

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 15, 2026**

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)

Regular Meeting
July 15, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 15th day of July 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 Lee Helton, Chairman Pro Tempore. 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 Steve Highlander, Commissioner Warren Mackey, Commissioner David Sharpe, Commissioner Gene-o Shipley, and Chairman Pro Tempore Lee Helton. Commissioner Greg Beck and Chairman Ken Smith were absent. Total present – 9. Total absent – 2.

Also in attendance were County Mayor Weston Wamp, members of his 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.

Commissioner Highlander offered the invocation and led the pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON MOTION of Commissioner Sharpe, seconded by Commissioner Baker, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 1, 2026, and the Agenda Preparation Session of July 1, 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 Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Eversole, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Pro Tempore Helton, "Aye." Commissioner Beck and Chairman Smith were absent. Total present – 9. Total absent – 2. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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PROCUREMENT PURCHASE ORDERS REPORT

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

TRUSTEE 2025 UNPAID PROPERTY TAX LEVY

The Trustee's 2025 unpaid property tax levy report was submitted and made a matter of record.

ORDER OF APPOINTMENT

An order appointing Trudy Harper as Commissioner of Union Fork-Bakewell's Utility District Board of Commissioners, with a term beginning July 15, 2026, and expiring July 15, 2030.

**RESOLUTION NO. 726-17 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT
APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS, THE BONDS AND OATHS OF
NOTARIES PREVIOUSLY ELECTED, THE OATH OF DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK,
THE OFFICIAL BOND OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR, AND THE CERTIFICATE OF
DISCHARGE BY THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.**

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Sharpe, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to adopt Resolution No. 726-17.

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 Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Eversole, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Pro Tempore Helton, "Aye." Commissioner Beck and Chairman Smith were absent. Total present – 9. Total absent – 2. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 726-18 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT
BY THE COUNTY MAYOR OF TODD LEAMON TO THE SOUTHEAST TENNESSEE
SOLID WASTE PLANNING REGION BOARD FOR A TERM ENDING JULY 21, 2031.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Highlander, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 726-18.

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 Chauncey, “Aye,” Commissioner Eversole, “Aye,” Commissioner Graham, “Aye,” Commissioner Highlander, “Aye,” Commissioner Mackey, “Aye,” Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye,” Commissioner Shipley, “Aye,” and Chairman Pro Tempore Helton, “Aye.” Commissioner Beck and Chairman Smith were absent. Total present – 9. Total absent – 2. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

LATE ITEM

RESOLUTION NO. 726-27 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (ECD) TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (SAMHSA) MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT: PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND OPIOID ADDICTION (MAT-PDOA) PROGRAM NOT TO EXCEED \$3,750,000, A TOTAL OF UP TO \$750,000 PER YEAR FOR FIVE (5) YEARS, REQUIRING NO MATCH.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Chauncey, to adopt Resolution No. 726-27.

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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 Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Eversole, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Pro Tempore Helton, "Aye." Commissioner Beck and Chairman Smith were absent. Total present – 9. Total absent – 2. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

LATE ITEM

**RESOLUTION NO. 726-28 A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A STATE JUSTICE
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR THE GENERAL SESSIONS COURT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$75,000, WITH A REQUIRED CASH MATCH OF \$7,500, WITH THE
NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS (NCSC) TO SUPPORT DOCKET
IMPROVEMENTS AND COURT MODERNIZATION, AND TO AMEND THE GENERAL
SESSIONS COURT REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE BUDGETS, AND TO EXECUTE
ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS TO THE RESOLUTION.**

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Shipley, to adopt Resolution No. 726-28.

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 Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Eversole, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Pro Tempore Helton, "Aye." Commissioner Beck and Chairman Smith were absent. Total present – 9. Total absent – 2. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

LATE ITEM

RESOLUTION NO. 726-29 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF MOBILE AMBULANCE ROUTERS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT AMOUNTING TO \$150,480.48 FROM RCN TECHNOLOGIES FROM THE OMNIA PARTNERS PURCHASING COOPERATIVE FOR THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to adopt Resolution No. 726-29.

