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**CUMBERLAND COUNTY CLERK**

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February 6, 2026

**TO:** Cumberland County Commission, County Mayor, and News Media  
**FROM:** Jule Bryson, Cumberland County Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Tuesday, February 17, 2026  
Regular Monthly Meeting of the Cumberland County Commission

Take notice, the Cumberland County Commission, the governing body of Cumberland County, will meet in regular, open and public session at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

The meeting will be held in the Cumberland Room located at the Art Circle Public Library, at 3 East Street, Crossville, TN. Where at which time and place the said Cumberland County Commissioners will consider such public business as may lawfully come before it.

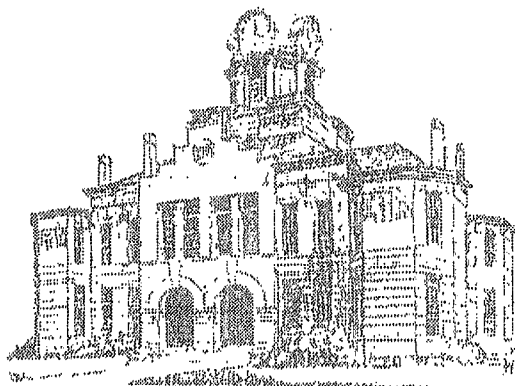
If a member of the public desires to speak, he or she may do so by coming forward during the "Comments by the General Public" section of the meeting.

THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS GIVEN pursuant to Title 8, Chapter 44, Part 1, *Tennessee Code Annotated* and other pertinent requirements of the County.

Attached is a copy of the agenda as of this date. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Jule Bryson,  
Cumberland County Clerk

JB/cwt  
Enclosures



# CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSION

## MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

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Tuesday, February 17, 2026

6:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

1. Call to order: Chairperson or Cumberland County Sheriff
2. Invocation
3. Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America
4. Roll Call: Cumberland County Clerk Jule Bryson
5. Approval of February 17, 2026 Cumberland County Commission Meeting Agenda
6. Approval of January 20, 2026 Cumberland County Commission Monthly Minutes
7. Special recognitions, memorials, etc.
8. Comments by the General Public
9. Unfinished Business
10. New Business:

**RESOLUTION 02-2026-1 – GOVERNING PERMITS FOR THE SALE OF BEER CLOSE TO A PLACE OF PUBLIC GATHERING (SHERRILL)**

**RESOLUTION 02-2026-2 – CLARIFYING PURCHASING POLICY REGARDING SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS (SEIBER)**

**RESOLUTION 02-2026-3 – GENERAL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (THREET)**

**RESOLUTION 02-2026-4 – APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD (MALL)**

**RESOLUTION 02-2026-5 – ACKNOWLEDGING THE CORRECTION OF FUND BALANCE FOR 121 (GIBSON)**

**RESOLUTION 02-2026-6 – AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER AND CLOSURE OF FUND 127 RELATED TO ARPA INTEREST AND THE CORRECTION OF BROADBAND EXPENDITURES (THREET)**

**RESOLUTION 02-2026-7 –DECLARING THE COMPLETION OF THE RENOVATION OF THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ARCHIVES BUILDING AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF REMAINING FUNDS (ISHAM)**

**RESOLUTION 02-2026-8 – GENERAL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, OTHER ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, SAFE BABY COURT (MALL)**

**RESOLUTION 02-2026-9 – GENERAL PROGRAM SCHOOL FUND, GENERAL BUDGET AMENDMENT, SAFE SCHOOL COUNSELORS (MALL)**

**RESOLUTION 02-2026-10 – GENERAL PROGRAM SCHOOL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT STEM CLASSROOM AWARD (MALL)**

# CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSION

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**RESOLUTION 02-2026-11 – GENERAL PROGRAM SCHOOL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, LINE-ITEM GENERAL BUDGET AMENDMENT, TECHNOLOGY FUNDS (MALL)**

**RESOLUTION 02-2026-12 – GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, ISM STATE GRANT (MALL)**

**RESOLUTION 02-2026-13 – GENERAL PROGRAM SCHOOL FUND, GENERAL BUDGET AMENDMENT, TVA ENERGY RIGHT FUNDS (MALL)**

**RESOLUTION 02-2026-14 – CENTRAL CAFETERIA FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM (MALL)**

11. County Official Reports
12. County Attorney Report
13. Standing Committee Reports
14. Statutory Committee Reports
15. Election of Notaries, Appointments, and Confirmations
16. Announcements and Statements
17. Adjournment

# CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

## January 20, 2026 Monthly Meeting Minutes

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Be it remembered that the Cumberland County Commission met in monthly session on Tuesday, January 20, 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 Steven Pickard of Faith Assembly of God 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, Solid Waste Director Conrad Welch, Director of Schools Rebecca Farley and the following County Commissioners:

Wiley Potter	Sue Ann York
Tom Isham	Nancy Hyder
Karen Shanks	Darrell Threet ( <b>ABSENT</b> )
David Gibson	Charles Seiber
Jack Davis	Terry Lowe
Wendell Wilson	Joseph Sherrill
Mark Baldwin	Jerry Cooper
Greg Maxwell	Deborah Holbrook
Colleen Mall	John Patterson ( <b>ABSENT</b> )

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 JANUARY 20, 2026 COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA:**

On motion of Commissioner Hyder, second by Commissioner Isham moved to approve the agenda of the January 20, 2026 agenda bundling Resolutions 01-2026-2 through 01-2026-5, 01-2026-6 through 01-2026-8 and 01-2026-10 through 01-2026-13.

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

### **2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2025 CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING:**

On motion of Commissioner Gibson, second by Commissioner Seiber, moved to approve the December 15, 2025 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.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Howard Burnett, 553 Gardens Drive spoke regarding legislation of Tennessee House Bill #809 regarding liabilities of the manufacturesdchemicals that affects our food supply.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **3. RESOLUTION 01-2026-1 – TO APPOINT TWO (2) JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER FOR CUMBERLAND COUNTY, TENNESSEE:**

On motion of Commissioner Gibson, second by Commissioner Hyder, moved to adopt resolution 01-2026-1.

The motion to adopt 01-2026-1, appointing Jennifer Phillips-Cross to be Judicial Commission Director for a two (2) year term and Joseph Moody to be Judicial Commissioner for a six (6) month term, carried by a unanimous voice vote.

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### **4. RESOLUTION 01-2026-2 – ADDING CHESTNUT RIDGE LANE AND CHESTNUT RIDGE COURT TO THE COUNTY ROAD LIST:**

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Sherrill, moved to adopt resolution 01-2026-2.

The motion to adopt 01-2026-2, adding Chestnut Ridge Lane (0.42 mi) and Chestnut Ridge Court (0.12 mi) to the Cumberland County Road List, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

### **5. RESOLUTION 01-2026-3 – ADDING RAQUET CLUB DRIVE TO THE COUNTY ROAD LIST:**

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Sherrill, moved to adopt resolution 01-2026-3.

The motion to adopt 01-2026-3, adding Raquet Club Drive (0.11 mi) to the Cumberland County Road List, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

### **6. RESOLUTION 01-2026-4 – EXTENDING HOUSTON DRIVE ON THE COUNTY ROAD LIST:**

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Sherrill, moved to adopt resolution 01-2026-4.

The motion to adopt 01-2026-4, adding extension of Houston Drive from 0.25 miles to 0.54 miles be added to the Cumberland County Road List, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

### **7. RESOLUTION 01-2026-5 – APPROVING THE 2026 CUMBERLAND COUNTY ROAD LIST:**

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Sherrill, moved to adopt resolution 01-2026-5.

The motion to adopt 01-2026-5, to approve the 2026 Cumberland County Road List, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

### **8. RESOLUTION 01-2026-6 – GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, ISM STATE GRANT:**

On motion of Commissioner Holbrook, second by Commissioner Wilson, moved to adopt resolution 01-2026-6.

The motion to adopt 01-2026-6, approving general purpose school fund for ISM Grant to account for a change in needs in the amount of \$90,099.05, carried by unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

### **9. RESOLUTION 01-2026-7 – GENERAL PROGRAM SCHOOL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, HEALTHY STUDENTS STRONGER LEARNERS GRANT:**

On motion of Commissioner Holbrook, second by Commissioner Wilson, moved to adopt resolution 01-2026-07.

