

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

May 18, 2026 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Be it remembered that the Cumberland County Commission met in regular monthly session on Monday, May 18, 2026, at the Cumberland County Courthouse, 2 North Main Street 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 then asked Commissioner Wendell Wilson 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	Sue Ann York
Tom Isham	
Karen Shanks	Darrell Threet
David Gibson	Charles Seiber
Jack Davis	Terry Lowe
Wendell Wilson	Joseph Sherrill
Mark Baldwin	Jerry Cooper
Greg Maxwell	Deborah Holbrook (ABSENT)
Colleen Mall	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 MAY 18, 2026, 2026 COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA:

On motion of Commissioner Seiber, second by Commissioner Sherrill moved to approve the May 18, 2026 agenda. Bundling the following: RES 05-2026-4 through RES 05-2026-12.

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 20, 2026 CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING:

On motion of Commissioner York, second by Commissioner Gibson, moved to approve the April 20, 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 RECOGNITION:

Mayor Foster welcomed everyone to the first meeting held in the newly remodeled Courthouse commission meeting room. He thanked Beth Davis for helping get the courtroom set up along with County Attorney Philip Burnett for the temporary sound system. He also thanked James Houston for the hospitality shown during the month that the commission meeting was held in the Art Circle Public Library. Mayor Foster invited everyone to the upcoming open house at the courthouse to be held on Friday, June 5, 2026 at 4:00 – 6:00 PM. Boy Scout Troop 374 was in attendance to earn their Citizenship in the Community merit badge.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Benjamin Nakdimen, 230 River Road, Crossville spoke regarding the Silicon Ranch installing a solar farm in Cumberland County. Jean Cheely, 446 Lantana Road, Crossville also spoke regarding the solar farm installation by Silicon Ranch any water they may need now or in the future. Lane Tribble, Mountain Preserve Pkwy, Crossville wanted to know how to get his business on the list to have road work completed in his area. Commissioner Sherrill stated he and Commissioner Wilson will help get his road on the list.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. RESOLUTION 05-2026-1 – TO APPOINT ADDITIONAL MEMBER TO THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION:

On motion of Commissioner Wilson, second by Commissioner Sherrill, moved to adopt resolution 05-2026-1.

The motion to adopt 05-2026-1, appointing Willie Freeman, Bill Hargis, Daniel Husk, Teddy Wanamaker, Jim Inman and Craig Clark to the Cumberland County Board of Equalization with term expiring April 30, 2028 carried by a unanimous voice vote from the commission present with Commissioner Seiber abstaining from the vote.

4. RESOLUTION 05-2026-2 – APPOINTING A MEMBER TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT & PURCHASING COMMITTEE:

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Wilson, moved to adopt resolution 05-2026-2.

The motion to adopt 05-2026-2, appointing Joe Sherrill to fill the current vacancy on the Financial Management & Purchasing Committee with term to expire August 31, 2026, carried by unanimous voice vote from the commission present.

5. RESOLUTION 05-2026-3 – GENERAL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, FIRE DEPARTMENT:

On motion of Commissioner Maxwell, second by Commissioner Cooper, moved to adopt resolution 05-2026-3.

The motion to adopt 05-2026-3, approving General Fund budget amendment donated monies for the Cumberland County Fire Department in the amount of \$5,000.00, carried by unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

6. RESOLUTION 05-2026-4 – FEDERAL PROGRAM SCHOOL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, SALARY & BENEFITS LINE:

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Sherrill, moved to adopt resolution 05-2026-4.

The motion to adopt 05-2026-4, approving Federal Program School Fund budget amendment to increase Salary and Benefits Lines in the amount of \$8,000.00, carried by unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

7. RESOLUTION 05-2026-5 – FEDERAL PROGRAM SCHOOL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, FEDERAL 911 REALLOCATIONS:

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Sherrill, moved to adopt resolution 05-2026-5.

The motion to adopt 05-2026-5, approving Federal Program School Fund budget amendment for Federal 911 reallocation of funds in the amount of \$1,500.00, carried by unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

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8. RESOLUTION 05-2026-6 – FEDERAL PROGRAM SCHOOL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, FEDERAL IDEA 901 REALLOCATION:

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Sherrill, moved to adopt resolution 05-2026-6.

The motion to adopt 05-2026-6, approving Federal IDEA 901 budget amendment for revision of reallocated funds in the amount of \$165,000.00, carried by unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

9. RESOLUTION 05-2026-7- GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUNDS, BUDGET AMENDMENT, REVISION:

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Sherrill, moved to adopt resolution 05-2026-7.

The motion to adopt 05-2026-7, approving General Purpose School Fund budget amendment for change of needs textbooks and building construction in the amount of \$25,000.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

10. RESOLUTION 05-2026-8 – GEAR UP STATE/FEDERAL FUNDED, BUDGET AMENDMENT, GEAR UP GRANT REVISION:

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Sherrill, moved to adopt resolution 05-2026-8.