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 Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Eversole, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Pro Tempore Helton, "Aye." Commissioner Beck and Chairman Smith were absent. Total present – 9. Total absent – 2. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

LATE ITEM

RESOLUTION NO. 726-30 A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE PROPERTY TAX FREEZE PROGRAM WITH A LOCAL OPTION INCOME LIMIT USING CENSUS DATA WHICH ADJUSTS THE LIMIT IN ALL SUBSEQUENT YEARS BY THE ANNUAL COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA) FOR SOCIAL SECURITY RECIPIENTS ON ALL APPLICATIONS FOR THE SENIOR TAX FREEZE PROGRAM AND EACH YEAR GOING FORWARD. (PREVIOUSLY RESOLUTION NO. 1125-32)

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Shipley, to adopt Resolution No. 726-30.

10:42 In response to Commissioner Sharpe's question, Mayor Wamp stated the proposed private act was not introduced during the legislative session. He explained the proposal likely did not gain traction because it would have had a significant statewide fiscal impact. He stated he would follow up with the legislative delegation regarding future consideration of the proposal.

14:21 In response to Commissioner Sharpe's question, Chief Financial Officer Lee Brouner stated *Resolution No. 726-30* would need to be adopted by December 31, 2026, to provide any benefit should a property tax increase occur in the following year. He further stated the program would provide no immediate taxpayer benefit if there is no tax increase in the following year and would create an estimated administrative cost of \$350,000.

There were no questions from the audience.

16:29 At this time, Commissioner Shipley withdrew his second, and Commissioner Chauncey seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 726-30.

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19:50 **ON MOTION** of Commissioner Eversole, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to table Resolution No. 726-30. The foregoing Motion to table failed on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Nay," Commissioner Eversole, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Nay," Commissioner Highlander, "Pass," Commissioner Mackey, "Nay," Commissioner Sharpe, "Nay," Commissioner Shipley, "Nay," and Chairman Pro Tempore Helton, "Nay." Commissioner Beck and Chairman Smith were absent. Total present – 9. Total absent – 2. Total "Aye" votes – 2. Total "Nay" votes – 6. 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 the member, having previously announced "Pass." Commissioner Highlander announced "Nay" on the second call of the vote. Total present – 9. Total absent – 2. Total "Aye" votes – 2. Total "Nay" votes – 7.

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20:43 At this time, a lengthy discussion ensued. Commissioners discussed the timing of the proposed Property Tax Freeze Program, the need for additional information regarding the proposed legislation, and the importance of considering tax relief for qualifying senior citizens before the end of the calendar year.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Sharpe, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to defer Resolution No. 726-30 to the December 2, 2026, Agenda Preparation Session. The foregoing Motion to defer 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 Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Eversole, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Pro Tempore Helton, "Aye." Commissioner Beck and Chairman Smith were absent. Total present – 9. Total absent – 2. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

25:32 **RESOLUTION NO. 726-19 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE REALLOCATION OF FUNDS WITHIN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FY 2026-2027 BUDGET.**

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Commissioner Eversole, Chairman of the Finance and Budget Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 726-19 and stated the Finance and Budget Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 726-19.

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 Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Eversole, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Pro Tempore Helton, "Aye." Commissioner Beck and Chairman Smith were absent. Total present – 9. Total absent – 2. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 726-20 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR
TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF
TENNESSEE, TENNESSEE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, TO
RECEIVE \$40,000.00 TO BE USED FOR THE COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL
ADVOCATE PROGRAM (CASA) WITHIN THE HAMILTON COUNTY JUVENILE
COURT.**

Commissioner Chauncey, a member of the Public Safety Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 726-20 and stated the Public Safety Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Chauncey, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 726-20.

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 Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Eversole, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and

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Chairman Pro Tempore Helton, “Aye.” Commissioner Beck and Chairman Smith were absent. Total present – 9. Total absent – 2. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 726-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HAMILTON
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THROUGH THE
BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE THE FY 2026 BYRNE DISCRETIONARY
COMMUNITY PROJECT AND GRANTS PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE
SHERIFF'S OFFICE CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET BY \$3,000,000.**

Commissioner Chauncey, a member of the Public Safety Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 726-21 and stated the Public Safety Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Chauncey, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 726-21.

Commissioner Graham stated this is a no match grant.

Jessica Bonham, residing in District Four, Alli Young, residing on Mountain Creek Road, Vivian Ramos, Residing in Orchard Knob, and Andrew McCormick, residing at

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501 Highview Circle, spoke in opposition to *Resolution No. 726-21*. They questioned the proposed grant funding for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, expressed concerns regarding immigration enforcement activities in Hamilton County, and encouraged the Commission to consider the impact of the funding on the community.

