

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

July 20, 2026 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Be it remembered that the Cumberland County Commission met in regular monthly session on Monday, July 20, 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 Tim Chesson from Faith Worship Center 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 (ABSENT)
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 JULY 20, 2026 COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA:

On motion of Commissioner Holbrook, second by Commissioner Sherrill moved to approve the July 15, 2026 agenda.

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 15, 2026 CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING:

On motion of Commissioner York, second by Commissioner Gibson, moved to approve the June 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 congratulated the 2026 Stone Memorial High School 2026 Lady Panthers softball team on winning both District and Regional Championships and advancing to the TSSAA State Tournament.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following citizens spoke regarding the resolution presented to the commission urging T-Mobile Wireless to restore reliable wireless telecommunications service to the Grassy Cove Community: Terry Senefield, 815 Old Flynn's Cove Rd, Susanne Wilson, 806 Ford Lane, Monica Hackett, 5700 Hwy 68, Pit Kemmer, 1055 Kemmer Road. John R. West III, 172 Tom Welch Rd had questions regarding the public record management, is there a verification system documents used by county offices and how are those monitored for county offices used for accuracy and are there audits completed for each Sheriff, Finance department and the Clerks office.

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NEW BUSINESS:

3. RESOLUTION 07-2026-1 – URGING T-MOBILE WIRELESS TO PROMPTLY RESTORE RELIABLE WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE TO THE GRASSY COVE COMMUNITY AND REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS (WILSON):

On motion of Commissioner Wilson, second by Commissioner Potter, moved to adopt resolution 07-2026-1.

Discussion: Commissioner Wilson stated he has provided a list of emergency services that have been dispatched to the area during the past year. Commissioner Sherrill stated the Crab Orchard area is also affected by this were outage. Commission York wanted to know if any other elected officials had been contacted. Mayor Foster stated there was elected officials aware of this issue.

The motion to adopt 07-2026-1, urging T-Mobile wireless to promptly evaluate the loss of cellular service in the Grassy Cove community and restore reliable wireless communications to the area as soon as reasonably practicable, 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 sales tax for July 2026. All reconciliations have been completed with the Trustees office.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT:

Attorney Philip Burnett reported no new lawsuits for the previous 30 days. There are six (6) active suits, some more active than others. There will be a change with our litigation attorney for Cumberland County. He has worked with the insurance pool to settle on a new attorney for these cases. Scott Willard will be the new attorney out of LaFollette, Tennessee. Commissioner Holbrook asked what the status of the new committee for data center research. Mayor Foster stated the committees would be put in place in September after the election.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Davis stated the Budget Committee has completed the budget process and will be ready to present the 2026-2027 budget for the Full Commission on Monday, August 3, 2026 at 4:30 PM.

5. ELECTION OF NOTARIES:

On motion of Commissioner Maxwell, second by Commissioner Holbrook, moved to elect Brandy L. Allred, Melissa Berry, Deborah R. Dannels, Michelle A. Davis, Theresa Marie Divico, Jennifer N. Griffin, Angela J. Hicks, Gina L. Konopka, Torey LaMontagne, Carol Lynne Marco, Kelly McCreary, Teri Moore, Susan Oakes, Clark West, Daniel Zamora as notaries public for the State of Tennessee.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Wilson asked TJ Williams from Cumberland County E-911 to speak regarding the Family Residential Survey. This is a questionnaire to give the E-911 response teams a brief idea of who lives in the residence and if there is any information that can help better serve our citizens. This data is helpful in a emergency situation if a residence has a disability, home security systems with specific entry instructions etc. There is a link on the website or at cumberlandtn911.org.

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6. ADJOURNMENT:

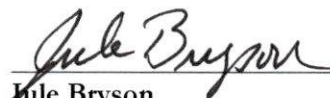
On motion of Commissioner Sherrill, second by Commissioner Gibson moved the July 20, 2026 commission meeting to be adjourned at 6:39 P.M.

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

MINUTES APPROVED FOR ENTRY THIS 17 DAY OF AUGUST 2026.



Allen Foster, County Mayor
Chairman, Cumberland County
Commission



Julie Bryson
Cumberland County Clerk