

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

April 20, 2026 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Be it remembered that the Cumberland County Commission met in regular monthly session on Monday, April 20, 2026, at the Art Circle Public Library in Crossville, Tennessee. Cumberland County Sheriff Casey Cox called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present and presiding was Commission Chairman, Mayor Allen Foster.

Mayor Foster held a moment of silence in honor of Cumberland County Board of Education member Anita Hale and Cumberland County Commissioner Nancy Hyder. Mayor Foster then asked Greg Maxwell to deliver the invocation. Chairman Foster requested the Young Marines 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, and the following County Commissioners:

Wiley Potter
Tom Isham
Karen Shanks
David Gibson
Jack Davis
Wendell Wilson
Mark Baldwin
Greg Maxwell
Colleen Mall

Sue Ann York

Darrell Threet
Charles Seiber
Terry Lowe
Joseph Sherrill
Jerry Cooper
Deborah Holbrook
John Patterson

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 APRIL 20, 2026 COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA:

On motion of Commissioner Sherrill, second by Commissioner Seiber moved to approve the April 20, 2026 agenda. Bundling the following: RES 04-2026-8 through RES 04-2026-11 and RES 04-2026-12 through RES 04-2026-19.

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 16, 2026 CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING:

On motion of Commissioner Holbrook, second by Commissioner Gibson, moved to approve the March 16, 2026 Commission monthly meeting minutes, make a matter of record, and file.

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

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

Mayor Allen Foster recognize the Cumberland County students who participated in Tennessee 4-H Congress held in Nashville, Tennessee. This opportunity allowed these high school students to step into the role of a legislator.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. VACANCY OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY SECOND DISTRICT COMMISSION SEAT:

Mayor Allen Foster presented the notice of vacancy prepared and declared by Cumberland County Clerk Jule Bryson of the Second District Commission seat. There are two choices for the commission to consider for filling the seat. One option is to leave the office vacant till the August election and allow the voters to fill that seat by write in ballot. The second option is

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for the commission to fill the seat at the May 18, 2026 meeting by allowing all qualified and interested citizens of the second district to offer their name as a candidate by submitting their information to the mayor's office or at the May 18, 2026 commission meeting. Those candidates would then be voted upon by the commission at the May 18, 2026 commission meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner Holbrook, move to leave the seat vacant till the August election. This motion was carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

4. VACANCY OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY FOURTH DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION SEAT:

Mayor Allen Foster presented the notice of vacancy prepared and declared by Cumberland County Jule Bryson of the Fourth District Board of Education seat. There are two choices for the commission to consider for filling the seat. One option is to leave the office vacant till the August election and allow the voters to fill that seat by write in ballot. The second option is for the commission to fill the seat at the May 18, 2026 meeting by allowing all qualified and interested citizens of the second district to offer their name as a candidate by submitting their information to the mayor's office or at the May 18, 2026 commission meeting. Those candidates would then be voted upon by the commission at the May 18, 2026 commission meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Sherrill, second by Commissioner Mall, move to leave the seat vacant till the August election. This motion was carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

5. RESOLUTION 04-2026-1 – APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY “E-911” EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

On motion of Commissioner Gibson, second by Commissioner Mall, moved to adopt resolution 04-2026-1.

The motion to adopt 04-2026-1, approving THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF John Stubbs and Dr. Kimberly Peaslee and appoint Jason Pilant to the Board of Directors of the E-911 Emergency Communications District, carried by a unanimous voice vote from the commission present.

6. RESOLUTION 04-2026-2 – APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION:

On motion of Commissioner Threet, second by Commissioner Holbrook, moved to adopt resolution 04-2026-2.

The motion to adopt 04-2026-2, approving Willie Freemand, Bill Hargis, Daniel Husk and Teddy Wanamaker to the Cumberland County Board of Equalization term expiring April 30, 2028, carried by unanimous voice vote from the commission present.

7. RESOLUTION 04-2026-3 – PETITIONING THE STATE OF TENNESSEE TO RENAME THE RENFRO HOLLOW PORTION OF HIGHWAY 70 EAST:

On motion of Commissioner Cooper, second by Commissioner Gibson, moved to adopt resolution 04-2026-3.

The motion to adopt 04-2026-3, requesting the State of Tennessee and Department of Transportation to rename the Renfro Hollow portion of Highway 70 East in memory of Kenneth “Ken” Nelson, carried by unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

8. RESOLUTION 04-2026-4 – ADDING MAPLE RIDGE DRIVE AND MAPLE RIDGE LANE TO THE COUNTY ROAD LIST:

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On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Sherrill, moved to adopt resolution 04-2026-4.

