

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

January 20, 2026 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Be it remembered that the Cumberland County Commission met in monthly session on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at the Art Circle Public Library in Crossville, Tennessee. Cumberland County Mayor Allen Foster called the meeting to order at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Present and presiding was Commission Chairman Mayor Allen Foster who asked Steven Pickard of Faith Assembly of God to deliver the invocation. Chairman Foster asked the Young Marines to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. Also present at this meeting were County Clerk Jule Bryson, Finance Director Jennifer Turner, Library Director James Houston, Solid Waste Director Conrad Welch, Director of Schools Rebecca Farley and the following County Commissioners:

Wiley Potter	Sue Ann York
Tom Isham	Nancy Hyder
Karen Shanks	Darrell Threet (ABSENT)
David Gibson	Charles Seiber
Jack Davis	Terry Lowe
Wendell Wilson	Joseph Sherrill
Mark Baldwin	Jerry Cooper
Greg Maxwell	Deborah Holbrook
Colleen Mall	John Patterson (ABSENT)

A quorum being present, the Cumberland County Commission Meeting was opened in due form of law and the following proceedings were had to wit:

1. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 20, 2026 COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA:

On motion of Commissioner Hyder, second by Commissioner Isham moved to approve the agenda of the January 20, 2026 agenda bundling Resolutions 01-2026-2 through 01-2026-5, 01-2026-6 through 01-2026-8 and 01-2026-10 through 01-2026-13.

The motion to approve the agenda carried by voice vote from the commission present.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2025 CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING:

On motion of Commissioner Gibson, second by Commissioner Seiber, moved to approve the December 15, 2025 Commission monthly meeting minutes, make a matter of record, and file.

The motion to approve the minutes carried by voice vote from the commission present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Howard Burnett, 553 Gardens Drive spoke regarding legislation of Tennessee House Bill #809 regarding liabilities of the manufactures chemicals that affects our food supply.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. RESOLUTION 01-2026-1 – TO APPOINT TWO (2) JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER FOR CUMBERLAND COUNTY, TENNESSEE:

On motion of Commissioner Gibson, second by Commissioner Hyder, moved to adopt resolution 01-2026-1.

The motion to adopt 01-2026-1, appointing Jennifer Phillips-Cross to be Judicial Commission Director for a two (2) year term and Joseph Moody to be Judicial Commissioner for a six (6) month term, carried by a unanimous voice vote.

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4. RESOLUTION 01-2026-2 – ADDING CHESTNUT RIDGE LANE AND CHESTNUT RIDGE COURT TO THE COUNTY ROAD LIST:

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Sherrill, moved to adopt resolution 01-2026-2.

The motion to adopt 01-2026-2, adding Chestnut Ridge Lane (0.42 mi) and Chestnut Ridge Court (0.12 mi) to the Cumberland County Road List, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

5. RESOLUTION 01-2026-3 – ADDING RAQUET CLUB DRIVE TO THE COUNTY ROAD LIST:

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Sherrill, moved to adopt resolution 01-2026-3.

The motion to adopt 01-2026-3, adding Raquet Club Drive (0.11 mi) to the Cumberland County Road List, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

6. RESOLUTION 01-2026-4 – EXTENDING HOUSTON DRIVE ON THE COUNTY ROAD LIST:

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Sherrill, moved to adopt resolution 01-2026-4.

The motion to adopt 01-2026-4, adding extension of Houston Drive from 0.25 miles to 0.54 miles be added to the Cumberland County Road List, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

7. RESOLUTION 01-2026-5 – APPROVING THE 2026 CUMBERLAND COUNTY ROAD LIST:

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Sherrill, moved to adopt resolution 01-2026-5.

The motion to adopt 01-2026-5, to approve the 2026 Cumberland County Road List, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

8. RESOLUTION 01-2026-6 – GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, ISM STATE GRANT:

On motion of Commissioner Holbrook, second by Commissioner Wilson, moved to adopt resolution 01-2026-6.

The motion to adopt 01-2026-6, approving general purpose school fund for ISM Grant to account for a change in needs in the amount of \$90,099.05, carried by unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

9. RESOLUTION 01-2026-7 – GENERAL PROGRAM SCHOOL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, HEATHY STUDENTS STRONGER LEARNERS GRANT:

On motion of Commissioner Holbrook, second by Commissioner Wilson, moved to adopt resolution 01-2026-07.