38:50 In response to Commissioner Sharpe, Chief of Staff for the Sheriff's Office, Ron Bernard, stated the grant is state appropriated money to replace aging radios for all officers and deputies.

40:10 At this time, several Commissioners responded to the public comments regarding *Resolution No. 726-21*. Commissioners stated the proposed grant had been discussed during the previous Agenda Preparation Session, expressed confidence in the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office's law enforcement practices, and noted the grant would be used to replace aging radio equipment. Commissioners also stated they had asked questions regarding the resolution before the meeting and emphasized their commitment to carefully reviewing funding requests before taking action.

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 Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Eversole, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and

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Chairman Pro Tempore Helton, “Aye.” Commissioner Beck and Chairman Smith were absent. Total present – 9. Total absent – 2. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 726-22 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF ALLSTATES COATINGS COMPANY, CROWN USA, INC., ENNIS-FLINT, INC., AND THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY FOR ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT UNIT PRICING, WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR TERMS, FOR HIGHWAY TRAFFIC PAINT FOR THE HIGHWAY 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. 726-22 and stated the Public Works and Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 726-22.

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 Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Eversole, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Pro Tempore Helton, "Aye." Commissioner Beck and Chairman Smith were absent. Total present – 9. Total absent – 2. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 726-23 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A
MORATORIUM ON DATA CENTERS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF
HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE.**

Commissioner Highlander, Chairman of the Public Works and Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 726-23 and stated the Public Works and Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Chauncey, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 726-23.

Mayor Wamp stated the proposed one-year moratorium was intended to provide time for the Hamilton County Planning Department to develop zoning regulations

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addressing future data center development in the unincorporated areas of the County. He noted the proposed zoning changes would provide a more permanent solution than extending a moratorium alone and stated a permanent ban could not be enacted by resolution.

In response to Mayor Wamp's request, Chief Deputy County Clerk Brooke Weaver stated the Clerk's Office would provide a reminder to revisit the matter in six months.

52:47 In response to Commissioner Highlander's questions, County Attorney Varnell stated a one-year moratorium was a reasonable period to evaluate data center development while the County considered zoning amendments. She further stated a permanent ban adopted solely by resolution would be unenforceable under Tennessee law because such action would require compliance with statutory zoning procedures.

58:10 At this time, a lengthy discussion took place. Commissioners discussed the potential impacts of data centers on utility infrastructure, water usage, and future development within Hamilton County. Commissioners also discussed the importance of developing legally enforceable zoning regulations and ensuring the County followed the statutory process when considering future restrictions on data center development.

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1:04:15 Carter Dempsey, residing on Harrison Bay Road, Nathan Griffin, residing at 5500 Hidden Oaks Lane, Noah Johnston, residing at 666 Charbell Street, Dave Hood, residing on Alabama Avenue, Terry Tooley, residing at 1005 East Dallas Road, and Andrew McCormick, residing at 501 Highview Circle, expressed support for the proposed moratorium. Speakers discussed concerns regarding the potential impacts of data centers on utility infrastructure and encouraged continued public involvement while the County evaluated future regulations governing data center development.

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 Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Eversole, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Pro Tempore Helton, "Aye." Commissioner Beck and Chairman Smith were absent. Total present – 9. Total absent – 2. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 726-24 A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, R-2A RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, AND C-2 LOCAL BUSINESS COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO C-3 GENERAL BUSINESS COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FOR THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 8138 STANDIFER

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**GAP RD. & AN UNADDRESSED TRACT OF LAND IN THE 8100 BLK STANDIFER
GAP RD.**

Commissioner Highlander, Chairman of the Public Works and Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 726-24 and stated the Public Works and Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Chauncey, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 726-24.

Director of Development Services Nathan Janeway stated the applicant had requested to withdraw the rezoning application. He noted the request had also been presented to the Public Works and Zoning Committee and explained the County Commission was required to take action on the applicant's request to withdraw.

At this time, Commissioner Chauncey withdrew his motion, and Commissioner Graham withdrew his second to adopt Resolution No. 726-24.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Eversole, seconded by Commissioner Helton, to approve the applicant's request to withdraw Resolution No. 726-24.

