

MINUTES OF THE DICKSON COUNTY COMMISSION

The Dickson County Commission met **August 17, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Buford L. (Booty) Reed Jr. County Commission Chamber of the Dickson County Administration Building, 4 Court Square, Charlotte, Tennessee.

Devotion led by Commissioner Jody Britt

Call to order and flag salute led by Chairman, County Mayor Bob Rial.

ROLL CALL: Luanne Greer, County Clerk.

PRESENT:

Randy Simpkins	Ray Ledger
Dwight McIlwain	Stacey Batey
James C. Dawson	Becky Spicer
Carl Buckner	Jody Britt
Mike Petty	Danny Williams
Rusty Grove	Cindi Gray

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

Motion by Commissioner Carl Buckner, second by Commissioner Mike Petty to accept and approve the **July 20, 2026** County Commission minutes passed by a unanimous aye voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The UT Extension Office met and has many activities planned.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

No one was present to speak on proposed amendments to the Dickson County Zoning Resolution. County Attorney, Andrew Mills elaborated that our County Planning Commission subcommittee has proposed four (4) amendments which will be voted on at the September 21, 2026 Regular Session of the Dickson County Commission.

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Motion by Commissioner Ray Ledger, second by Commissioner Cindi Gray to appoint Stacey Batey to the Industrial Development Board passed by a unanimous aye voice vote. The Industrial Development Board consists of Don Weiss, Alan Ragan and Mike Easley.
2. Motion by Commissioner Dwight McIlwain, second by Commissioner Cindi Gray to re-appoint Mr. Jackie Hodges as Dickson County’s Highway Chief Administrative Officer passed by a unanimous aye voice vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

08-2026-01 INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INCURRENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS BY DICKSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$11,000,000, BY THE EXECUTION WITH THE PUBLIC BUILDING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE, OF A LOAN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FINANCING FOR AN AGRICULTURAL AND EVENT CENTER FOR THE COUNTY:

Motion by Commissioner Becky Spicer, second by Commissioner Mike Petty for a resolution to incur indebtedness by Dickson County, Tennessee, in the amount of not to exceed \$11,000,000, through the execution with The Public Building Authority of the City of Clarksville, Tennessee, of a loan agreement for the purpose of financing an agricultural and event center for the county passed by a unanimous aye voice vote.

08-2026-02 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LOAN PURUSANT TO A LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN DICKSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND THE PUBLIC BUILDING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$11,000,000; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SUCH LOAN AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATING TO SAID LOAN; APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF A BOND BY SUCH PUBLIC BUILDING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE PROCEEDS OF SAID LOAN AND THE PAYMENT OF SUCH INDEBTEDNESS; CONSENTING TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE COUNTY’S OBLIGATION UNDER SUCH LOAN AGREEMENT; AND, CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS:

Motion by Commissioner Becky Spicer, second by Commissioner Dwight McIlwain for a resolution to finance the costs of a “public works project” consisting of financing the costs of the acquisition, construction, and equipping of a new agricultural and event center for the County, the acquisition of all property real and personal appurtenant thereto and connected with such work, to pay all legal, fiscal, administrative, and engineering costs incident thereto, and to pay costs incident to the issuance of the Bond and the loan of the proceeds thereof to the County by obtaining a loan from The Public Building Authority of the City of Clarksville, Tennessee passed by a unanimous aye voice vote.

08-2026-03 RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DEDICATION OF PRIVATE ROADS TO BE ADDED TO THE COUNTY ROAD MAP AND MAINTAINED AS COUNTY ROADS:

Motion by Commissioner Danny Williams, second by Commissioner Becky Spicer to that certain private roads within the Montgomery Bell Pointe Subdivision be accepted by Dickson County, added to the County road map, and maintained by the County as County roads passed by a unanimous aye voice.

08-2026-04 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION POLICY:

Motion by Commissioner Carl Buckner, second by Commissioner James C. Dawson to adopt an Automated License Plate Recognition Policy (“LPR”) that establishes rules for the use, collection, retention, and sharing of data obtained from LPRs, and provides for regular reporting to the legislative body on the use of the LPRs, and any misuse of LPRs and the data generated by them passed by a unanimous aye voice vote. The Policy is attached to the Resolution.

