

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 6, 2026**

STATE OF TENNESSEE) Regular Meeting

COUNTY OF HAMILTON) May 6, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 6th day of May 2026 at 5:00 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: --

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 Greg Beck, Commissioner Mike Chauncey, Commissioner Jeff Eversole, Commissioner Joe Graham, Commissioner Lee Helton, Commissioner Steve Highlander, Commissioner David Sharpe, Commissioner Shipley, and Chairman Ken Smith. Commissioner Warren Mackey was absent. Total present - 10. Total absent -1.

Also in attendance were County Mayor Weston Wamp, members of his administrative staff, and County Attorney Janie Varnell.

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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.

Commissioner Baker invited Commissioner Highlander to offer the invocation. Commissioner Baker led the pledge to the flag.

PRESENTATION- CLERK AND MASTER ROBIN MILLER'S RETIREMENT

Commissioner Beck presented a Certificate of Congratulations honoring Clerk and Master Robin Miller for her years of service to the Hamilton County Clerk and Master's Office. He recognized Ms. Miller's dedication and 12 years of service to the community and requested Deputy County Clerk Jennifer Smith read the certificate congratulating Ms. Miller into the record. A copy of the certificate has been filed with the Clerk's Office.

Mayor Wamp commended Ms. Miller for her professionalism, dedication, and service to Hamilton County. He expressed appreciation for her positive impact on County operations and the community.

At this time, a standing ovation and a round of applause were given.

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7:08

Ms. Miller thanked the Commission, County staff, and her loved ones for their support throughout her career and reflected on her years of service to Hamilton County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2026, and the Agenda Preparation Session of April 15, 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 Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Smith, "Aye." Commissioner Mackey was absent. Total present – 10. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 10. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

PROCUREMENT PURCHASE ORDERS REPORT

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

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TRUSTEE REPORT

The Trustee's Monthly and Excess Fee Reports for March 2026 were submitted and made a matter of record.

**RESOLUTION NO. 526-1 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT
APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS, THE BONDS AND OATHS OF
NOTARIES PREVIOUSLY ELECTED, THE OATHS OF DEPUTY SHERIFFS, AND
THE OATH OF DEPUTY COUNTY TRUSTEE.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Highlander, seconded by Commissioner Shipley, to adopt Resolution No. 526-1.

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 Sharpe, "Aye,"

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Commissioner Shipley, “Aye,” and Chairman Smith, “Aye.” Commissioner Mackey was absent. Total present – 10. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 10. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 526-2 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT BY
THE COUNTY MAYOR OF JEAN TUGGLE TO SERVE AS AN ALTERNATE
MEMBER OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY BEER BOARD, AS MAY BE NEEDED,
WITH A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 1, 2028.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Highlander,
to adopt Resolution No. 526-2.

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 Sharpe, “Aye,” Commissioner Shipley, “Aye,” and Chairman Smith, “Aye.” Commissioner Mackey was

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absent. Total present – 10. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 10. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 526-3 A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
COMPENSATION TO THE CLERK AND MASTER AND JUVENILE COURT CLERK
IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE BASE COMPENSATION PAID
TO CERTAIN CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AS DEFINED BY TENNESSEE STATE
LAW AS 'GENERAL OFFICERS'.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Highlander, seconded by Commissioner Sharpe,
to adopt Resolution No. 526-3.

Commissioner Helton noted the proposed compensation may be warranted but
stated similar compensation had not previously been extended to other offices. He
noted he would not support the resolution.

There were no questions from the audience.

The foregoing Motion 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, “Pass,” Commissioner Chauncey, “Nay,” Commissioner Eversole,

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“Nay,” Commissioner Graham, “Nay,” Commissioner Helton, “Nay,” Commissioner Highlander, “Aye,” Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye,” Commissioner Shipley, “Nay,” and Chairman Smith, “Nay.” Commissioner Mackey was absent. Total present – 10. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 2. Total “Nay” votes – 7. Total “Pass” votes – 1.

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 member, having previously announced “Pass.” Commissioner Beck announced “Nay” on the second call of the vote. Total present – 10. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 2. Total “Nay” votes – 8.

LATE ITEM

**RESOLUTION NO. 526-15 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO APPLY FOR A \$1,300,000
BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) FY25 COMPREHENSIVE OPIOID,
STIMULANT, AND SUBSTANCE USE SITE-BASED PROGRAM (COSSUP) GRANT.**

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Sharpe, seconded by Commissioner Shipley, to adopt Resolution No. 526-15.