The motion to adopt 01-2026-7, approving general purpose school fund budget amendment from Healthy Students Stronger Learners grant in the amount of \$1,200.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

### **10. RESOLUTION 01-2026-8 – CENTRAL CAFETERIA FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, USDA GRANT FUNDS:**

On motion of Commissioner Holbrook, second by Commissioner Wilson, moved to adopt resolution 01-2026-8.

The motion to adopt 01-2026-8, approving central cafeteria fund budget amendment for additional USDA grant funds in the amount of \$11,672.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

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### **11. RESOLUTION 01-2026-9 – GENERAL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, COUNTY COMMISSION:**

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Gibson, moved to adopt resolution 01-2026-9.

Discussion: Commissioner Lowe stated he felt there was not enough information before voting on this resolution. Commissioner Sherrill asked the mayor if he felt this purchase would add value to the Cumberland County Courthouse. Mayor Foster stated he looked for a solution to the audio needs within the courthouse. He feels this will solve the issues within the courthouse for the commission. Commissioner Cooper stated he thought this was the time to get this installed during construction. Commissioner Isham stated he thought this was the system to buy for the price. Commissioner York thought this was much needed system for the commission meetings.

The motion to adopt 01-2026-9, approving general fund budget amendment for audio upgrade and improve the audio system of the County Commission meeting room in the amount of \$40,000.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

### **12. RESOLUTION 01-2026-10 – HIGHWAY FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, HIGHWAY & BRIDGE MAINTENANCE LONGEVITY:**

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Gibson, moved to adopt resolution 01-2026-10.

The motion to adopt 01-2026-10, approving highway fund budget amendment for budget overrun highway & bridge maintenance longevity in the amount of \$584.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

### **13. RESOLUTION 01-2026-11 – SANITATION FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, RECYCLING CENTER LONGEVITY:**

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Gibson, moved to adopt resolution 01-2026-11.

The motion to adopt 01-2026-11, approving sanitation fund budget amendment for recycling center longevity overruns in the amount of \$737.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

### **14. RESOLUTION 01-2026-12 – GENERAL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, LONGEVITY EXPENDITURE:**

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Gibson, moved to adopt resolution 01-2026-12.

The motion to adopt 01-2026-12, approving general fund budget amendment for overruns in various departments longevity expenditures in the amount of \$10,181.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

### **15. RESOLUTION 01-2026-13 – GENERAL FUND, BUDGET AMENDMENT, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:**

On motion of Commissioner Mall, second by Commissioner Gibson, moved to adopt resolution 01-2026-13.

The motion to adopt 01-2026-13, approving general fund budget amendment for Sheriff's Department to receive additional funding from the State of Tennessee from a recruitment and retention grant in the amount of \$8,000.00, carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the commission present.

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### 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 October, November and December 2025. This reconciliation includes all county funds and all board of education funds.

### COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT:

Attorney Philip Burnett reported there are no new lawsuits in the previous 30 days. The county has one (1) active litigation. There have been a few resolved in the recent weeks. The county is in a good position from a litigation stand point.

### 17. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Sherrill announced the Road Subcommittee meeting to be held on February 11, 2026 at 4:00 at the Community Complex. This meeting will be combined with the S4A (Safe Streets for All) Committee. Discussion will include grants for road studies and surveys. Collier Group will give a presentation. There will be a survey sent out to Cumberland County residents regarding Safe Streets for All.

### 18. ELECTION OF NOTARIES:

On motion of Commissioner Maxwell, second by Commissioner Cooper, moved to elect Terri Alford, Kathy H. Burgess, Kenneth M. Chadwell, Karen S. Davis, Shannon Graham, Jerry Harris, Jacob Hunt, Tater James, Cara Sutton Kirschstein, April Neely, Mindy D. Newberry, Bobbie L. Pilgrim, Kaylee Pontious, Melanie Smith, Anita Smith, Donavan Wadsworth, Rhonda S. Wyatt 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 Hyder moved the January 20, 2026 commission meeting to be adjourned at 6:23 P.M.

