

Building and Grounds Committee
May 11, 2026 | 4:30 pm
Small Courtroom, Third Floor, Courthouse

Members (District):

Sue York (1st)
Vacant (2nd)
Karen Shanks (3rd)
Charles Seiber (4th)
Jack Davis (5th)
Joe Sherrill (6th)
Jerry Cooper (7th)
Greg Maxwell (8th)
John Patterson (9th)

Others Present:

Linda Bottoms, Fair Board
Torey LaMontagne, Mayor's Office, Minutes
Marc & Kiersten, Lóse Designs Knox
Mayor Allen Foster
Donny Moody, Director, Parks & Rec
Wiley Potter, 1st District
Tom Isham, 2nd District
Darrell Threet, 3rd District
Terry Lowe, 5th District
Deborah Holbrook, 8th District
Colleen Mall, 9th District
Danny Smith, President, Fair Board
Anita Smith, Election Commission
Johnathan Miller, Miller Heating and Cooling
Craig Clark, 3rd District Candidate
Rita Reali, Constituent
Taunee Whittenbarger, UT Extension
Crystal Blankenship, UT Extension
PJ Barnes, Chamber of Commerce
Dave Kennedy, Crossville Cruisers
Margo Carol, Master Gardeners
Bob Schwartz, Cumberland Co. Gun and Knife Show
Gary Winingham, Organizer, Truck and Tractor Pulls
Angela Ludwig, Center Hill Events & Promotions

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Charlie called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm on Monday, May 11, 2026 in the small courtroom on the third floor of the courthouse.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jerry made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Jack and Karen, none were opposed, and the motion carried. The minutes from the last meeting were approved as presented.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

Charlie opened the floor for public comment(s) and there were several who spoke in favor of upgrades to the Community Complex:

Danny Smith, President, Cumberland County Fair Board

Danny was enthusiastic about making positive changes and expressed the urgency in moving forward.

Dave Kennedy, Crossville Cruisers

Dave mentioned that a covered arena would be spectacular to use for car shows during rainy weather.

Margo Carol, Cumberland County Master Gardeners

Margo spoke about what an asset covered space and more event space would be for the county.

Bob Schwartz, Cumberland County Gun and Knife Show

Bob presented data that showed how many counties in Tennessee and states in the US that participate in the bi-annual gun and knife shows. He expressed the desire to expand the show and stated that new larger space would be ideal for expansion. He also mentioned that this event earns the most revenue per year for the county out of all of the events at the Community Complex.

Taunee Whittenbarger and Crystal Blankenship, UT-TSU Extension

Taunee and Crystal spoke in favor of new event spaces. They currently have to limit the number of participants for classes due to limitations on space. Taunee mentioned Cumberland County being able to host more 4H events for the region with more space.

Linda Bottoms, Vice President, Cumberland County Fair Board

Linda expressed that larger and covered event spaces are both welcome additions to the fairgrounds and the Complex. The fair has grown every year and continues to have large turnout. Linda said the fair board is excited about moving forward and can't wait to see the progress.

Gary Winningham, Organizer, Local Truck and Tractor Pulls Benefitting Local FFA

Gary stated that a covered arena would be a game changer for his events, as they cannot be held in the heavy rain. Gary said that every bit of profit made from his shows is directly donated to Cumberland County High School and Stone Memorial High School FFA programs.

Angela Ludwig, Center Hill Events and Promotions

Angela holds 3 events annually at the Complex that bring in anywhere from 10-15,000 guests each time. Those guests usually eat food and pay for lodging in Cumberland County. Angela stated that greater space would enable her to expand her selection of vendors and offer attendees even more options.

COMMUNITY COMPLEX MASTER PLAN: LOSE DESIGNS

Marc and Kiersten were present with Lose Designs to discuss the latest findings for options at the Community Complex. Working on a 5-million-dollar budget, it was decided that a "light touch" renovation was the better option. A 50,000 square-foot covered arena with full electrical and exhaust fans along with an additional 13,000 square-foot event space are possible.

Sue made a motion to approve moving forward with a request for qualifications on architecture. Karen seconded the motion, none were opposed, and the motion carried.

PARKS AND REC MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Mayor Foster stated that this plan is required by TDEC in order to apply for grant funding, and must be updated every 3 years. In this year's update, the Amphitheater was added as a county asset and a few trails that have closed were removed. Jack made a motion to accept the latest version of the Cumberland County Parks and Rec master plan. Greg seconded the motion, none were opposed, and the motion carried.

CITY EASEMENT REQUEST

The City of Crossville is requesting a utility easement on the far North-West corner of the courthouse lawn at the corner of Fourth and Main Streets. The easement will be used to install the new traffic light at this intersection. Jack made a motion to grant the easement. Jerry seconded the motion, none were opposed, and the motion carried.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATION UPDATE

Mayor Foster mentioned that we are currently waiting on doors that were burned in the fire at Northside to be replaced.

He also noted that the May County Commission meeting will be held in the newly-renovated large courtroom. The new A/V system has not been installed but a sound system will be borrowed for use at the May meeting.

Also mentioned was the open house that is being planned for the courthouse on the first Friday at the Crossroads—Friday, June 5, 2026 beginning around 3 pm. The public is invited to see the complete renovation.

The parts for the clock have officially been ordered but have to be custom made due to the age of the clock. Eventually all four sides will be running properly.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS, IF ANY:

Sue thanked everyone who came and spoke in front of the committee.

NEXT MEETING

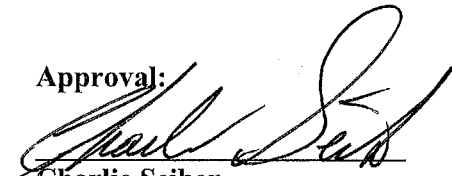
The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 5 pm in the small courtroom on the third floor of the courthouse.

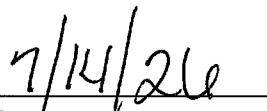
ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Joe. The motion was seconded by Charlie, none were opposed, and the motion to adjourn carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 pm on Monday, May 11, 2026 in the small courtroom on the third floor of the courthouse.

Recorded and submitted by Torey LaMontagne.

Approval:


Charlie Seiber


Date