

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
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STATE OF TENNESSEE) Regular Meeting
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) March 18, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 18th day of March 2026 at 4:00 PM, a Regular Meeting of the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners was begun and held at the Courthouse in the City of Chattanooga, in the County Commission Room, when the following proceedings were held, to wit: --

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Present and presiding was the Honorable Ken Smith, Chairman. Chief Deputy County Clerk Brooke Weaver called the roll of the County Commission, and the following, constituting a quorum, answered to their names: Commissioner Chip Baker, Commissioner Mike Chauncey, Commissioner Jeff Eversole, Commissioner Joe Graham, Commissioner Lee Helton, Commissioner Steve Highlander, Commissioner Warren Mackey, Commissioner David Sharpe, Commissioner Shipley, and Chairman Ken Smith. Commissioner Greg Beck arrived after the Pledge. Total present - 11. Total absent -0.

Also in attendance were members of County Mayor Weston Wamp's administrative staff, County Attorney Janie Varnell, and County Auditor Chris McCollough.

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Attached hereto is a copy of the Public Notice for this meeting, which was published in a local newspaper and made a matter of record of this meeting.

1:21 Commissioner Helton introduced Pastor Gabriel Fluhrer, First Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga, to offer the invocation. Commissioner Helton led the pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON MOTION of Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of February 25, 2026, the Agenda Preparation Session of February 25, 2026, and the Regular Meeting of March 4, 2026, be approved, treated the same as read, made a matter of record, and filed. The foregoing Motion was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows:

Commissioner Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Eversole, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Smith, "Aye." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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ORDER OF REAPPOINTMENT

An order reappointing Paul Parker as Commissioner of the Eastside Utility District Board of Commissioners, with a term beginning April 3, 2026, and expiring April 2, 2030.

ORDER OF REAPPOINTMENT

An order reappointing Chris Mabee to the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission Board, with a term beginning March 18, 2026, and expiring May 31, 2028.

PROCUREMENT PURCHASE ORDERS REPORT

Procurement's reports detailing purchase orders between \$20k and \$50k for February 2026 were submitted and made a matter of record.

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3:16 **RESOLUTION NO. 326-12 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT
APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS, THE BONDS AND OATHS OF
NOTARIES PREVIOUSLY ELECTED, THE OATH OF OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE NORTH WEST UTILITY DISTRICT, AND THE OATH OF MEMBER FOR THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY RAILROAD AUTHORITY.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Eversole, seconded by Commissioner Sharpe, to
adopt Resolution No. 326-12.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

The foregoing Motion was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the
following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows:
Commissioner Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey,
"Aye," Commissioner Eversole, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner
Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye,"
Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Smith,
"Aye." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes –
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Without objection, Chairman Smith asked for Resolution Nos. 326-13 and 326-29 to be read together.

4:04 **RESOLUTION NO. 326-13 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO HURRICANE DUGOUT CLUB IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND TRAVEL DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT SEVEN.**

LATE ITEM

RESOLUTION NO. 326-29 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO SODDY DAISY TROJAN FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND TRAVEL DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT ONE.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to adopt Resolution Nos. 326-13 and 326-29.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

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The foregoing Motion was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Eversole, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Smith, "Aye." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 326-14 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE RULES OF ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO CHANGE THE TIME OF THE MEETINGS TO 5:00 P.M. ON THE FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Shipley, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 326-14.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to amend Resolution No. 326-14 to change Commission meeting times to 4:00 PM.

In response to Commissioner Highlander's question, Chief Deputy County Clerk Brooke Weaver stated a minimum of seven days' public notice is required to change a

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Commission meeting time for special meetings. Chairman Smith stated that he would like to give a two-week notice.

7:45 **ON MOTION** of Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Eversole, to amend Resolution No. 326-14 to change Commission meeting times to 5:00 PM on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

12:36 In response to Commissioner Highlander's question, Chairman Smith explained that under the proposed twice-monthly schedule, the first meeting would consist of a recess meeting followed by an agenda session. He noted the subsequent meeting would consist of a regular meeting, followed by a new agenda session.

At this time, a lengthy discussion took place. Several Commissioners expressed support for evening meetings held twice monthly, citing increased public accessibility and alignment with peer counties. Other Commissioners expressed support for maintaining weekly meetings, citing concerns about public confusion, consistency, and the efficient conduct of County business.