The motion to adopt 04-2026-4, adding Maple Ridge Drive (0.432) and Maple Ridge Lane (0.08) to the Cumberland County Road List, carried by unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

9. RESOLUTION 04-2026-5 – ADDING NICHOLSON DRIVE TO THE COUNTY ROAD LIST:

On motion of Commissioner Sherrill, second by Commissioner Gibson, moved to adopt resolution 04-2026-5.

The motion to adopt 04-2026-5, adding Nicholson Drive (0.565 mi) to the Cumberland County Road List, carried by unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

10. RESOLUTION 04-2026-6 – ADDING BLUFF VIEW CIRCLE, BLUFF VIEW LOOP, BLUFF VIEW POINT, BLUFF VIEW WAY, CATOOSA RIDGE DRIVE AND RIDGE TRAIL TO THE COUNTY ROAD LIST:

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Holbrook, moved to adopt resolution 04-2026-6.

The motion to adopt 04-2026-6, adding Bluff View Circle (0.0299), Bluff View Loop (0.44 mi.), Bluff View Point (0.073 mi), Bluff View Way (0.042 mi), Catoosa Ridge Drive (1.15 mi.) and Ridge Trail (0.43 mi) to the Cumberland County Road List, carried by unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

11. RESOLUTION 04-2026-7- APPROVING LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN FREDERICK SCOTT LANSFORD AND CUMBERLAND COUNTY FOR TEMPORARY RELOCATION OF THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION:

On motion of Commissioner Maxwell, second by Commissioner Gibson, moved to adopt resolution 04-2026-7.

Discussion: Commissioner Holbrook asked if there could be any issues if the Election Commission should need to stay at this location more than one year? Mayor Foster stated the agreement states there will be no issue for them to stay longer than a year if needed. Commissioner Mall congratulated all those involved to help make this move happen.

The motion to adopt 04-2026-7, authorizing Mayor Allen Foster to enter into a lease agreement between Fredrick Scott Lansford and Cumberland County at 2876 N. Main Street, Crossville, TN for the temporary relocation and operation of the Cumberland County Election Commission, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

12. RESOLUTION 04-2026-8 – STATE PROGRAM SCHOOL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, PRESCHOOL GRANT:

On motion of Commissioner York, second by Commissioner Shanks, moved to adopt resolution 04-2026-8.

The motion to adopt 04-2026-8, approving New State Special Education Preschool Grant budget amendment in the amount of \$4,560.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

11. RESOLUTION 04-2026-9 – GEAR UP STATE/FEDERALLY FUNDED, BUDGET AMENDMENT:

On motion of Commissioner York, second by Commissioner Shanks, moved to adopt resolution 04-2026-9.

The motion to adopt 04-2026-9, State Federal Grant: GEAR Up budget amendment revision due to change in need in the amount of \$8,800.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

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12. RESOLUTION 04-2026-10 – GENERAL PURPOSE FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, EARLY LITERACY TUTORING GRANT:

On motion of Commissioner York, second by Commissioner Shanks, moved to adopt resolution 04-2026-10.

The motion to adopt 04-2026-10, approving State Early Literacy Tutoring Grant budget amendment original budget entry in the amount of \$31,000.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

13. RESOLUTION 04-2026-11 – GENERAL PROGRAM SCHOOL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, SAFE AND SECURE ENVIRONMENT:

On motion of Commissioner York, second by Commissioner Shanks, moved to adopt resolution 04-2026-11.

The motion to adopt 04-2026-11, General Program School Fund budget amendment to maintain safe and secure environment for all students, staff and visitors in the amount of \$639,756.41, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

14. RESOLUTION 04-2026-12 – GENERAL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, COUNTY COMMISSION:

On motion of Commissioner Gibson, second by Commissioner Mall, moved to adopt resolution 04-2026-12.

The motion to adopt 04-2026-12, approving General Fund Budget amendment helping fund the cost of two events, including a presentation portraying General and President Ulysses S. Grant and Fourth of July parade, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

14. RESOLUTION 04-2026-13 – GENERAL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE – ANIMAL SHELTER:

On motion of Commissioner Gibson, second by Commissioner Mall, moved to adopt resolution 04-2026-13.