12:42 In response to Chairman Smith's question, Director of Economic and Community Development Alexa LeBoeuf stated the grant application was submitted as a late agenda item due to a limited turnaround time. She noted the grant would provide an additional funding opportunity to expand ongoing opioid abatement and treatment efforts.

There were no questions from 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 Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Smith, "Aye." Commissioner Mackey was absent. Total present – 10. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 10. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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LATE ITEM

13:17 **RESOLUTION NO. 526-16 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF ONE
HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) TO GREGGORY CARSON,
SOUTHERN STATES POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, INC. (SSPBA), AND
THEIR ATTORNEY, BRYAN HOSS OF DAVIS AND HOSS, P.C. FOR FULL AND
FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ANY AND ALL CLAIMS RELATED TO GREGGORY
CARSON AND SOUTHERN STATES POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, INC.
(PLAINTIFFS) V. HAMILTON COUNTY, DOCKET NO. 23-0147.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Shipley, to
adopt Resolution No. 526-16.

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 Sharpe, "Aye,"
Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Smith, "Aye." Commissioner Mackey was

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absent. Total present – 10. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 10. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 526-9 A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE PROPERTY
LOCATED AT 317 OAK STREET, CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, JOINTLY
OWNED BY HAMILTON COUNTY AND THE HAMILTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION, AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND TO AUTHORIZE ITS DISPOSAL
IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW AND POLICY.**

Commissioner Shipley, Chairman of the Building and Economic Development Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 526-9 and stated the Building and Economic Development Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Shipley, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 526-9.

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:

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Commissioner Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Eversole, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Smith, "Aye." Commissioner Mackey was absent. Total present – 10. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 10. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 526-10 A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE PROPERTY
LOCATED AT 100 CHEROKEE BOULEVARD, CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE,
OWNED BY HAMILTON COUNTY, AS SURPLUS PROPERTY, AND TO AUTHORIZE
ITS DISPOSAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW AND POLICY.**

Commissioner Shipley, Chairman of the Building and Economic Development Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 526-10 and stated the Building and Economic Development Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Shipley, seconded by Commissioner Chauncey, to adopt Resolution No. 526-10.

Commissioner Shipley stated the resolution was based on recommendations from Administrator of Public Works and County Engineer Todd Leamon and Hamilton

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County Director of Property Management Mike Kirk regarding the long-term viability of the Business Development Center (BDC) building located at 100 Cherokee Boulevard. He noted concerns related to deferred maintenance, safety issues, and operational costs.

18:47 In response to Commissioner Highlander's question, Mr. Leamon stated the Mayor's Office had discussed allowing current tenants to remain in the BDC building until May 2027. Chief of Staff to the Mayor, Claire McVay, stated the County was working with the Chamber of Commerce and current tenants to identify future incubator space and assist with transition planning.

22:56 Christine DiPietro, residing at 1015 Brynewood Terrace, Kaleena Goldsworthy, residing at 5607 Alabama Avenue, Marsha Roberts, residing in Hamilton County, and Alexis Willis, residing at 526 Sharondale Road, spoke in opposition to *Resolution No. 526-10*. They expressed concerns regarding the proposed sale of the BDC building, relocation of current tenants, and the impact on small businesses and nonprofit organizations operating within the facility.

31:20 Howard High School Principal Dr. LeAndrea Ware, residing at 1501 Independence Lane, Terence Locke, Brad Cobb, residing at 1611 William Street, Kenny Smith, residing at 4308 Fountain Avenue, Elea Wright, residing in District 4, and District

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Attorney Coty Wamp, residing at 600 Market Street, spoke in support of *Resolution No. 526-10*. They highlighted workforce development opportunities, modernization of the incubator program, and redevelopment efforts associated with the Franklin Roberts Future Ready Center.

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Kaleena Goldsworthy, residing at 5607 Alabama Avenue, and Alexis Willis, residing at 526 Sharondale Road, further expressed concerns regarding the reduction of incubator space, relocation of existing tenants, and the potential impact the proposed redevelopment could have on manufacturing and entrepreneurial opportunities currently operating within the BDC building.

44:45

In response to Commissioner Eversole's questions, Chief Operating Officer for the Mayor's Office, David Roddy, stated the proposed incubator space at the Franklin Roberts Future Ready Center would provide comparable space for current tenants and support workforce development opportunities involving students and participating businesses. Ms. McVay noted the Mayor's Office had agreed to meet with each tenant individually to discuss transition planning and relocation assistance.

