

HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA PREPARATION SESSION APRIL 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Chairman Smith indicated the upcoming agenda items would be considered as follows:

- Resolution No. 426-12 was the usual County Clerk item regarding notaries, etc. This required no committee assignment.
- Resolution Nos. 426-18 through 426-23 were assigned to the Building and Economic Development Committee, chaired by Commissioner Shipley.
- Resolution Nos. 426-24 and 426-25 were assigned to the Public Safety Committee, chaired by Commissioner Beck.
- Resolution Nos. 426-26 and 426-27 were assigned to the Health and Human Services Committee, chaired by Commissioner Baker.
- Resolution Nos. 426-28 and 426-29 were assigned to the Finance and Budget Committee, chaired by Commissioner Eversole.
- Resolution Nos. 426-30 through 426-35 were assigned to the Public Works and Zoning Committee, chaired by Commissioner Highlander.
- Resolution Nos. 426-13 through 426-17 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

RESOLUTION NO. 426-12 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT

APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS, THE BONDS AND OATHS OF NOTARIES PREVIOUSLY ELECTED, AND THE OATH OF DEPUTY SHERIFF.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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0:44 **RESOLUTION NO. 426-13 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENTS
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER JOE GRAHAM, COUNTY AUDITOR CHRIS
MCCOLLOUGH, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER LEE BROUNER, COUNTY
ATTORNEY JANIE VARNELL, AND COUNTY CLERK WILLIAM "BILL" KNOWLES
AS MEMBERS OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY ETHICS COMMITTEE FOR A ONE (1)
YEAR TERM BEGINNING APRIL 15, 2026, AND ENDING APRIL 15, 2027.**

1:44 In response to Commissioner Mackey's question, County Attorney Varnell stated
the Rules of Ethics specify who is eligible to serve on the Ethics Committee and noted
she would confirm that information. Mayor Wamp stated the appointments are limited to
specific officials as outlined by law.

**RESOLUTION NO. 426-14 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE
ACCOMPLISHMENT OF TREVOR BURNEY OF CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL IN
WINNING THE 2026 TENNESSEE SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETIC
ASSOCIATION ("TSSAA") CLASS A WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP AND
AWARDING FUNDS FROM THE HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONS'
FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF A CHAMPIONSHIP RING.**

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 426-15 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE
ACCOMPLISHMENT OF BRAYLON COSPER OF HIXSON HIGH SCHOOL IN
WINNING THE 2026 TENNESSEE SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETIC
ASSOCIATION ("TSSAA") WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP AND AWARDED FUNDS
FROM THE HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONS' FUND FOR THE
PURCHASE OF A CHAMPIONSHIP RING.**

In response to Commissioner Graham's question, Commissioner Highlander stated Braylon Cosper won an individual state wrestling championship in his weight class and noted the significance of the accomplishment.

**RESOLUTION NO. 426-16 A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY
COMMISSION APPROPRIATING \$250,000 TO SUPPORT THE URBAN LEAGUE OF
GREATER CHATTANOOGA FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT,
ENTREPRENEURSHIP, AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING IN FISCAL YEAR 2026.**

Mayor Wamp stated the resolution would allocate funding from the County's economic development fund to support workforce development, entrepreneurship, and youth programming through the Urban League of Greater Chattanooga. He also noted the opportunity to reestablish a partnership with the organization under new leadership.

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6:59

Commissioner Beck spoke in support of the resolution and expressed appreciation for the previous reallocation of funds designated for the Urban League of Greater Chattanooga for improvements at Howard High School.

8:13

Dr. Reginald Floyd II, President and CEO of the Urban League of Greater Chattanooga, spoke regarding the organization's programs and the proposed use of funds.

9:11

Commissioner Mackey expressed appreciation to Mayor Wamp and Commissioner Beck for their efforts to restore the partnership with the Urban League of Greater Chattanooga.

10:06

Mayor Wamp stated a breakdown of the proposed allocation of funds would be provided to the Commission.

10:37

At this time, several Commissioners expressed support for the resolution and commended the organization's leadership and community work.

15:04

In response to Commissioner Sharpe's questions, Mayor Wamp explained the funding would be allocated from the County's economic development fund, which is

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separate from the general fund. He noted the proposal represents a one-time allocation to reestablish a partnership with the Urban League of Greater Chattanooga.

18:48 In response to Commissioner Sharpe's question, Dr. Floyd stated no specific timeline had been established for the expenditure of funds and noted the organization would adhere to any requirements set by the Commission.

19:45 In response to Commissioner Sharpe's question, Chief Financial Officer Lee Brouner stated the economic development fund would have approximately \$1.1 million following the proposed allocation, with additional funds potentially available pending the completion of a land sale at Enterprise South Nature Park.

21:06 **RESOLUTION NO. 426-17 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 925-19, WHICH INCLUDED AN ALLOCATION TO THE CITY OF RED BANK FOR A PARK PROJECT, AND ALLOW FOR A CHANGE IN THE APPROVED COMMUNITY RECREATION PROJECT AS REQUESTED BY THE CITY OF RED BANK.**

21:29 Hamilton County Director of Parks and Recreation Matt Folz stated the amendment would allow the City of Red Bank to shift the previously approved project from improvements at Red Bank Middle School and a basketball court at City Hall to a new project on Dayton Boulevard based on updated priorities.

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21:59 Commissioner Sharpe spoke in support of the resolution and recognized Red Bank City Manager Martin Granum for adapting to budget constraints and maintaining eligibility for grant funding.

22:49 In response to Commissioner Baker's question, Mr. Folz stated no funds had been expended under the original allocation and the amendment would allow the funds to be redirected accordingly.

23:36 In response to Commissioner Baker's question, Mr. Granum stated the project would support the development of a new park and improve eligibility for future grant opportunities, particularly in an underserved area of Red Bank.

26:24 Commissioner Baker, Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee, stated the Health and Human Services Committee would meet in the Commission Conference Room immediately following today's Agenda Preparation Session adjournment.

Commissioner Shipley, Chairman of the Building and Economic Development Committee, stated the Building and Economic Development Committee would meet in the Commission Room immediately following today's Agenda Preparation Session adjournment.

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Commissioner Beck, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, stated the Public Safety Committee would meet in the Commission Room immediately following today's Building and Economic Development Committee.

Commissioner Eversole, Chairman of the Finance and Budget Committee, stated the Finance and Budget Committee would meet in the Commission Room immediately following today's Public Safety Committee.

Commissioner Highlander, Chairman of the Public Works and Zoning Committee, stated the Public Works and Zoning Committee would meet in the Commission Room immediately following today's Finance and Budget Committee.

27:17 At this time, County Attorney Varnell provided additional clarification regarding the Ethics Committee discussed during Resolution 426-13. She stated Tennessee Code Annotated § 8-17-103 requires each county to adopt a code of ethics. She noted the County's code of ethics specifies the composition of the Ethics Committee, including appointments made by the County Mayor.

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There being no further business, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting to
Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

04-15-26 W.F.K

Date Clerk's Initials