08-2026-05 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY TO ACCEPT AWARD OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GRANT:

Motion by Commissioner Becky Spicer, second by Commissioner Dwight McIlwain authorizing the County of Dickson, Tennessee, to take any and all action deemed necessary or appropriate to accept the award of the Tennessee Department of Health’s grant in the amount of \$305,461.00 in order to purchase and equip an ambulance passed by a unanimous aye voice vote. The grant does not require any matching funds by the County.

08-2026-06 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ALL FUNDS OF THE COUNTY’S BUDGET EXCEPTING ONLY THE FUNDS ESTABLISHED FOR SCHOOLS:

Motion by Commissioner Stacey Batey, second by Commissioner Ray Ledger, to Authorize Certain Amendments to All Funds of the County's Budget Excepting Only Funds Established for Schools passed by a unanimous aye voice vote.

08-2026-07 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGETS ESTABLISHED FOR THE COUNTY'S GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (FUND 141), FEDERAL PROJECTS FUND (FUND 142), CENTRAL CAFETERIA FUND (FUND 143), AND/OR CAPITAL PROJECT FUND (FUND 177):

Motion by Commissioner Danny Williams, second by Commissioner Becky Spicer, to Authorize Certain Amendments to the Budgets Established for the County's General Purpose School Fund (Fund 141), Federal Projects Fund (Fund 142), Central Cafeteria Fund (Fund 143), and/or Capital Project Fund (Fund 177) passed by a unanimous aye voice vote.

08-2026-08 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY TO INSTALL A THREE-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF COWAN ROAD AND MURRELL ROAD:

Motion by Commissioner Carl Buckner, second by Commissioner Rusty Grove, that the County Mayor and County Highway Engineer are authorized and directed to proceed with all necessary actions to establish a three-way stop and install stop signs at the intersection of Cowan Road and Murrell Road in Dickson County, Tennessee passed by a unanimous aye voice vote.

08-2026-09 RESOLUTION TO DECLARE CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE COUNTY AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DISPOSAL OF SAME:

Motion by Commissioner Ray Ledger, second by Commissioner Stacey Batey, to declare certain personal property owned by the County as obsolete and authorizing the County's Purchasing Agent to sell or dispose of any real property to be surplus, obsolete or unusable passed by a unanimous aye voice vote.

08-2026-10 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE BUDGET AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATE \$100,000 FROM THE COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND (FUND 101), APPROPRIATE \$100,000 FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND (FUND 172) AND APPROVE DONATIONS TO (OR FOR THE BENEFIT OF) THE DICKSON COUNTY HELP CENTER, INC., AND PROMISE LAND HERITAGE ASSOCIATION:

Motion by Commissioner Dwight McIlwain, second by Commissioner Mike Petty, to authorize the following amendments: (1) to the County's General Fund (Fund 101) to fund a \$100,000.00 donation to (or for the benefit of) the Dickson County Help Center, Inc. to be used by the County to provide a new round of matching contributions to the Endowment Fund established with the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee with the goal of preserving the principal of contributions received and to build an endowment that will provide sustainable and recurring funding to the Help Center and (2) to the Community Development Fund (Fund 172) to fund a \$100,000.00 donation to the Promise Land Heritage Association to support its mission to preserve the history of the Promise Land Historic Site and its impact on the African American culture and events for future generations passed by a unanimous aye voice vote.

08-2026-11 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE BUDGET AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND (FUND 101) TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE JUSTICE CENTER HVAC IMPROVEMENTS:

Motion by Commissioner Cindi Gray, second by Commissioner Jody Britt, to authorize budget amendment to reallocate certain funds within the County's budget and reserves that will include (a) funding courthouse bailiffs from funds held in reserve as part of the Courtroom Security Enhancement Fee Reserve

Fund, being a part of the County's General Fund (Fund 101), and (b) reallocate funds currently designated for bailiffs to fund the improvements to the Justice Center HVAC system passed by a unanimous aye voice vote.