51:30

Mayor Wamp stated the proposal would modernize the incubator program through the Franklin Roberts Future Ready Center and referenced prior county recommendations regarding deferred maintenance and long-term concerns with the

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existing BDC facility. He stated proceeds from the sale would fund the development of the new incubator space within the Golden Gateway facility and support workforce development opportunities for students and startup businesses.

56:17

Commissioner Sharpe expressed concerns regarding the proposed sale of the BDC property, comparisons of usable space between facilities, and the overall financial impact of the proposal.

57:00

In response to Commissioner Sharpe's questions, Chief Roddy and Mr. Leamon stated any future sale of the property would include a public Request for Proposals (RFP) process and require additional Commission approval.

1:06:42

In response to Commissioner Baker's questions, Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Charles Wood discussed current incubator operations, tenant transition assistance, and the proposed RFP process for future redevelopment of the property. Attorney Varnell stated the County had not identified any restrictions associated with the original transfer of the BDC property to Hamilton County.

1:16:33

In response to Commissioner Graham's questions, Mr. Leamon stated any major renovation project at the BDC building would require compliance with current building codes and could result in additional repair costs. He further noted the proposed

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incubator space at the Franklin Roberts Future Ready Center would include accommodations for tenant relocation and light manufacturing uses.

1:22:22 In response to Commissioner Highlander's question, Hamilton County Schools Superintendent of Education Justin Robertson stated similar workforce development partnerships between school systems and local businesses had been successfully implemented in other areas, including Bradley County and Williamson County. He further stated the proposed partnership at the Franklin Roberts Future Ready Center would expand career and technical education opportunities for Hamilton County students.

1:40:59 Commissioner Sharpe moved to amend the resolution to allow current BDC tenants to remain in their current locations until the new facility is complete. The motion failed due to a lack of a second.

1:41:56 In response to Commissioner Highlander's question, Mr. Leamon stated the County could include language in the RFP process regarding assistance with locating space for current tenants.

1:47:46 In response to Commissioner Sharpe's question, Attorney Varnell stated the County was not a party to the existing tenant subleases within the BDC building and

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noted any future contractual assurances to tenants would require additional legal review.

Commissioner Sharpe made a motion requesting Attorney Varnell prepare contractual agreements for current BDC tenants to ensure transition commitments were fulfilled. The motion failed for lack of a second.

In response to Commissioner Graham's question, Mr. Leamon stated the Franklin Roberts Future Ready Center was a more modern facility and already compliant with current building codes, unlike the BDC building.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 526-11 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR
TO INCREASE THE DESIGN CONTRACT WITH TINKER MA, LLC FOR DESIGN OF
THE GATEWAY CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION BUILDING RENOVATION FOR
AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,586,565.44.**

Commissioner Shipley, Chairman of the Building and Economic Development Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 526-11 and stated the Building and Economic Development Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Shipley, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 526-11.

In response to Commissioner Sharpe's question, Administrator of Public Works and County Engineer Todd Leamon stated the proposed design contract amount was based on a projected construction cost of approximately \$45.8 million.

Christine DiPietro, residing at 1015 Brynewood Terrace, spoke regarding public access to documents and design materials related to the proposed redevelopment project. She expressed concerns about the cost and availability of public records requests related to the project.

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RESOLUTION NO. 526-14 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR, ON BEHALF OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ADJACENT TO INTERSTATE-75 AND VOLKSWAGEN DRIVE (STATE TAX MAP NO. 130-003), WITH THE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$525,000 AND ASSOCIATED COSTS TO BE SHARED EQUALLY WITH THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA.

Commissioner Shipley, Chairman of the Building and Economic Development Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 526-14 and stated the Building and Economic Development Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Shipley, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 526-14.

1:58:27 In response to Commissioner Highlander's question, Administrator of Public Works and County Engineer Todd Leamon stated a previously approved easement involving the Boy Scouts' property was no longer in effect because the required conditions associated with the easement had not been completed. Attorney Varnell noted a future purchaser could potentially seek reinstatement of the easement if those conditions were satisfied.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Highlander, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to amend Resolution No. 526-14 to require an additional independent appraisal of the property prior to purchase.