The foregoing Motion to amend Resolution No. 326-14 to change Commission meeting times to 5:00 PM on the first and third Wednesdays of each month passed on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Beck, "Nay,"

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Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Eversole, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Nay," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Nay," Commissioner Sharpe, "Nay," Commissioner Shipley, "Nay," and Chairman Smith, "Aye." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 6. Total "Nay" votes – 5.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Highlander, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 326-14 as amended.

The foregoing Motion to adopt Resolution No. 326-14 as amended passed on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Eversole, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Nay," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Nay," Commissioner Sharpe, "Nay," Commissioner Shipley, "Nay," and Chairman Smith, "Aye." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 4.

Former District 5 Commissioner Katherlyn Geter, residing at 1221 Talley Road, Therese Tuley, residing at 1005 East Dallas Road, Sabrina Daniels, residing at 4410 Maryland Drive, Montrell Besley, residing at 3731 Dorris Street, Mark Herndon, residing at 2907 Leggett Road, Evelina Kertay, residing at 2700 North Orchard Knob Avenue,

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Noah Johnston, residing at 666 Charbell Street, Jennifer Duvall, residing at 1825 Coulterville Road, Destin Hobbs, residing at 2700 North Orchard Knob Avenue, and Kanika Jones, residing at 2307 East 5th Street, expressed opposition to the adopted meeting schedule. They cited concerns regarding reduced public participation, inconsistency, and confusion associated with a twice-monthly meeting cadence.

36:40 Following public comment, several Commissioners expressed concern regarding the adopted meeting schedule and indicated support for revisiting the matter in the future. Other Commissioners stated they were willing to implement the new schedule on a trial basis and evaluate its effectiveness later.

53:16 **ON MOTION** of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Shipley, to reconsider Resolution No. 326-14. The foregoing Motion to reconsider Resolution No. 326-14 failed on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Nay," Commissioner Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Nay," Commissioner Eversole, "Nay," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Nay," Commissioner Highlander, "Nay," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Smith, "Nay." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 5. Total "Nay" votes – 6.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 326-15 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR
TO TERMINATE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF
CHATTANOOGA FOR THE FUNDING OF THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON
COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Eversole, to adopt Resolution No. 326-15.

At this time, a lengthy discussion took place. Several Commissioners expressed support for the resolution, stating a Hamilton County planning department focused on the unincorporated areas would provide greater local oversight and better long-term planning for infrastructure, public safety, and growth. Other Commissioners expressed opposition, citing concerns about regional coordination, service duplication, impacts on municipal taxpayers, and the absence of a fully developed replacement structure.

In response to Commissioner Highlander's question, Administrator of Public Works and County Engineer Todd Leamon stated the proposed change would not affect the County's participation in the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

In response to Commissioner Highlander's question, Director of Development Services Nathan Janeway stated staff hired for the County planning department would

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be required to meet applicable education, certification, or experience standards established by state law and County job descriptions.

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In response to Commissioner Sharpe's question, County Attorney Varnell stated the interlocal agreement requires ninety days' notice prior to termination before the end of the year. She noted the Commission could take action at a subsequent meeting and still meet the deadline.

1:19:42

Kim Helton, residing at 8618 Snow Hill Road, Stephanie Butler, residing at 9905 Runyan Hills Lane, Tommy Farmer, residing at 7925 Mill Creek Road, and Jennifer Duvall, residing at 1825 Coulterville Road, spoke in support of the resolution. They cited concerns regarding growth in the unincorporated areas of Hamilton County, inadequate infrastructure planning, and the need for greater County oversight of planning decisions. A copy of Kim Helton's handout has been filed with the Clerk's Office.

Former District 5 Commissioner Katherlyn Geter, residing at 1221 Talley Road, Evelina Kertay, residing at 2700 North Orchard Knob Avenue, Montrell Besley, residing at 3731 Dorris Street, Noah Johnston, residing at 666 Charbell Street, and Mike Price, residing at 3608 Woodcrest Lane, spoke in opposition to the resolution. They cited concerns about divided planning authority, duplication of services, insufficient detail on the proposed new structure, and the need for continued regional coordination.

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Commissioner Eversole stated the purpose of the resolution was to establish a Hamilton County planning function focused on the unincorporated areas, emphasizing the need for improved long-term planning related to infrastructure, public safety, and growth. He noted the intent was not to eliminate existing planning frameworks, but to provide additional oversight and better inform the Commission's decisions regarding future development.