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

MINUTES APPROVED FOR ENTRY THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

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Allen Foster, County Mayor  
Chairman, Cumberland County  
Commission

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Jule Bryson  
Cumberland County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 02-2026-1

**RESOLUTION GOVERNING PERMITS FOR THE SALE OF BEER CLOSE TO A PLACE OF PUBLIC GATHERING**

**WHEREAS**, T.C.A. § 57-5-105 mandates that an owner of a business desiring to sell, distribute, manufacture, or store beer in any Class A county outside the limits of any incorporated city or town shall file an application for a permit with the County legislative body or a committee appointed by the County legislative body; and,

**WHEREAS**, Cumberland County is not governed by a metropolitan government, and is therefore a Class A county; and,

**WHEREAS**, by previous Resolution, the Cumberland County legislative body has established a committee known as the Cumberland County Beer Board to review applications for permits to sell, distribute, manufacture, and store beer; and,

**WHEREAS**, T.C.A. § 57-5-105(b)(1), precludes beer being sold except in places where such sale will not cause congestion of traffic or interference with schools, churches, or other places of public gathering, or otherwise interfere with public health, safety, and morals, and allows the County legislative body to enforce said rule within two thousand (2000) feet of such places of public gathering in its discretion; and,

**WHEREAS**, over the years, the Cumberland County Beer Board has granted permits at distances less than two thousand (2000) feet and case law requires that a new resolution be entered establishing a new distance requirement; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Cumberland County legislative body intends to retain its right to object to the sale, distribution, manufacture, or storage of beer in an area even outside the minimum distance set in this resolution in the event that clear and convincing evidence is presented that said sale, distribution, manufacture, or storage of beer will cause congestion of traffic or interference with schools, churches, or other places of public gathering.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT:**

1. No beer will be sold, distributed, manufactured, or stored for commercial purposes at a location inside Cumberland County within one hundred (100) feet of a school, church, or other place of public gathering.
2. No beer will be sold, distributed, manufactured, or stored at a location inside Cumberland County up to two thousand (2000) feet from a school, church, or other place of public gathering after due public notice has been given and clear and convincing evidence has been brought forth showing that said sale, distribution, manufacture, or storage of said beer will interfere with a school, church, or other place of public gathering, or otherwise interfere with public health, safety, and morals.
3. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be enforced from and after February 17, 2026.

**ADOPTED** this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

**SPONSOR:**

Joe Sherrill

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

**APPROVE:**

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**County Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**County Clerk**

**RESOLUTION NO. 02-2026-2**

**A RESOLUTION CLARIFYING PURCHASING POLICY REGARDING SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS**

WHEREAS, Cumberland County, Tennessee has previously adopted purchasing policies governing the procurement of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, those purchasing policies are intended to promote efficiency, accountability, and proper fiscal controls while ensuring compliance with applicable laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury, Division of Local Government Audit, has recommended clarification regarding the use of purchase orders for certain recurring expenditures; and

WHEREAS, In addition to previously adopted purchasing policies, Cumberland County, Tennessee shall not require the issuance of a purchase order for monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual subscription or maintenance agreements; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislative Body finds that requiring a separate purchase order for such recurring subscription and maintenance agreements is not necessary for effective financial control when such expenditures are otherwise authorized, budgeted, and properly approved;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislative Body of Cumberland County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session, that in addition to previously adopted purchasing policies, Cumberland County, Tennessee shall not require the issuance of a purchase order for monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual subscription or maintenance agreements.

ADOPTED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

Sponsor: Charles Seiber by Jennifer Turner  
County Commissioner

Approval: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

**Resolution #** 02-2026-3

**Cumberland County, Tennessee  
General Fund**

To the Cumberland County Commission meeting in regular session this 17th day of February, 2026:

Whereas, qualified School Resource Law Enforcement Officers received pay supplements from the State of Tennessee for meeting the requirements of the Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Commission and the Commerce and Insurance Commission and it is necessary to distribute these incentives to these personnel, and

Whereas, the original budget appropriation requires adjustment to reflect the total supplements.

Therefore, be it resolved that the following budget amendment be adopted by the Cumberland County Commission:

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**

Increase Revenues:

101-46210	Law Enforcement Training Programs	\$4,000.00
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Increase Expenditures:

101-54110-140	Sheriff Salary Supplements	\$4,000.00
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Sponsor: *Danell D. Hunt*  
County Commissioner

Approval: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

Budget Committee Vote:  
Ayes:\_\_\_ Nays:\_\_\_ Abstain:\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION OF THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSION  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE  
CUMBERLAND COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, the Cumberland County Industrial Development Board (the "Industrial Development Board") serves an essential role in promoting industrial growth and economic development within Cumberland County; and