08-2026-12 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY TO CONTRACT WITH VENDOR FOR CERTAIN SECURITY AND FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES AND TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE FROM THE COUNTY'S CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (FUND 171):

Motion by Commissioner Rusty Grove, second by Commissioner Cindi Gray, authorizing the County Purchasing Agent, acting on behalf of the County and the Dickson County Sheriff's Office, to enter into a contract with Electronic Contracting Company through NASPO Value Point to provide certain security and fire protection products and services for use in the County Jail for the estimated purchase price of \$429,756.24 utilizing funds held in reserve in the County's Capital Projects Fund (Fund 171) passed by a unanimous aye voice vote.

08-2026-13 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LOAN PURSUANT TO A LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN DICKSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE AND THE PUBLIC BUILDING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$28,500,000; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SUCH LOAN AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATING TO SAID LOAN; APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF A BOND BY SUCH PUBLIC BUILDING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE PROCEEDS OF SAID LOAN AND THE PAYMENT OF SUCH INDEBTEDNESS; CONSENTING TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE COUNTY'S OBLIGATION UNDER SUCH LOAN AGREEMENT; AND, CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS:

Motion by Commissioner Ray Ledger, second by Commissioner Cindi Gray, authorizing the borrowing of funds pursuant to a loan agreement between Dickson County Tennessee and the Public Building Authority of the City of Clarksville in an amount not to exceed \$28,500,000 for improvements to the county's school system facilities, including the construction, renovation and improvement of the Charlotte Middle School, the acquisition of real property located along Old Highway 46 consisting of approximately 55 acres +/- for the purchase price of \$1,000,000 as well as authorizing the issuance of a bond in an amount not to exceed \$300,000,000 passed by a unanimous aye voice vote.

08-2026-14 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY MAYOR AND/OR PURCHASING AGENT TO ENTER INTO A LANDFILL DISPOSAL CONTRACT WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT:

Motion by Commissioner Carl Buckner, second by Commissioner Jody Britt, authorizing the County Mayor and/or Purchasing Agent to enter into an amendment to and extension of the current Landfill Disposal Agreement with Waste Management for a three (3) year term with a per ton base rate of \$40, \$44, and 46 per ton for each year of the extended term, respectively passed by a unanimous aye voice vote.

08-2026-15 RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DWIGHT MCILLWAIN:

With a majority vote of 11 and a pass by Commissioner McIllwain, the Dickson County Legislative Body recognizes and honors Commissioner Dwight McIllwain for his diligent service to the citizens of District 3 and Dickson County for nearly nine (9) years. The Clerk is directed to enter this Resolution upon the books and records of the County.

08-2026-16 RESOLUTION TO SET SPEED LIMIT ON PUBLIC ROAD KNOWN AS THREE ISLAND FORD ROAD:

Motion by Commissioner Stacey Batey, second by Commissioner Danny Williams, to reduce the speed limit on Three Island Ford Road to 25 miles per hour passed by Mayor Rial breaking a tie vote of 6 commissioners voting aye and 6 commissioners voting nay.

08-2026-17 RESOLUTION TO DONATE A HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT VEHICLE TO THE DICKSON COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT:

Motion by Commissioner Mike Petty, second by Commissioner Dwight McIlwain, authorizing the County Purchasing Agent to convey, gift and donate a 2006 Mack Dump Truck from the Dickson County Highway Department to the Dickson County Solid Waste Department passed by a unanimous aye voice vote.

08-2026-18 RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OFFICIAL INTENT THAT CERTAIN EXPENDITURES TO BE INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS FOR THE COUNTY AND RELATED EXPENDITURES BE REIMBURSED FROM PROCEEDS OF NOTES, BONDS, OR OTHER INDEBTEDNESS TO BE ISSUED BY DICKSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE:

Motion by Commissioner Jody Britt, second by Commissioner Cindi Gray, to establish the County's intent to issue bonds, notes, or other indebtedness to finance the costs of certain public works projects, consisting of the acquisition of equipment for various departments of the County, including, but not limited to the Highway Department and the Solid Waste/Sanitation Department in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 passed by a unanimous aye voice vote.

