

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

August 17, 2026 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Be it remembered that the Cumberland County Commission met in regular monthly session on Monday, August 17, 2026, at the Cumberland County Courthouse, 2 North Main Street in Crossville, Tennessee. Cumberland County Mayor Allen Foster called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present and presiding was Commission Chairman, Mayor Allen Foster.

Mayor Foster then asked Ralph Reagan from Bread of Life 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 (ABSENT)	Sue Ann York
Tom Isham	
Karen Shanks	Darrell Threet (ABSENT)
David Gibson	Charles Seiber
Jack Davis (ABSENT)	Terry Lowe
Wendell Wilson	Joseph Sherrill
Mark Baldwin	Jerry Cooper
Greg Maxwell	Deborah Holbrook
Colleen Mall (ABSENT)	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 AUGUST 17, 2026 COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA:

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Sherrill moved to approve the August 17, 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 JULY 20, 2026 CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING:

On motion of Commissioner York, second by Commissioner Gibson, moved to approve the July 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 recognized the Cumberland County 4-H members on an outstanding year in horse and livestock judging. They earned top honors at regional and state competitions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Howard Burnett, 553 Gardens Drive spoke regarding the Flock Camera in the Cumberland County area. Terrence Schofield, PO Box 203 Crab Orchard spoke regarding lack of wireless service in his area of the county, James Honeycutt, 1792 Daysville Road, spoke regarding changes to Pig Path Road in the Westel area, David Gregorowicz, 113 Pomona Road spoke regarding the Milo Lemert statue that will be placed at the memorial site on Main Street, Jerry Brownstead, 580 Lantana Road spoke regarding the Milo Lemert statue placement.

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NEW BUSINESS:

3. RESOLUTION 08-2026-1 – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY TO SIGN A PROPOSAL WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR STATE PROJECT NOS. 18S299-S1-004, 18S299-S3-005, AND 18S299-S2-005 (FOSTER):

On motion of Commissioner Sherrill, second by Commissioner Wilson, moved to adopt resolution 08-2026-1.

Discussion: Commissioner Sherrill stated after some questioning he is certain there is no plan to close Pig Path Road in the Westel Community, Mayor Foster confirmed he has no knowledge of there being any closure plans to Pig Path Road, Commissioner Wilson reiterated that the only way a road in Cumberland County can be closed is by going through committee and then onto a full commission vote, a closure would have to be a unanimous vote.

The motion to adopt 08-2026-1, approving the proposal provided by the Tennessee Department of Transportation for state project numbers 18S299-S1-004, 18S299-S3-005, AND 18S299-S2-005, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

4. RESOLUTION 08-2026-2 – TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY COMPLEX:

On motion of Commissioner York, second by Commissioner Mall, moved to adopt resolution 08-2026-2.

Discussion: Commissioner Lowe stated he would have to vote no on the resolution as it is presented. He felt this is two (2) projects and would need to be voted on separately. Mayor Foster stated these would be treated as two (2) separate projects and this is only the contract for architectural services. Commissioner Seiber stated concern with these buildings going before Building and Grounds Committee before any money is allocated. Again, Mayor Foster stated this resolution is to confirm Upland Design as the Architect for this project, should the buildings be built.

The motion to adopt 08-2026-1, approving Upland Design Group for professional services for the architectural services for the Community Complex, carried by a roll call vote of eleven (11) ayes from Commissioners York, Isham, Shanks, Gibson, Wilson, Sherrill, Baldwin, Cooper, Maxwell, Mall and Patterson and two (2) nays from Commissioners Lowe and Seiber.

COUNTY FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Finance Director Jennifer Turner reported the 2025-2026 final budget has been submitted to the state. The finance department is working on getting the 2026-2027 budget in place. Director Turner gave the August reports for EMS, Hotel/Motel and Sales Tax.

COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT:

Attorney Philip Burnett reported no new lawsuits for the previous 30 days. There are five (5) active suits they intend to defend being handled by Scott Miller's firm from east Tennessee with positive communication from the firm. He reiterated that Pig Path Road would not meet the county's regulations to close the road.

5. ELECTION OF NOTARIES:

On motion of Commissioner Maxwell, second by Commissioner Cooper, moved to elect Sheila Caldwell, Amber Desylva, Susan G. Harvey, Amy C. Houston, Fred C. Houston, Camie Johnson, Tasha M. Johnson, Jacqueline Koko, Karen M. Lankford, Brooke Luna, Peggy Ann Marsh, Roy C. Meadows Jr., Melissa J. Overfelt, Arland Pappas, Jodi Randolph, Drew Sanner, John Stubbs, Aquilla Sullivan, Stephen R. Sullivan, Lauren K. Wilson, as notaries public for the State of Tennessee.

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Foster announced the upcoming swearing-in ceremony scheduled for Friday, August 28 at 5:00 PM and a Special Call meeting to set committees for the commission on Tuesday, September 1 at 5:00 PM. Commissioner Wilson stated the Grassy Cove area's wireless communication is improving with T-Mobile improvements.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Commissioner Sherrill, second by Commissioner Gibson moved the August 17, 2026 commission meeting to be adjourned at 6:41 P.M.

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

MINUTES APPROVED FOR ENTRY THIS 21 DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.



Allen Foster, County Mayor
Chairman, Cumberland County
Commission

Jule Bryson
Cumberland County Clerk