In response to Commissioner Graham's questions, Mr. Leamon stated the property had been appraised based on its current industrial zoning classification and noted delays in the purchase process could affect ongoing negotiations and future ownership of the property.

2:12:57 In response to Commissioner Helton's questions, Mr. Leamon stated he was not aware of a specific timeline for the property transfer but noted timing concerns primarily related to maintaining control of the property and ongoing negotiations.

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2:14:17 Hamilton County Director of Parks and Recreation Matt Folz spoke in support of the resolution and recommended using recreation bond funds rather than hotel-motel tax funds for the acquisition.

2:18:17 At this time, Commissioner Highlander withdrew his motion, and Commissioner Baker withdrew his second to amend Resolution No. 526-14 to require an additional independent appraisal of the property prior to purchase.

2:18:45 Melissa Ray, residing at 4006 Deermont Court, spoke on behalf of Save Enterprise South Nature Park in support of the resolution. She encouraged acquisition and future rezoning of the property for protected open space use and emphasized the importance of preserving Enterprise South Nature Park.

2:22:26 Commissioner Graham made a motion to amend the resolution to designate hotel motel tax funds as the funding source for the acquisition and to add language stating the County's intent to seek rezoning of the property for open space use. The motion failed due to a lack of a second.

2:23:59 **ON MOTION** of Commissioner Sharpe, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to amend Resolution No. 526-14 to designate the Recreation Bond Fund as the funding

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source for the acquisition and to add language stating the County's intent to seek rezoning of the property for open space use.

2:26:27

In response to Commissioner Graham's question, Mr. Leamon stated the Recreation Bond Funds had already been borrowed and allocated for recreation-related purposes.

2:28:43

In response to Commissioner Sharpe's question, Attorney Varnell stated use of hotel motel tax funds for the acquisition could present legal concerns because the property was currently zoned for industrial use.

2:31:12

In response to Commissioner Chauncey's question, Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Planning Agency Executive Director Karen Rennich stated the property could likely continue to be used as passive open space under its current industrial zoning classification.

2:33:00

In response to Commissioner Highlander's question, Attorney Varnell stated any future industrial development of the property would require agreement from both Hamilton County and the City of Chattanooga as co-owners of the property.

2:33:16

The foregoing Motion to amend Resolution No. 526-14 to designate the Recreation Bond Fund as the funding source for the acquisition and to add language

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stating the County's intent to seek rezoning of the property for open space use 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 Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Smith, "Aye." Commissioner Mackey was absent. Total present – 10. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 10. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Shipley, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 526-14 as amended. The foregoing Motion to adopt Resolution No. 526-14 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, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Nay," and Chairman Smith, "Aye." Commissioner Mackey was absent. Total present – 10. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 1.

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RESOLUTION NO. 526-4 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 825-9 WHICH INCLUDED AN ALLOCATION OF BOND FUNDS TO THE DALLAS BAY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR \$75,000 AND ALLOW FOR A CHANGE IN THE APPROVED USE

Commissioner Beck, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 526-4 and stated the Public Safety Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Shipley, to adopt Resolution No. 526-4.

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 Sharpe, “Aye,” Commissioner Shipley, “Aye,” and Chairman Smith, “Aye.” Commissioner Mackey was

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absent. Total present – 10. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 10. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 526-5 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF
ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE FOR INFORM RMS SOFTWARE
AMOUNTING TO \$187,291 .66 FROM CENTRALSQUARE TECHNOLOGIES, LLC
BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2026, THROUGH MAY 31, 2027, FOR THE 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. 526-5 and stated the Public Safety Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 526-5.

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 Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Smith, "Aye." Commissioner Mackey was absent. Total present – 10. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 10. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 526-6 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO SUBMIT A JOINT APPLICATION WITH THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA AND IF AWARDED ACCEPT THE 2025 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND AMENDING THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET BY \$51,000.

Commissioner Beck, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 526-6 and stated the Public Safety Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Shipley, to adopt Resolution No. 526-6.

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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 Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Smith, "Aye." Commissioner Mackey was absent. Total present – 10. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 10. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 526-7 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF SIX VEHICLES AMOUNTING TO \$273,731.70 FROM TWO RIVERS FORD, INC. AND WILSON COUNTY MOTOR COMPANY FROM THE STATE CONTRACT SWC-209 FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

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Commissioner Beck, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 526-7 and stated the Public Safety Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to adopt Resolution No. 526-7.