**WHEREAS**, Cumberland County has experienced an increase in development activity, resulting in both current and anticipated projects requiring professional services and administrative oversight; and

**WHEREAS**, the Industrial Development Board has incurred and anticipates additional necessary expenses related to these projects, including attorney fees and other professional and development-related costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Industrial Development Board has formally requested financial assistance from Cumberland County in the amount of **Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00)** to support such development-related expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Industrial Development Board anticipates receiving proceeds from the sale of the Spec Building currently under construction on Interchange Drive; and

**WHEREAS**, the Industrial Development Board has committed to reimbursing Cumberland County for the full amount of this appropriation upon receipt of said proceeds at the earliest possible opportunity;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Cumberland County Commission that the sum of **\$25,000.00** is hereby appropriated to the Cumberland County Industrial Development Board for the purpose of supporting current and upcoming development-related expenses, including legal, professional, and project-related costs; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Industrial Development Board shall reimburse Cumberland County for the full amount of this appropriation upon receipt of proceeds from the sale of the Spec Building located on Interchange Drive; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Mayor and appropriate county officials are authorized to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

ADOPTED by the Cumberland County Commission on this 17th day of February, 2026.

**General Fund  
County Commission**

Increase Expenditures:

101-51100-316 Contributions \$25,000.00

Decrease:

101-39000 Unassigned Fund Balance \$25,000.00

Sponsor:   
County Commissioner

Approval: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

Budget Committee Vote:  
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

**Cumberland County, Tennessee**

**A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE CORRECTION OF FUND BALANCE FOR FUND 121**

WHEREAS, Cumberland County, Tennessee maintains multiple governmental funds to ensure proper accounting and financial reporting; and

WHEREAS, during the 2023–2024 fiscal year, Cumberland County expended \$1,755,301.00 from Fund 121 for broadband-related expenditures; and

WHEREAS, said broadband expenditures should have been expended from Fund 127, rather than Fund 121; and

WHEREAS, during the 2024–2025 annual audit, this amount was reflected as a transfer from Fund 127 to Fund 121 in order to properly present the expenditure in accordance with accounting standards; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this audit adjustment, the Fund 121 fund balance was increased and reflected in the audit at \$7,423,172.08 as of June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Cumberland County Commission desires to formally acknowledge and document this audit adjustment for the County’s official records.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSION, meeting in regular session on February 17, 2026, that the County Commission hereby acknowledges and accepts the audit adjustment reflecting the transfer of \$1,755,301.00 from Fund 127 to Fund 121 related to broadband expenditures incurred during fiscal year 2023–2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be entered into the official minutes of the Cumberland County Commission and maintained as part of the County’s permanent financial records.

ADOPTED this 17th day of February:

Sponsor:   
County Commissioner

Approval: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

Budget Committee Vote:  
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

**Cumberland County, Tennessee**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER AND CLOSURE OF FUND 127 RELATED TO ARPA INTEREST AND THE CORRECTION OF BROADBAND EXPENDITURES**

To the Cumberland County Commission meeting in regular session this 17<sup>TH</sup> day of February, 2026:

WHEREAS, Cumberland County, Tennessee maintains separate governmental funds to properly account for revenues, expenditures, and restricted resources; and

WHEREAS, during fiscal year 2023–2024, Cumberland County expended \$1,755,301.00 for broadband-related costs from Fund 121; and

WHEREAS, such broadband expenditures should have been expended from Fund 127, rather than Fund 121; and

WHEREAS, Fund 127 consists solely of interest earned on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds; and

WHEREAS, Cumberland County has fully obligated all ARPA funds, and therefore the related interest is no longer required to be accounted for separately; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission desires to transfer the remaining interest balance to the General Fund and formally close Fund 127.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSION, meeting in regular session on February 17, 2026, that the remaining fund balance of \$481,328.33 in Fund 127 be transferred to the General Fund; that Fund 127 shall be closed upon completion of the transfer, as it is no longer required for accounting or reporting purposes.