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1:19:10

Robert Gore, residing at 2709 Autumn Chase Drive, Pam Standifer Potter, residing at 8024 Standifer Gap Road, Emily Mancuso, residing at 8915 Potomac Drive, Nancy Henderson, residing at 2709 Autumn Chase Drive, and Jan Ditzer, residing at 2413 Woodthrush Drive, spoke in opposition to the proposed rezoning. They discussed concerns regarding traffic safety, flooding, erosion control, stormwater management, and the compatibility of future development with the surrounding neighborhood.

1:30:50

In response to Commissioner Graham's question, Mr. Janeway stated the property was currently subject to a stop-work order and a corrective action plan with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) relating to erosion and sediment control violations. He noted the County was taking enforcement action to bring the property into compliance.

The foregoing Motion to withdraw Resolution No. 726-24 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 Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Eversole, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Pro Tempore Helton, "Aye." Commissioner Beck and Chairman Smith were absent. Total present – 9. Total absent – 2. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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RESOLUTION NO. 726-25 A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM A-1

**AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO C-2 LOCAL BUSINESS COMMERCIAL DISTRICT
FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT AN UNADDRESSED PROPERTY IN THE
10000 BLK E. BRAINERD RD.**

Commissioner Highlander, Chairman of the Public Works and Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 726-25 and stated the Public Works and Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

Director of Development Services, Nathan Janeway, stated the applicant had requested a three-month deferral of *Resolution No. 726-25*.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Sharpe, seconded by Chairman Pro Tempore Helton, to defer Resolution No. 726-25 to the October 21, 2026, Agenda Preparation Session.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

The foregoing Motion to defer 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 Chauncey, “Aye,” Commissioner Eversole, “Aye,” Commissioner Graham, “Aye,” Commissioner Highlander, “Aye,” Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye,” Commissioner Shipley, “Aye,” and Chairman Pro Tempore Helton, “Aye.” Commissioner Beck, Commissioner Mackey, and Chairman Smith were absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 3. Total “Aye” votes – 8. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 726-26 A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO A-1 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8926 HIXSON SPRINGS RD.

Commissioner Highlander, Chairman of the Public Works and Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 726-26 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. 726-26.

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 Chauncey, “Aye,” Commissioner Eversole, “Aye,” Commissioner Graham, “Aye,” Commissioner Highlander, “Aye,” Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye,” Commissioner Shipley, “Aye,” and Chairman Pro Tempore Helton, “Aye.” Commissioner Beck, Commissioner Mackey, and Chairman Smith were absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 3. Total “Aye” votes – 8. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Pro Tempore Helton asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

1:35:05

Commissioner Baker expressed appreciation to the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office for their professionalism and hard work.

1:35:53

Commissioner Highlander encouraged everyone to vote in the August 6, 2026, election.

1:36:15

Commissioner Eversole welcomed Eagle Scout candidate Sebastian in the audience. He also encouraged motorists to use caution on August 5, 2026, due to the start of the Hamilton County school year.

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1:36:53 Commissioner Graham recognized UTC Women's Basketball Coach Katie Burrows in the audience and thanked her for attending the Commission meeting.

1:37:05 County Attorney Varnell stated she had reviewed and approved revisions to the Trustee's Office personnel policies. A copy of the approval letter and policy has been filed with the Clerk's Office.

DELEGATIONS

Chairman Pro Tempore Helton asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

1:37:35 Michaela Winter, residing in District 8, spoke regarding the proposed data center moratorium (*Resolution No. 726-23*) and encouraged greater public involvement in future decisions regarding data center projects. She also expressed concerns regarding reports of immigration enforcement activity in Hamilton County.

1:40:04 Noah Johnston, residing at 666 Charbell Street, spoke regarding the proposed data center moratorium (*Resolution No. 726-23*) and the Jailhouse Studios project (*Resolution No. 326-17*). He also questioned whether grant funding awarded to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office (*Resolution No. 726-21*) could affect future County budget allocations.

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1:43:13

Carter Dempsey, residing on Harrison Bay Road, expressed support for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. He also spoke in favor of the proposed data center moratorium (*Resolution No. 726-23*) and encouraged the Commission to preserve agricultural and residential land within Hamilton County.

There being no further business, Chairman Pro Tempore Helton declared the Regular Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

08-05-26 W.F.K

Date Clerk's Initials