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 Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Smith, "Aye." Commissioner Mackey was absent. Total present – 10. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 10. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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2:37:54 **RESOLUTION NO. 526-8 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE MONIES OF \$87,265.07 COLLECTED AS A RESULT OF SHERIFF'S OFFICE CONFISCATED FIREARMS FROM FY23 TO FY25 TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE SHERIFF'S CAPITAL BUDGET.**

Commissioner Beck, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 526-8 and stated the Public Safety Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Eversole, to adopt Resolution No. 526-8.

2:39:07 In response to Commissioner Graham's question, Sheriff Garrett stated approximately \$100,000 had been collected in total, with the \$87,265.07 referenced in the resolution representing proceeds from confiscated firearms and the remaining funds consisting of proceeds from general property.

There were no questions from 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 Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Smith, "Aye." Commissioner Helton and Commissioner Mackey were absent. Total present – 9. Total absent – 2. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 526-12 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN HAMILTON COUNTY, CITY OF CHATTANOOGA AND PIPE PROPERTIES, LLC ALLOWING PIPE PROPERTIES, LLC TO MAINTAIN A DESIGNATED PORTION OF THE TENNESSEE RIVERWALK.

Commissioner Highlander, Chairman of the Public Works and Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 526-12 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. 526-12.

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There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 526-13 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR
THE NEW HAMILTON COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT.**

Commissioner Highlander, Chairman of the Public Works and Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 526-13 and stated the Public Works and Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Highlander, seconded by Commissioner Shipley, to adopt Resolution No. 526-13.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Smith asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

2:42:28 Commissioner Highlander thanked the citizens of Hamilton County for participating in the election process and encouraged continued voter participation in future elections.

2:42:38 Commissioner Eversole reminded the public that Hamilton County Schools graduation ceremonies would take place the following week. He also announced Mayor Wamp is tentatively scheduled to present the County General's budget on May 27, 2026, at 2:00 PM. Hamilton County Schools Superintendent of Education Justin Robertson will present his budget afterward. He noted budget books would be distributed on May 22, 2026.

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2:44:27 Chief Deputy County Clerk Brooke Weaver announced the Clerk's Office had received a copy of the 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

2:44:43 Chairman Smith announced the commission will not meet on May 20, 2026, due to a conference for commissioners, and the next Regular Meeting/Agenda Session will be on May 27, 2026.

DELEGATIONS

Chairman Smith asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

2:45:13 David Patten, 901 Young Avenue, spoke about *Resolution No. 526-10* and encouraged preservation of the BDC building during redevelopment. He also expressed concerns about increased traffic congestion associated with the property's future development.

2:47:18 Arthur Kaczynski, residing at 317 Wygoda Circle, spoke about state redistricting efforts and expressed concerns related to voting rights and single-party rule.

2:49:08 Jessica Bonham, residing in District 4, spoke about the Sheriff's Office 287(g) agreement with ICE and requested greater transparency concerning associated

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financial records and public records requests. A copy of her handout has been filed with the Clerk's Office.

2:52:16

Adrian Turner, residing at 4006 Deermont Court, thanked the Commission for approving *Resolution No. 526-14* regarding the acquisition of property adjacent to Enterprise South Nature Park. He expressed appreciation for the County's commitment to conservation and public access.

2:53:26

Monty Bell, a homeless journalist for the Grey-Haired Fox, spoke about matters involving Shelby County government and legal proceedings.

2:57:06

James Raymond, residing at 1818 Skyline Drive, invited Commissioners to attend a documentary premiere at Abba's House on June 4, 2026. He noted the premiere highlights Oxford House's sober living support programs for individuals recovering from substance abuse and alcoholism. A copy of his handout has been filed with the Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Beck commended Oxford House and encouraged attendance at the premiere.

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2:58:11 Shirley Moon, residing at 2107 Bailey Avenue, stated she was experiencing ongoing issues involving trespassing, property damage, and neighborhood concerns at her residence. A copy of her handout has been filed with the Clerk's Office.

3:01:22 Tim Martin, residing at 2418 Janeview Drive, spoke regarding *Resolution No. 526-10* and the value of nonprofit organizations located within the BDC building. He encouraged consideration of those organizations during future redevelopment.

3:03:00 Commissioner Eversole announced the upcoming Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony scheduled for May 15, 2026, at 11:00 AM at 600 Market Street and encouraged attendance.

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There being no further business, Chairman Smith declared the Regular Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

05-27-26 W.F.K

Date Clerk's Initials