ADOPTED this 17th day of February, 2026

**Increase Revenue:**

127-99100-590	Transfer Out	\$ 481,328.33
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**Increase Expenditures:**

127-58831-791	ARPA – Other Construction	\$ 481,328.33
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Sponsor:   
County Commissioner

Approval: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

Budget Committee Vote:

Ayes: 1 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

Cumberland County, Tennessee

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSION  
DECLARING THE COMPLETION OF THE RENOVATION OF THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ARCHIVES  
BUILDING AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF REMAINING FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, Cumberland County, Tennessee previously authorized and funded the renovation of the Cumberland County Archives building in order to preserve county records, improve facility conditions, and enhance public access; and

**WHEREAS**, the renovation of the Cumberland County Archives building has now been fully completed and all authorized work associated with the project has been concluded; and

**WHEREAS**, Fund 171 was established to finance the Cumberland County Archives building renovation project; and

**WHEREAS**, upon completion of the renovation project, a remaining balance exists in Fund 171; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fiscally responsible and in the best interest of Cumberland County to transfer the remaining unexpended funds to the Debt Service Fund; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMMISSION**, meeting in regular session on this 17th day of February, 2026, that the renovation of the Cumberland County Archives building is hereby declared complete, and the Cumberland County Finance Department is authorized and directed to transfer \$18,965.10 from Fund 171 to the Debt Service Fund (Fund 151) in accordance with applicable accounting standards and legal requirements.

ADOPTED this 17th day of February, 2026

**Capital Projects Fund**

**Decrease Fund Balance:**

171-39000 Fund Balance \$ 18,965.10

**Increase Expenditures:**

171-99100-590 Transfer Out \$ 18,965.10

**Debt Service Fund**

**Increase Revenue:**

151-49800 Transfer In \$ 18,965.10

**Increase Fund Balance:**

151-39000 Fund Balance \$ 18,965.10

Sponsor:

  
County Commissioner

Approval:

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County Mayor

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

Budget Committee Vote:

Ayes: 1 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

**Resolution # 02-2026-8**

**Cumberland County, Tennessee**

**General Fund**

To the Cumberland County Commission meeting in regular session this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026:

Whereas, the Cumberland County Commission approved **Resolution 12-2025-15** for a Safe Baby Court, and

Whereas, the State of Tennessee has chosen Cumberland County for a Safe Baby Court, and

Whereas, the Safe Baby Court is fully funded by the State of Tennessee and does not require any local match, currently this program will run through June 30, 2028, and

Whereas, the Safe Baby Court would provide various needs for children up to the ages of four (4) years old. By narrowing the focus to very young children, Safe Baby Courts can respond more appropriately to their developmental and emotional needs.

Whereas, this grant does allow for the Youth Service Director to receive a supplement for overseeing the grant, and

Whereas, the Judge is desirous to pay a supplement to the Youth Service Director. It is also understood that if the State no longer provides funding for this program, the position will go away as well as the supplement.

Therefore, be it resolved that the following budget amendment be adopted by the Cumberland County Commission:

**Other Administration of Justice**  
Safe Baby Court

Decrease Expenditures:

101-53900-499	Other Supplies and Materials	\$2,910.00
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Increase Expenditures:

101-53900-140	Salary Supplement	\$2,500.00
101-53900-201	Social Security	\$ 191.00
101-53900-204	State Retirement	<u>\$ 219.00</u>

Total		\$2,910.00
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Sponsor:

*Colleen Mall* by *Jennifer Turner*  
County Commissioner

Approval:

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County Mayor

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

Budget Committee Vote:

Ayes:\_\_\_ Nays:\_\_\_ Abstain:\_\_\_

**Resolution # 02-2026-9**  
Cumberland County, Tennessee  
General Program School Fund

WHEREAS the General budget requires revision to record receipt of funds from the CSW Foundation charitable fund to the district Safe School Counselors.

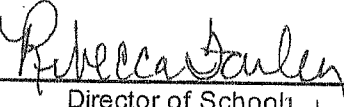
THEREFORE, be it resolved, by the Cumberland County Board of Education meeting on this 22nd day of January 2026, and by the Cumberland County Commission meeting on February 17th, 2026, that the following budget amendment be adopted.

**General Budget Amendment**

<b>Increase Revenue:</b>		
141-44570	Contributions & Gifts	\$500.00
Total Increase in Revenue		\$500.00
<b>Increase Expenditures:</b>		
141-72130-499	Other Supplies & Materials	\$500.00
Total Increase in Expenditures		\$500.00

SPONSORED BY:   
BOE Member

APPROVED BY:   
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:   
Director of School

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

Sponsor:   
County Commissioner

Approval: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Commissioner

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

Budget Committee Vote Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

**Resolution # 02-2026-10**

Cumberland County, Tennessee  
General Program School Fund

WHEREAS the General budget requires revision to record receipt of the funds from the TSIN/Battelle STEM Classroom Award (grant) for North Cumberland Elementary.