The foregoing Motion passed a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Beck, "Nay," Commissioner Chauncey, "Nay," Commissioner Eversole, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Nay," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Pass," Commissioner Sharpe, "Nay," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Smith, "Aye."

Per the Commission's Rules of Order, any member having announced "Pass" on the first call of the vote should subsequently be called on by the Clerk to vote a second time.

Chief Deputy County Clerk Brooke Weaver called the roll of the member, having previously announced "Pass." Commissioner Mackey announced "Aye" on the second call of the vote. Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 4.

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1:44:15 **RESOLUTION NO. 326-16 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM HUBER & LAMB APPRAISAL GROUP, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL APPRAISAL SERVICES FOR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY INSURANCE VALUATION SERVICES FOR THE RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Highlander, seconded by Commissioner Chauncey, to adopt Resolution No. 326-16.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

The foregoing Motion was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Eversole, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Smith, "Aye." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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1:45:23

RESOLUTION NO. 326-17 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR, ON BEHALF OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH JAILHOUSE PROPERTIES, LLC FOR THE OCCUPANCY AND OPERATIONAL USE OF THE FORMER HAMILTON COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER LOCATED AT 601 WALNUT STREET, CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, AND A RELATED PARKING LEASE FOR SPACES IN THE ADJACENT COUNTY-OWNED PARKING GARAGE.

Commissioner Shipley, Chairman of the Building and Economic Development Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 326-17 and stated the Building and Economic Development Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Shipley, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 326-17.

Commissioner Sharpe announced his intent to offer an amendment in the form of an addendum to the proposed lease agreement to limit data storage uses within the premises and require an annual workforce development contribution to support Hamilton County educational programming.

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1:50:34 Commissioner Baker stated the lease agreement contains multiple provisions allowing the County to terminate the agreement if necessary. He expressed appreciation to County Attorney Varnell for addressing those protections.

1:51:04 In response to Commissioner Baker's question, Administrator of Public Works and County Engineer Todd Leamon stated the County previously spent approximately \$224,000 annually in utilities to maintain the former Justice Center, which has since been reduced to approximately \$24,000, and noted the building remains a significant liability due to deterioration. He further stated the County had undertaken previous efforts to solicit interest in the property and noted the current proposal was the only viable adaptive reuse prospect received.

1:52:58 In response to Commissioner Helton's question, Mr. Leamon stated demolition of the building was estimated to cost approximately \$2 million to \$3 million.

1:54:13 In response to Commissioner Eversole's question, County Attorney Varnell stated the lease term is 35 years, beginning at \$375,000 annually with a 3% annual increase. Mr. Leamon further stated the proposed redevelopment is estimated at approximately \$60 million to \$80 million.

At this time, a lengthy discussion took place. Several Commissioners expressed support for the project, citing the adaptive reuse of the property, economic development

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potential, workforce training opportunities, and protections contained in the lease agreement.

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Sam Naomi, residing at 9126 Integra Preserve Court, Noah Johnston, residing at 666 Charbell Street, Becky McCallie, residing at 1136 Dartmouth Street, Jeff Meldahl, residing at 109 Ochs Highway, Michaela Winter, residing in District 8, Evelina Kertay, residing at 2700 North Orchard Knob Avenue, and Manuel Cruz, residing at 3706 Wiley Avenue spoke in opposition to the resolution. They expressed concerns regarding data storage, water and electricity usage, environmental impacts, labor protections, and the need for measurable project deliverables. A copy of Noah Johnston's handout has been filed with the Clerk's Office.

Bryce McGuire, residing at 24 Shallowford Road, Mark Hutchinson, residing at 4935 Bal Harbor Drive, Tyler Reddick, residing at 3131 Mountain Creek Road, Zach Watts, residing at 1402 Braiden Road, Andrew Peters, residing at 4011 Bentwood Cove Drive, Chris Willis, residing at 657 Courtney Lane, Malcolm Harris, residing at 1035 Bexley Square, and Jeremy Caruthers, residing at 112 Shady Oaks Drive spoke in support of the resolution. They noted economic development, workforce development, creative industry opportunities, and local job creation.

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At this time, County Attorney Varnell read the proposed addendum into the record, which limits data storage uses to 12,000 square feet and requires an annual

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workforce development contribution of 1.5% of the tenant's net profits. The addendum to the lease agreement has been filed with the Clerk's Office.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Sharpe, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to amend Resolution No. 326-17 to add an addendum to the lease agreement.

