton Library.

No ACLB meeting was held in December 2025 due to the lack of input from the AC Law Director on the Tennessee Secretary of State's letter to the ACLB on 27 October 2025 and Chair Vowell's decision to postpone the meeting until the AC Law Director provided his response.

Board members present were:	Present	
Shain Vowell, ACLB Chair,	—√—	
Vickie Underwood, ACLB Vice Chair,	—√—	
Susan Miceli, Treasurer.	—	Absent
Tommy Mariner, ACLB Secretary,	—√—	
Jess Ann Cole,	—√—	
Tina Daniels,	—√—	
Charlotte Johnson,	—√—	
Terri Ryan,	—√—	
Eddie Taylor,	—√—	

Regional Director Matthew Jordan —√—

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

30 members of the public were in attendance as the meeting started. Chairman Vowell opened the floor to the public. Five members of the public asked to be recognized and spoke to the ACLB.

Comments from the speakers included a question about the organization of the ACLB, whom did ACLB Trustees represent, and the method of ACLB selection. This question was answered by Trustees Mariner, Vowell, and Underwood.

The second question concerned the availability of ACLB records which was answered primarily by Trustee Vowell who shared the Anderson County records release guidance.

The third question concerned the meetings of the board with the suggestion that the meetings take place in the courthouse rather than in individual libraries.

The fourth question concerned how the collections were assembled, how donations to collections were handled and the number of books that were being donated and how many were not being accepted. This question was primarily answered by the four library directors.

The final question concerned the availability of memorandums of understanding between the cities and the county concerning the maintenance and funding of libraries. It was noted that three cities (Clinton, Norris and Rocky Top) own the buildings housing their libraries and maintenance is a combination of individual library budgets and city maintenance. It was pointed out the Briceville library is maintained by the county and the building receives maintenance support from the Anderson County school system maintenance department.

The meeting agenda was reviewed. The subject of the revised HR developed library director reviews was added to the agenda. Trustee Mariner made a motion that this addition to the agenda be approved; the motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson and passed 8-0.

The draft minutes of the November 2025 meeting were reviewed. ACLB members had received draft minutes by Email prior to the meeting. Trustee Underwood made a motion to accept the November minutes as presented which was seconded by Trustee Johnson. The motion passed 8-0.

Trustee Miceli provided a Treasurer's Report to ACLB members by Email. Trustee Miceli was absent, so specifics of the budget were not discussed. A short discussion was undertaken concerning the declining library reserve. There was a suggestion that the tax rate be increased back to a value closer to what was being funded in 2022 before it was lowered. This will have to be taken to the county commission budget committee for their consideration to make a change.

Old Business -

The topic of the Tennessee Secretary of the State's letters of 8 September, 27 October and 31 October 2025 was brought off the table and the letters were discussed. A response to the Secretary of State letters is required by 19 January 2025. It has been communicated to Trustee Vowell that this is not a hard requirement date. Trustee Mariner provided a draft response which was distributed to members, but not taken up for action. It was suggested by Trustee Vowell that the library collections be arranged by only two sections, Adult and Under 18. This suggestion was discussed and opposed by the library directors.

A motion was made to accept this suggestion by Trustee Johnson and seconded by Trustee Daniels. After discussion the motion was amended by a motion from Trustee Johnson and seconded by Trustee Cole that the policies of the board would be applied to adults and under 18 minors in alignment with state law which does not recognize other age divisions. The amended motion that ACLB policies should be organized to recognize adult and under 18 minors in alignment with Tennessee law was passed 8-0.

The need to review library collections in light of Secretary Hargett's letters was discussed. Chairman Vowell indicated the response should be that libraries have reviewed their collections in accordance with the review forms sent to libraries via separate correspondence, and that the ACLB is acting in accordance with the AC Law Director's guidance and following Tennessee and federal law. This response will be compiled after the library directors have reviewed their collections and completed their reports to the ACLB.