The motion to adopt 05-2026-8, approving State/Federal Grant budget amendment for GEAR UP grant in the amount of \$5,000.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

11. RESOLUTION 05-2026-9 – GENERAL PROGRAM SCHOOL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, LEGAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS:

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Sherrill, moved to adopt resolution 05-2026-9.

The motion to adopt 05-2026-9, approving General Program School Fund budget amendment for legal services based on estimated costs in the amount of \$40,000.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

12. RESOLUTION 05-2026-10 – GENERAL PROGRAM SCHOOL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, TVA ENERGY RIGHT GRANT FOR NORTH CUMBERLAND ELEMENTARY:

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Sherrill, moved to adopt resolution 05-2026-10.

The motion to adopt 05-2026-10, approving General Program School Fund budget amendment from the TVA Energy Right grant for North Cumberland Elementary in the amount of \$9,980.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

13. RESOLUTION 05-2026-11 – RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION GRANT, BUDGET AMENDMENT, REALLOCATION:

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Sherrill, moved to adopt resolution 05-2026-11.

The motion to adopt 05-2026-11, approving General budget amendment Recruitment and Retention Grant in the amount of \$558.77, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

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14. RESOLUTION 05-2026-12 – GENERAL PROGRAM SCHOOL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, UPDATING STUDENT TECHNOLOGY DEVICES:

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Sherrill, moved to adopt resolution 05-2026-12.

The motion to adopt 05-2026-12, approving General Program School fund budget amendment replacing and updating student technology devices in the amount of \$475,000.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

15. RESOLUTION 05-2026-13 – APPROVING AN ENERGY SITING AGREEMENT BETWEEN SR COPELAND, LLC, SILICON RANCH CORPORATION, AND CUMBERLAND COUNTY:

On motion of Commissioner Gibson, second by Commissioner Isham, moved to adopt resolution 05-2026-13.

Discussion: County Attorney Philip Burnett stated the Silicon Ranch owns the property where their solar farms will be situated. Cumberland County has no zoning so therefore, there are two options. Option one to create an energy siting agreement which is what this resolution preposes with some rules and regulations. The second option is not to enter into this agreement. The Silicone Ranch has the right to obtain a building permit and gives them a three (3) year moratorium keeping the county from being able to change anything pertaining to this project. Silicon Ranch and their attorneys have worked with the county attorney to develop this agreement. Attorney Burnett further stated Cumberland County does not have any rules pertaining to data centers at this time. He also stated Silicon Ranch has verbally agreed to putting language in this agreement stating they would not allow data centers to be constructed on their property if this commission would need that added to the resolution. There was much discussion regarding the roads and water usage concern on this property.

The motion to adopt 05-2026-13, approving an Energy Siting agreement between SR Copeland LLC, Silicone Ranch Corporation and Cumberland County, Tennessee to develop and construct solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and related generation tie line carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

16. RESOLUTION 05-2026-14 – TO APPROVE EASEMENT DEEDS FOR THE CITY OF CROSSVILLE TRAFFIC SIGNAL REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT:

On motion of Commissioner Gibson, second by Commissioner Mall, moved to adopt resolution 05-2026-14.

The motion of adopt 05-2026-14, approving easement deeds for the City of Crossville for improvements in Traffic Signal Replacement project, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

17. RESOLUTION 05-2026-15 – CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE UPDATED CUMBERLAND COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN:

On motion of Commissioner Maxwell, second by Commissioner Baldwin, moved to adopt resolution 05-2026-15.

The motion of adopt 05-2026-15, approving the updated Cumberland County Parks and Recreation Master Plan improving strategic framework to guide future investments, improvements, and partnerships across the county's parks and recreation system, 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.

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COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT:

Attorney Philip Burnett reported there are three current federal cases at this time. There does not seem to be any personal expose in any of the current cases.

21. ELECTION OF NOTARIES:

On motion of Commissioner Maxwell, second by Commissioner Gibson, moved to elect a Sharon E. Brock, Payt Bussey, Morgan Driskill, Kristina Fisher, Jacklyn Alexis Lavigne, Taylor Law, Tom Parham, Tammy R. Pugh, Jeremy Shoemaker, Jessica Walton, as notaries public for the State of Tennessee.

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

22. ADJOURNMENT:

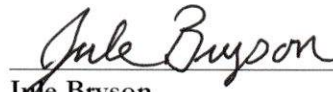
On motion of Commissioner Sherrill, second by Commissioner Cooper moved the May 18, 2026 commission meeting to be adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

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

MINUTES APPROVED FOR ENTRY THIS 15th DAY OF JUNE 2026.



Allen Foster, County Mayor
Chairman, Cumberland County
Commission



Julie Bryson
Cumberland County Clerk