The foregoing Motion to amend Resolution No. 326-17 to add an addendum to the lease agreement was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows:

Commissioner Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Eversole, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Smith, "Aye." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

The foregoing Motion to adopt Resolution No. 326-17 as amended was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Eversole, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye,"

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Commissioner Shipley, “Aye,” and Chairman Smith, “Aye.” Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 11. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 326-18 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (ECO) TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE OPIOID ABATEMENT COUNCIL CYCLE THREE PROGRAM NOT TO EXCEED \$9,000,000, A TOTAL OF UP TO \$3,000,000 PER YEAR, REQUIRING NO MATCH.

Commissioner Shipley, Chairman of the Building and Economic Development Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 326-18 and stated the Building and Economic Development Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Shipley, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 326-18.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

The foregoing Motion was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, “Aye,” Commissioner Beck, “Aye,” Commissioner Chauncey,

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“Aye,” Commissioner Eversole, “Aye,” Commissioner Graham, “Aye,” Commissioner Helton, “Aye,” Commissioner Highlander, “Aye,” Commissioner Mackey, “Aye,” Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye,” Commissioner Shipley, “Aye,” and Chairman Smith, “Aye.” Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 11. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 326-19 A RESOLUTION RE-AFFIRMING HAMILTON COUNTY
AS A HYBRID ENTITY AND DESIGNATING ITS COVERED ENTITY COMPONENTS
AND PART 2 PROGRAMS.**

Commissioner Helton, Chairman of the Rules and Legislative Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 326-19 and stated the Rules and Legislative Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Helton, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to adopt Resolution No. 326-19.

In response to Commissioner Sharpe’s question, County Attorney Varnell confirmed the revisions discussed during last week’s agenda session were incorporated into the resolution as presented.

There were no questions from the audience.

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The foregoing Motion passed on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Eversole, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Nay," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Smith, "Aye." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 10. Total "Nay" votes – 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 326-20 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM GARLAND/DBS, INC. FROM THE OMNIA PARTNERS PURCHASING COOPERATIVE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING HAMILTON COUNTY JAIL & DETENTION CENTER DELTA BUILDING ROOF, AMOUNTING TO A TOTAL OF \$619,785.00 FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Beck, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 326-20 and stated the Public Safety Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Shipley, to adopt Resolution No. 326-20.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

The foregoing Motion was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Eversole, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Smith, "Aye." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 326-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, A GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM'S PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT PROGRAM, INCREASING BOTH REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE BY UP TO \$47,608, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED.

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Commissioner Beck, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 326-21 and stated the Public Safety Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to adopt Resolution No. 326-21.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

The foregoing Motion was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Eversole, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Smith, "Aye." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 326-22 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM
DAIKIN APPLIED FROM THE OMNIA PARTNERS PUBLIC SECTOR PURCHASING**

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**COOPERATIVE FOR HVAC INSTALLATION AT THE HAMILTON COUNTY LEOC,
AMOUNTING TO A TOTAL OF \$282,675.00 FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY
CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

Commissioner Beck, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 326-22 and stated the Public Safety Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Helton, to adopt Resolution No. 326-22.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

The foregoing Motion was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Eversole, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Smith,

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“Aye.” Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 11. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 326-23 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TENNESSEE HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2027 HIGHWAY SAFETY FUNDING WITH NO REQUIRED LOCAL MATCH.

Commissioner Beck, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 326-23 and stated the Public Safety Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to adopt Resolution No. 326-23.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

The foregoing Motion was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, “Aye,” Commissioner Beck, “Aye,” Commissioner Chauncey,

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“Aye,” Commissioner Eversole, “Aye,” Commissioner Graham, “Aye,” Commissioner Helton, “Aye,” Commissioner Highlander, “Aye,” Commissioner Mackey, “Aye,” Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye,” Commissioner Shipley, “Aye,” and Chairman Smith, “Aye.” Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 11. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 326-24 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT
BETWEEN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,
AND THE JUVENILE COURT CHILD SUPPORT DIVISION OF HAMILTON COUNTY,
TENNESSEE, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY
CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

Commissioner Beck, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 326-24 and stated the Public Safety Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Helton, to adopt Resolution No. 326-24.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

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The foregoing Motion was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Eversole, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Smith, "Aye." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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Commissioner Beck noted the Public Safety Committee items had been discussed during last week's agenda session, which is why they did not require additional discussion during the voting meeting.

