

Anderson County Board of Commissioners
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 13, 2026
6:00 PM Room 312

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

Members Absent: None

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

Commissioner Vowell said the prayer.

City of Rocky Top Mayor Templin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Yager made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Commissioner Foster. Motion passed.

Commissioner Yager made a motion to move Rails to Trails to the May meeting at the request of Nancy Manning Director of TCWP. Second by Commissioner Foster. Motion passed.

Appearance of Citizens
None

EMA

Presentation by Director Joseph Mead and Josh Queener, Emergency Operations Specialist
No Action Taken.

Robert Campbell & Associates

Update on water samples from New River area, discussion. No Action Taken.

Mayor

No Report

Law Director

Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement with Second Baptist Church with changes. Second by Commissioner McKamey. Motion passed to forward to full commission for approval with changes.

Veterans Committee Update

No Action Taken.

New Animal Shelter Update

Animal Shelter Expenses report to date included in the minutes. No Action Taken.

Resolution honoring two fallen soldiers

Commissioner Anderson made a motion in support of a resolution honoring two fallen soldiers, requesting two memorial markers be placed at the bridge on 25W in the Medford Community,

North Bound to honor Sergeant 1st Class James David Connell, Jr. U.S. Army. On the South Bound side to honor Corporal Jason D. Hovater U.S. Army. Second by Commissioner Wandell. Motion passed unanimously to forward to full commission for approval.

Unfinished Business:

The letter on Hwy 116 to TDOT has been transmitted, the letter to Congress on the Renewed Hope Act has been sent, and the letter on the gas increase has been sent.

ORNL lunch & learn / meet & greet meeting scheduling is in progress.

Update on workshop with City of Oak Ridge, Anderson County and City of Rocky Top to be put on next month's Operations Agenda to set something up.

New Business:

None

Announcements

There will be a chili supper for Medford Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday, April 18th at 5:00 pm.

With No Further Business- Meeting Adjourned

Animal Shelter Expenses

PO	PO Amount	Vendor	Check Numbers	Amount	
Direct Payment		City of Clinton	180885	70,000.00	Budget amendment approved on December 18,2023 for purchase of land from the City of Clinton
1 60482	30,000	Blankenship & Partners	109507 111643 116360	7,500 7,500 <u>15,000</u> 30,000	Programing and Schematic Design Services for new shelter
2 63709	18,000	Blankenship & Partners	120864 123785	7,521 <u>10,479</u> 18,000	Programing and Schematic Design Services for new shelter Commission approved budget amendment on 7/15/2019 to finish funding for schen forward with design development
3 64723	15,000	Blankenship & Partners	126276	15,000	Design development Commission approved budget amendment on 10/21/2019 to complete design deve
3 83111	53,825	Blankenship & Partners	195654 196732	35,525 <u>18,489</u> 54,013.78	Additional cost assoicated with construction document phase
4 78899	85,000	Blankenship & Partners	177917 179329 180501 180982 182641 183443 184581 187135 185915 188497 189462 190356 193677	5,000 5,000 5,000 5,000 10,000 10,000 5,000 10,000 5,000 10,000 5,000 5,000 <u>5,000</u> 85,000.00	Construction document phase
5 86415	40,000	Blankenship & Partners	205867 207388 208239	6,666.66 3,333.33 <u>3,333.33</u> 13,333.32	

6	73469	5,600	McGrew Engineering & Surveying	199549	5,600.00
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290,947	Total Animal Shelter Expenses YTD not using bond funds
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7	86728	5,797,512	Place Services, Inc.	208321	208,402
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PO for Place Services for construction of shelter
Payment Application #1

499,349	Total Animal Shelter Expenses YTD bond included
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Animal Shelter Bond

Issued 12/18/25	5,900,000
Interest earned YTD	62,280.04

Payments	Maynard Nexson PC	204768	5,000
	Cumberland Securities	204772	29,500
	Bass Berry & Sims	204868	12,000
			<u>46,500</u>

Cost associated with bond

Payments due on bond

6/18/26	Interest	96,465
12/18/26	Interest	96,465
6/18/27	Interest	96,465
12/18/27	Interest	96,465

12/18/27	Principal	5,996,465	USDA loan will pay off construction loan
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