

# CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

## February 17, 2026 Monthly Meeting Minutes

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Be it remembered that the Cumberland County Commission met in monthly session on Tuesday, February 17, 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 Will Kerley from Cumberland Worship Center 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, Director of Schools Rebecca Farley, General Session Judge Amanda Worley and the following County Commissioners:

Wiley Potter	Sue Ann York
Tom Isham	Nancy Hyder (ABSENT)
Karen Shanks	Darrell Threet
David Gibson	Charles Seiber (ABSENT)
Jack Davis	Terry Lowe
Wendell Wilson	Joseph Sherrill
Mark Baldwin	Jerry Cooper
Greg Maxwell	Deborah Holbrook
Colleen Mall (ABSENT)	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 FEBRUARY 17, 2026 COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA:**

On motion of Commissioner Sherrill, second by Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve the agenda of the February 17, 2026 agenda.

Discussion: Commissioner Isham requested a friendly amendment to bundle Resolutions 02-2026-3 through 02-2026-7 and 02-2026-9 through 02-2026-14.

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

### **2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 20, 2026 CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING:**

On motion of Commissioner Holbrook, second by Commissioner Gibson, moved to approve the January 20, 2026 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.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **3. RESOLUTION 02-2026-1 – GOVERNING PERMITS FOR THE SALE OF BEER CLOSE TO A PLACE OF PUBLIC GATHERING:**

On motion of Commissioner Sherrill, second by Commissioner York, moved to adopt resolution 02-2026-1.

Discussion: Commissioner Holbrook asked County Attorney Philip Burnett to explain the reason for this resolution. He explained there is a bright line rule that pertains to distance and also a question as to if the establishment is going to interfere with a public gathering or church or school. The 2000 ft distance rule was in place for many years but that was reduced to 250 feet a few years ago. When this application came in, the distance needed to be reduced again. This resolution will place the new distance rule at 100 feet. This will also leave the county the ability to push back if there should be any interference between the 100 ft and 2000 feet distance rule.

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The motion to adopt 02-2026-1, to establishing a new distance rule for permits for the sale of beer close to a place of public gathering, new distance rule will be within 100 feet of a school, church, or other place of public gathering, carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

#### **4. RESOLUTION 02-2026-2 – CLARIFYING PURCHASING POLICY REGARDING SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS:**

On motion of Commissioner Gibson, second by Commissioner Wilson, moved to adopt resolution 02-2026-2.

The motion to adopt 02-2026-2, clarifying purchasing policy to read as: purchase order for monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual subscriptions or maintenance agreements is not required, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

#### **5. RESOLUTION 02-2026-3 – GENERAL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER:**

On motion of Commissioner Isham, second by Commissioner Maxwell, moved to adopt resolution 02-2026-3.

The motion to adopt 02-2026-3, approving general fund budget amendment for School Resource Law Enforcement Officers to receive pay supplements from the State of Tennessee for meeting the requirements for the Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission and the Commerce and Insurance Commission and it is necessary to distribute this incentive to personnel in the amount of \$4,000.00, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

#### **6. RESOLUTION 02-2026-4 – APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD:**

On motion of Commissioner Isham, second by Commissioner Maxwell, moved to adopt resolution 02-2026-4.

The motion to adopt 02-2026-4, appropriating Cumberland County Industrial Development Board for the purpose of supporting current and upcoming development-related expenses, including legal, professional, and project-related costs in the amount of \$25,000.00, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

#### **7. RESOLUTION 02-2026-5 – ACKNOWLEDGING THE CORRECTION OF FUND BALANCE FOR 121:**

On motion of Commissioner Isham, second by Commissioner Maxwell, moved to adopt resolution 02-2026-5.

The motion to adopt 02-2026-5, acknowledge and accept the audit adjustment reflecting the transfer of \$1,755,301 from Fund 127 to Fund 121 related to broadband expenditures incurred during fiscal year 2023-2024, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

#### **8. RESOLUTION 02-2026-6 – AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER AND CLOSURE OF FUND 127 RELATED TO ARPA INTEREST AND THE CORRECTION OF BROADBAND EXPENDITURES:**

On motion of Commissioner Isham, second by Commissioner Maxwell, moved to adopt resolution 02-2026-6.

The motion to adopt 02-2026-6, authorizing the transfer and closure of fund 127 related to ARPA interest in the amount of \$481,328.33 transferred into the General Fund, carried by unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

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### **9. RESOLUTION 02-2026-7 –DECLARING THE COMPLETION OF THE RENOVATION OF THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ARCHIVES BUILDING AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF REMAINING FUNDS:**

On motion of Commissioner Isham, second by Commissioner Maxwell, moved to adopt resolution 02-2026-7.

The motion to adopt 02-2026-7, declaring the completion of the renovation of the Cumberland County Archives Building and transferring funds from the Fund 171 to the Debt Service Fund 151 in the amount of \$18,965.10, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

### **10. RESOLUTION 02-2026-8 – GENERAL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, OTHER ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, SAFE BABY COURT:**

On motion of Commissioner Holbrook, second by Commissioner Sherrill, moved to adopt resolution 02-2026-8.