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RESOLUTION NO. 326-25 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF LOOKOUT PEST CONTROL, LLC FOR THREE (3) YEAR CONTRACT UNIT PRICING, WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL TWO-YEAR TERMS, FOR PEST AND RODENT CONTROL SERVICES FOR THE SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

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Commissioner Highlander, Chairman of the Public Works and Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 326-25 and stated the Public Works and Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Highlander, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution Nos. 326-25.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

The foregoing Motion passed on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Eversole, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Abstain," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Smith, "Aye." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 10. Total "Nay" votes – 0. Total Abstentions– 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 326-26 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF LIBERTY TIRE RECYCLING, LLC FOR THREE (3) YEAR CONTRACT UNIT PRICING, WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL THREE-YEAR TERM, FOR WASTE TIRE BENEFICIAL END USE DISPOSAL SERVICES FOR THE SUPPORT

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**SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN
ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

Commissioner Highlander, Chairman of the Public Works and Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 326-26 and stated the Public Works and Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Highlander, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 326-26.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

The foregoing Motion was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Eversole, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Smith, "Aye." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 326-27 A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM A-1
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
WITH CONDITIONS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1835 CRABTREE ROAD.**

2:55:20

Commissioner Highlander, Chairman of the Public Works and Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 326-27 and stated the Public Works and Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Highlander, seconded by Commissioner Chauncey, to adopt Resolution No. 326-27.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

The foregoing Motion was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Eversole, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Smith,

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“Aye.” Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 11. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 326-28 A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM R-2 RURAL
RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-2 LOCAL BUSINESS COMMERCIAL DISTRICT
WITH CONDITIONS FOR PART OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7710 HIXSON
PIKE.**

Commissioner Highlander, Chairman of the Public Works and Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 326-28 and stated the Public Works and Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Highlander, seconded by Commissioner Chauncey, to adopt Resolution No. 326-28.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

The foregoing Motion was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, “Aye,” Commissioner Beck, “Aye,” Commissioner Chauncey,

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“Aye,” Commissioner Eversole, “Aye,” Commissioner Graham, “Aye,” Commissioner Helton, “Aye,” Commissioner Highlander, “Aye,” Commissioner Mackey, “Aye,” Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye,” Commissioner Shipley, “Aye,” and Chairman Smith, “Aye.” Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 11. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

2:57:10 Commissioner Mackey stated he had voted on the prevailing side of *Resolution No. 326-15* and requested reconsideration in order to change his vote.

2:59:47 At this time, Deputy County Clerk Macey Mahaffey read *Resolution No. 326-15* into the record.

RESOLUTION NO. 326-15 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO TERMINATE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA FOR THE FUNDING OF THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Sharpe, to reconsider Resolution No. 326-15. The foregoing Motion to reconsider Resolution No. 326-15 failed on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, “Nay,” Commissioner Beck, “Aye,” Commissioner Chauncey, “Aye,” Commissioner Eversole, “Nay,” Commissioner

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Graham, “Aye,” Commissioner Helton, “Nay,” Commissioner Highlander, “Nay,” Commissioner Mackey, “Aye,” Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye,” Commissioner Shipley, “Nay,” and Chairman Smith, “Nay.” Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 5. Total “Nay” votes – 6.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Smith asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

Chairman Smith clarified Commission meetings will be held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, effective immediately, and noted no meeting will be held on March 25, 2026. He further stated the April 1, 2026, meeting will consist of a recess meeting and agenda session, and the April 15, 2026, meeting will consist of a regular meeting followed by an agenda session.

3:04:37 In response to Commissioner Sharpe’s question, Chief Deputy County Clerk Brooke Weaver stated an emergency meeting may be called if necessary, or the Commission meeting may be recessed to allow for continuity. She noted the legal notice requirements would still apply.

3:06:10 Commissioner Eversole announced upcoming budget hearings, initially scheduled for 3:00 PM on March 25, 2026, with presentations from United Way of

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Greater Chattanooga, Sports and Events Corporation, and River City Company, would need to be rescheduled to April 1, 2026, since no meeting will be held on March 25, 2026.

In response to Commissioner Eversole, Chief Financial Officer Lee Brouner stated he will contact the appropriate parties and reschedule the hearings for April 1, 2026, at 3:00 PM.

3:08:27

County Attorney Varnell stated she had reviewed and approved revisions to the County Clerk's Employee Handbook as required by law and submitted a copy to the Clerk's Office for the record.

DELEGATIONS

Chairman Smith asked for delegations on matters other than zoning. There were none.

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There being no further business, Chairman Smith declared the meeting in recess until Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

04-01-26 W.F.K

Date Clerk's Initials