08-2026-19 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY DEBT POLICY:

Motion by Commissioner Rusty Grove, second by Commissioner Stacey Batey, to adopt the State of Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury's updated language needed by each county in its County Debt Policy as follows: SECTION 1: The County Debt policy is deleted in its entirety the section titled "Use of Variable Rate Debt"; and Section 2: the deleted section titled "use of Variable Rate Debt" is replaced with a section titled "Heightened Risk Debt". The language is attached to the Resolution as Exhibit A. The Motion passed by a unanimous aye voice vote.

08-2026-20 RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION AND HONOR OF COUNTY MAYOR ROBERT "BOB" RIAL FOR HIS SIXTEEN (16) YEARS OF SERVICE AS COUNTY MAYOR OF DICKSON COUNTY :

With a unanimous aye vote, the Dickson County Legislative Body recognizes and honors Mayor Bob Rial for his 16 years of service and leadership as County Mayor for Dickson County, Tennessee. The Clerk is directed to enter this Resolution upon the books and records of the County.

08-2026-21 RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE COUNTY COMMISSIONER STACEY BATEY:

With a majority vote of 11 and a pass by Commissioner Batey, the Dickson County Legislative Body recognizes and honors Commissioner Stacy Batey for his diligent service of 16 years, representing, at different times, the 1st and 4th Districts of Dickson County. The Clerk is directed to enter this Resolution upon the books and records of the County.

08-2026-22 RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE COUNTY COMMISSIONER CARL BUCKNER:

With a majority vote of 11 and a pass by Commissioner Buckner, the Dickson County Legislative Body recognizes and honors Commissioner Carl Buckner for his diligent service to the citizens of District 7 and Dickson County for 16 years. The Clerk is directed to enter this Resolution upon the books and records of the County.

08-2026-23 RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE COUNTY COMMISSIONER CINDI GRAY:

With a majority vote of 11 and a pass by Commissioner Gray, the Dickson County Legislative Body recognizes and honors Commissioner Cindi Gray for her diligent service to the citizens of District 12 and Dickson County for four (4) years. The Clerk is directed to enter this Resolution upon the books and records of the County.

08-2026-24 RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE COUNTY COMMISSIONER RAY LEDGER:

With a majority vote of 11 and a pass by Commissioner Ledger, the Dickson County Legislative Body recognizes and honors Commissioner Ray Ledger for his diligent service to the citizens of District 2 and Dickson County for four (4) years. The Clerk is directed to enter this Resolution upon the books and records of the County.

OTHER BUSINESS:

(1) The Annual Financial Reports from the fee offices for the period ending June 30, 2026 were reviewed by the commissioners per TCA codes.

(2) Motion by Commissioner Danny Williams, second by Cindi Gray to move the proposed resolution to amend the Dickson County Zoning to the next regular session on September 21, 2026 passed by a unanimous aye voice vote.

APPROVAL OF NOTARIES:

The following Notaries were submitted for approval:

JON HAYES BIEMESDERFER	TABITHA A BOOKER HUX
MATT BROWN	KENDAL BYASSEE
BRIANNA CAMEJO	KENDRA CLAYBORNE
SHANE DAWLEY	JONI GARRETT
KAREN R. GROVES	PATRICIA L. HARGROVE
ANDREW HARRIS	KEVIN W. HEDGE
BRENDA HOWARD	M. KATHRYN JACKSON ROBERTS
HEATHER KNIGHT	JOHANNA D. MATTHEWS
MELISSA MAXWELL	ABBIGAIL McNEIL
PATRICIA A. MYERS	NATHAN PICKENS
MEGAN WEESE	CHRISTOPHER WHEAT

L. JANINE WINE

MELISSA K. YOUNG

TAYLOR ZURAWSKI

Motion by Commissioner Ray Ledger, second by Commissioner Dwight McIlwain to accept and approve the above listed Notaries passed by a unanimous aye voice vote.

ANNOUCEMENTS:

The next Regular Session Meeting will be on **SEPTEMBER 21, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Buford L. (Booty) Reed Jr County Commission Chamber of the Dickson County Administration Building, 4 Court Square, Charlotte, Tennessee.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion and second by all in attendance to adjourn at **8:30 P.M.** passed by a unanimous aye voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

County Clerk, Luanne Greer

Chairman, County Mayor, Bob Rial