The motion to adopt 04-2026-13, approving General Fund budget amendment to receive donations to help fund part of the cost to operated the Cumberland County Animal Shelter in the amount of \$10,000.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

15. RESOLUTION 04-2026-14 – GENERAL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

On motion of Commissioner Gibson, second by Commissioner Mall, moved to adopt resolution 04-2026-14.

The motion of adopt 04-2026-14, approving General Fund budget amendment for Sheriff's Department Mental Health Transport Grant vehicles maintenance in the amount of \$20,000.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

16. RESOLUTION 04-2026-15 – GENERAL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, EMS:

On motion of Commissioner Gibson, second by Commissioner Mall, moved to adopt resolution 04-2026-15.

The motion of adopt 04-2026-15, approving General Fund, budget amendment for EMS Training supplement for full-time employees in the amount of \$24,000.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

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17. RESOLUTION 04-2026-16 – GENERAL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT:

On motion of Commissioner Gibson, second by Commissioner Mall, moved to adopt resolution 04-2026-16.

The motion of adopt 04-2026-16, approving General Fund, budget amendment for Sheriff’s Department for meeting the requirements of the Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Commission and the Commerce and Insurance Commission to distribute incentives to personnel in the amount of \$46,400.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

18. RESOLUTION 04-2026-17 – GENERAL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, FIRE DEPARTMENT:

On motion of Commissioner Gibson, second by Commissioner Mall, moved to adopt resolution 04-2026-17.

The motion of adopt 04-2026-17, approving General Fund, budget amendment for Fire Department to receive a grant from the State of Tennessee to purchase air compressor in the amount of \$64,500.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present

19. RESOLUTION 04-2026-18 – GENERAL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, OPIOID TASK FORCE:

On motion of Commissioner Gibson, second by Commissioner Mall, moved to adopt resolution 04-2026-18.

The motion of adopt 04-2026-18, approving General Fund budget amendment to receive funding from the defendants of the national opioid litigation settlement payments in the amount of \$424,809.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present

20. RESOLUTION 04-2026-19 – ACKNOWLEDGING THE CORRECTION OF FUND BALANE FOR CERTAIN COUNTY FUNDS:

On motion of Commissioner Gibson, second by Commissioner Mall, moved to adopt resolution 04-2026-19.

The motion of adopt 04-2026-19, approving the correction of fund balances 2023-2024 fiscal year for Courthouse Maintenance Fund \$4,017,865, Sanitation Fund \$1,047,914, Special Purpose Fund \$7,423,172, Highway Fund \$5,150,090 and General-Purpose School Fund \$18,547,217, 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. 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 January, February and March 2026. This reconciliation includes all county funds and all board of education funds. Commissioner Sherrill questioned the was there any pattern for the reason for the EMS collections. Director Turner stated there was some issues in closing accounts out that have been dealt with and should have a favorable result for the account in the coming months. Director stated the upcoming all day budget meeting will be held April 30, 2026 in the small courtroom on the 3rd floor of the courthouse.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT:

Attorney Philip Burnett reported a couple of federal cases that are law enforcement related and are going as expected. There are a couple local cases that are getting close to being resolved. There does not seem to be any person expose in any of the current cases.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT:

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Commissioner Isham stated the Emergency Services Committee meet early this month. He is proposing that the commissioners consider doing a ride along with County Fire Department, Sheriff's Department and the EMS just to get a good experience as to what these departments face on a day-to-day basis. He also stated the Rescue Squad of Cumberland County is a volunteer program that needs the praise of the commission for their work for our county.

21. ELECTION OF NOTARIES:

On motion of Commissioner Maxwell, second by Commissioner Sherrill, moved to elect a Charly Alizabeth Abston, Heidi L. Barnwell, Richard A. Berger, Olana Burgess, Lee Burnett, Billy Cain, Stacie D. Cox, Alexander Dossman, Madison M. Golliher, Jatton Martin, Matthew A. Mathis, Christina G. Meadows, S. Darryl Meadows, Paula J. Miller, Robert Eugene Morris, Lori Neal, Jeffrey D. Phipps, Cheyenne Sunner Schubert, Barbara Spriggs, Heather R. Varney, Heather White, Sharon Whitfield, as notaries public for the State of Tennessee.

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

22. ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Commissioner Sherrill, second by Commissioner Gibson moved the April 20, 2026 commission meeting to be adjourned at 6:31 P.M.

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

MINUTES APPROVED FOR ENTRY THIS 18 DAY OF MAY 2026.



Allen Foster, County Mayor
Chairman, Cumberland County
Commission



Jule Bryson
Cumberland County Clerk