The motion to adopt 01-2026-7, approving general purpose school fund budget amendment from Healthy Students Stronger Learners grant in the amount of \$1,200.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

10. RESOLUTION 01-2026-8 – CENTRAL CAFETERIA FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, USDA GRANT FUNDS:

On motion of Commissioner Holbrook, second by Commissioner Wilson, moved to adopt resolution 01-2026-8.

The motion to adopt 01-2026-8, approving central cafeteria fund budget amendment for additional USDA grant funds in the amount of \$11,672.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

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11. RESOLUTION 01-2026-9 – GENERAL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, COUNTY COMMISSION:

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Gibson, moved to adopt resolution 01-2026-9.

Discussion: Commissioner Lowe stated he felt there was not enough information before voting on this resolution. Commissioner Sherrill asked the mayor if he felt this purchase would add value to the Cumberland County Courthouse. Mayor Foster stated he looked for a solution to the audio needs within the courthouse. He feels this will solve the issues within the courthouse for the commission. Commissioner Cooper stated he thought this was the time to get this installed during construction. Commissioner Isham stated he thought this was the system to buy for the price. Commissioner York thought this was much needed system for the commission meetings.

The motion to adopt 01-2026-9, approving general fund budget amendment for audio upgrade and improve the audio system of the County Commission meeting room in the amount of \$40,000.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

12. RESOLUTION 01-2026-10 – HIGHWAY FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, HIGHWAY & BRIDGE MAINTENANCE LONGEVITY:

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Gibson, moved to adopt resolution 01-2026-10.

The motion to adopt 01-2026-10, approving highway fund budget amendment for budget overrun highway & bridge maintenance longevity in the amount of \$584.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

13. RESOLUTION 01-2026-11 – SANITATION FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, RECYCLING CENTER LONGEVITY:

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Gibson, moved to adopt resolution 01-2026-11.

The motion to adopt 01-2026-11, approving sanitation fund budget amendment for recycling center longevity overruns in the amount of \$737.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

14. RESOLUTION 01-2026-12 – GENERAL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, LONGEVITY EXPENDITURE:

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Gibson, moved to adopt resolution 01-2026-12.

The motion to adopt 01-2026-12, approving general fund budget amendment for overruns in various departments longevity expenditures in the amount of \$10,181.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

15. RESOLUTION 01-2026-13 – GENERAL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Gibson, moved to adopt resolution 01-2026-13.

The motion to adopt 01-2026-13, approving general fund budget amendment for Sheriff's Department to receive additional funding from the State of Tennessee from a recruitment and retention grant in the amount of \$8,000.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

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COUNTY FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Finance Director Jennifer Turner gave the financial report for the most up to date EMS collections, sales tax, property tax, hotel/motel tax and prisoner boarding. Director Turner confirmed the Cumberland County Finance department's records are balanced with the County Trustee's records. This report completed and successfully balanced the quarterly financial reconciliation for the months of October, November and December 2025. This reconciliation includes all county funds and all board of education funds.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT:

Attorney Philip Burnett reported there are no new lawsuits in the previous 30 days. The county has one (1) active litigation. There have been a few resolved in the recent weeks. The county is in a good position from a litigation stand point.

17. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Sherrill announced the Road Subcommittee meeting to be held on February 11, 2026 at 4:00 at the Community Complex. This meeting will be combined with the S4A (Safe Streets for All) Committee. Discussion will include grants for road studies and surveys. Collier Group will give a presentation. There will be a survey sent out to Cumberland County residents regarding Safe Streets for All.

18. ELECTION OF NOTARIES:

On motion of Commissioner Maxwell, second by Commissioner Cooper, moved to elect Terri Alford, Kathy H. Burgess, Kenneth M. Chadwell, Karen S. Davis, Shannon Graham, Jerry Harris, Jacob Hunt, Tater James, Cara Sutton Kirschstein, April Neely, Mindy D. Newberry, Bobbie L. Pilgrim, Kaylee Pontious, Melanie Smith, Anita Smith, Donavan Wadsworth, Rhonda S. Wyatt as notaries public for the State of Tennessee.

The motion to approve the notaries carried by voice vote from the commission present.

19. ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Commissioner Sherrill, second by Commissioner Hyder moved the January 20, 2026 commission meeting to be adjourned at 6:23 P.M.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was carried by voice vote from the commission present.

MINUTES APPROVED FOR ENTRY THIS 17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.



Allen Foster, County Mayor
Chairman, Cumberland County
Commission



Julie Bryson
Cumberland County Clerk