Discussion: Commissioner Isham stated he would be voting no on this resolution because of the supplemental pay for county employee. Commissioner Sherrill stated there have been several grants but there has never been a grant making it an incentive for the employee. This seems to be an exception and the state is wanting this court to be supported. Commissioner Gibson asked if Judge Amanda Worley could come up and give some explanation. Judge Worley gave the explanation of the Administrative Office of the Court, the Department of Children's Services, and the Department of Mental Health oversee a grant for court across the state to implement a safe baby court. This grant's purpose is to focus on the children not placed in foster care but under court supervision with parents or relatives. Cumberland County is one of six counties chosen to start a safe baby court, receiving a \$100,000 grant. There must be a supervisor separate from the judge. The state allows the case manager's salary to be paid from the grant, with the supervisor potentially receiving differential pay. This supplement pay is lower than what the state recommended the pay to be at. This supervisor would enter and track all the safe baby expenses and budgetary requirement. They would observe and facilitate child and family team meetings as needed. As well as attend quarterly stakeholder meetings to bring the community into the court as well as attend all safe baby courts. Commissioner Sherrill asked if this would be a position that requires work above and beyond their normal 40-hour work week. Judge Worley stated this would require after-hours work. The other rural counties with safe baby court include this differential in their budgets.

The motion to adopt 02-2026-8, approving general fund budget amendment to pay a supplement to the Youth Service Director for Safe Baby Court in the amount of \$2,910.00, carried by a roll call vote of ten (10) yays from Commissioners Potter, York, Shanks, Threet, Gibson, Wilson, Sherrill, Baldwin, Maxwell and Holbrook and four (4) nays from Commissioners Isham, Davis, Lowe and Cooper.

### **11. RESOLUTION 02-2026-9 – GENERAL PROGRAM SCHOOL FUND, GENERAL BUDGET AMENDMENT, SAFE SCHOOL COUNSELORS:**

On motion of Commissioner Holbrook, second by Commissioner Maxwell, moved to adopt resolution 02-2026-9.

The motion to adopt 02-2026-9, approving general program school fund budget amendment from the CSW Foundation charitable fund to the district Safe School Counselors in the amount of \$500.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

### **12. RESOLUTION 02-2026-10 – GENERAL PROGRAM SCHOOL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT STEM CLASSROOM AWARD:**

On motion of Commissioner Holbrook, second by Commissioner Maxwell, moved to adopt resolution 02-2026-10.

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The motion to adopt 02-2026-10, approving general program school fund budget amendment from the TSIN Battelle STEM Classroom Award for North Cumberland Elementary in the amount of \$5,000.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

### **13. RESOLUTION 02-2026-11 – GENERAL PROGRAM SCHOOL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, LINE-ITEM GENERAL BUDGET AMENDMENT, TECHNOLOGY FUNDS :**

On motion of Commissioner Holbrook, second by Commissioner Maxwell, moved to adopt resolution 02-2026-11.

The motion to adopt 02-2026-11, approving general program school fund budget amendment to reallocate technology funds, in the amount of \$37,000.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

### **14. RESOLUTION 02-2026-12 – GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, ISM STATE GRANT:**

On motion of Commissioner Holbrook, second by Commissioner Maxwell, moved to adopt resolution 02-2026-12.

The motion to adopt 02-2026-12, approving general purpose school fund budget amendment for ISM State Grant for 2025-2026 revisions in the amount of \$60,470.45, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

### **15. RESOLUTION 02-2026-13 – GENERAL PROGRAM SCHOOL FUND, GENERAL BUDGET AMENDMENT, TVA ENERGY RIGHT FUNDS:**

On motion of Commissioner Holbrook, second by Commissioner Maxwell, moved to adopt resolution 02-2026-13.

The motion to adopt 02-2026-13, approving general program school fund budget amendment to recognize additional TVA Energy Right Funds in the amount \$221,183.74, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

### **16. RESOLUTION 02-2026-14 – CENTRAL CAFETERIA FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM:**

On motion of Commissioner Holbrook, second by Commissioner Maxwell, moved to adopt resolution 02-2026-14.

The motion to adopt 02-2026-14, approving central cafeteria fund budget amendment for additional USDA funds designated to minimize charges incurred for storage and distribution of USDA foods from state contracted warehouses in the amount of \$2,920.32, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

### **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.

### **COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Attorney Philip Burnett reported there is one federal lawsuit involving an inmate with no personal exposure expected. There a couple of small local cases with no personal exposure.

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### 18. ELECTION OF NOTARIES:

On motion of Commissioner Maxwell, second by Commissioner Gibson, moved to elect a Tina Burgess, LS Carrell, Annette Comparoni, Michelle L. Daugherty, Anthony Delk, Nancy E. Ellison, C. Douglas Fields, Selena D. Fisher Austin Fox, Roscoe Freeman, April B. Hawn, Amanda Hayes, Darlene F. Henson, Sharon Lewis, Audra Loshbough, Megan Lynch, Carissa Moberley, Haley Plenert, Debra R. Robison, Danielle Sutton, Charlotte Walker and Jennifer D. Walker 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 Shanks moved the February 17, 2026 commission meeting to be adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

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

MINUTES APPROVED FOR ENTRY THIS 16 DAY OF MARCH 2026.



Allen Foster, County Mayor  
Chairman, Cumberland County  
Commission



Jule Bryson  
Cumberland County Clerk