Director performance reviews need to be undertaken utilizing the new review form that has been distributed from AC HR to the libraries and the ACLB. The reviews will be conducted by:

Briceville - Trustees Underwood and Mariner

Clinton - Trustees Ryan and Underwood

Norris - Trustees Miceli and Ryan

Rocky Top - Trustees Underwood and Mariner

Trustee Cole requested to be included in the Clinton library director review. These reviews should include yearly goals as has been discussed before. Library directors should complete their self evaluation portion of the new forms by 12 February. Library directors will complete reviews of their staff by 12 March. This schedule was proposed by Trustee Underwood and was accepted by a 6-2 vote.

The regional Library Director's report has been received by the ACLB via Email.

Library Directors report has been received by the ACLB via Email and handouts at the meeting.

Directors were asked if they had items to highlight for the ACLB.

Briceville - There is a need to replace the burned out light in the library parking lot. Trustee Mariner will contact CUB. Trustee Cole will contact the county on the issue.

Late note - Both actions were completed on Friday, 9 January and an agreement by the county to take action was obtained. CUB will not take action on this light as they did not erect the light and do not maintain it.

Clinton - ADA accessibility to the library is being reviewed, focused on the front door area.

Norris - The Friends of the Norris Library are paying for the new flooring which will be installed on 22 January.

Rocky Top - Rocky Top reports a rise across the board in youth program patron participation and total library patron usage when compared to last year.

The ACLB February meeting will be held at the Anderson County Courthouse on 12 February 2026 at 1730 EDT.

The ACLB meeting was adjourned at 1928 EDT by Chairman Vowell.

Anderson County Board of Commissioners
Opioid Settlement Committee
MINUTES

January 27, 2026
@ 4:30 P.M.
Room 312

Members Present: Shelly Vandagriff, Denise Palmer, Michael Foster, Joshua Anderson, Tim Isbel and Anthony Allen

Members Absent: Sabra Beauchamp and Ebony Capshaw

Others Present: Mayor Frank, Commissioner Yager, Commissioner Vowell

Call to Order: Chairwoman Vandagriff called the meeting to order.
Commissioner Foster led the prayer.

Appearance of Citizens: No citizens addressed the committee.

Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Commissioner Palmer. Motion passed.
Foster added the agenda at 3a. Palmer added October and November Minutes to the agenda.

Review Priorities set in November

Commissioner Foster made a motion to score the applications as 1 – 21 with one (1) being the highest priority and twenty-one (21) the lowest priority. Second by Commissioner Anderson. Motion passed.

Review Applications – Questions and Answers with Applicants

Each applicant was given an opportunity to discuss their requests. Applicants with multiple requests named their highest and lowest priority.

Commissioners had the opportunity to ask questions to understand the requests to help determine how to effectively distribute the funds.

New Business

None.

Unfinished Business

None.

The next meeting will be February 19, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in room 312.

Meeting Adjourned

**ANDERSON COUNTY
ROAD COMMITTEE MINUTES**

January 12, 2026

Members Present

Members Absent

Ebony Capshaw, Chairman
Shelly Vandagriff
Tim Isbel
Jerry White
Tracy Wandell

Commissioner Palmer was also in attendance.

Chairman Capshaw called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

Commissioner White made motion to approve minutes from October 13, 2025 meeting.
Commissioner Vandergriff seconded motion.

Motion carried. See attached.

Commissioner White made motion to approve the agenda for tonight's Road Committee meeting.

Commissioner Isble seconded motion, motion carried.

Discussed any updates on intersections at Lewallen Hollow RD, Sinking Springs RD. and N Charles G Severs Blvd. Discussed a possible meeting with Amanda Snowden at TDOT.

Discussed the stablization of TVA shore line and roadway erosion at Anderson County Park at Park LN.

Discussed asking State Representative, Rick Scarbrough, to see about any additional funds available for this project and sending this to Operations and Legislative Committees.

There being no further business meeting was adjourned.