THEREFORE, be it resolved, by the Cumberland County Board of Education meeting on this 22nd day of January 2026, and by the Cumberland County Commission meeting on February 17th, 2026, that the following budget amendment be adopted.

**General Budget Amendment**

**Increase Revenue:**

141-48610

Citizen Group Donation

\$5,000.00

Total Increase in Revenue

\$5,000.00

**Increase Expenditures:**

141-71100-429

Instructional Supplies

\$5,000.00

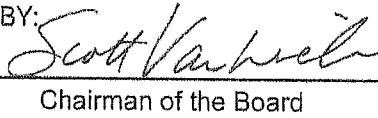
Total Increase in Expenditures

\$5,000.00

SPONSORED BY:

  
BOE Member

APPROVED BY:

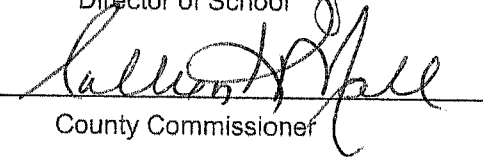
  
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

  
Director of School

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

Sponsor:

  
County Commissioner

Approval:

County Commissioner

Attest:

County Clerk

Budget Committee Vote

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

Resolution # 02-2026-11  
Cumberland County, Tennessee  
General Program School Fund

WHEREAS the General budget requires revision to reallocate technology funds.

THEREFORE, be it resolved, by the Cumberland County Board of Education meeting on this 22nd day of January 2026, that the following line item budget amendment be adopted.

**Line Item General Budget Amendment**

<u>Decrease Expenditure</u>		
141-72250-350	Internet	\$37,000.00
Total Decrease in Expenditure		\$37,000.00
<u>Increase Expenditures:</u>		
141-72250-336	Maintenance & Repair service	\$37,000.00
Total Increase in Expenditures		\$37,000.00

SPONSORED BY: [Signature]  
BOE Member

APPROVED BY: [Signature]  
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: [Signature]  
Director of School

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

Sponsor: [Signature]  
County Commissioner

Approval: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

Budget Committee Vote Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

Cumberland County, Tennessee  
General Purpose School Fund

WHEREAS the ISM State Grant for 2025-2026 required a revision to account for a change in needs.

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Cumberland County Board of Education meeting on this 22nd day of January 2026, and by the Cumberland County Commission meeting on this 16th day of February 2026, that the following budget be adopted:

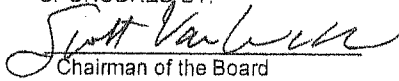
Decrease Expenditures:

141-72710-729-BROWN	Transportation Equipment	\$ 19,800.95
141-76100-799-BROWN	Other Capital Outlay	\$ 3,794.50
141-71300-730-COES	Vocational Instruction Equipment	\$ 3,000.00
141-76100-706-GMES	Building Construction	\$ 5,662.30
141-76100-799-GMES	Other Capital Outlay	\$ 1,837.70
141-71300-730-HOME	Vocational Instruction Equipment	\$ 2,000.00
141-71300-730-SMHS	Vocational Instruction Equipment	\$ 5,000.00
141-76100-706-SOUTH	Building Construction	\$ 15,000.00
141-76100-707-SOUTH	Building Improvements	\$ 4,375.00
<b>Total Decrease:</b>		<b>\$ 60,470.45</b>

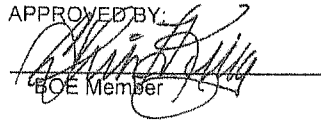
Increase Expenditures:

141-76100-706-BROWN	Building Construction	\$ 23,595.45
141-71300-429-COES	Instructional Supplies and Materials	\$ 3,000.00
141-76100-707-GMES	Building Improvements	\$ 7,500.00
141-76100-799-HOME	Other Capital Outlay	\$ 2,000.00
141-71300-429-SMHS	Instructional Supplies and Materials	\$ 5,000.00
141-71300-429-SOUTH	Instructional Supplies and Materials	\$ 4,375.00
141-71300-730-SOUTH	Vocational Instruction Equipment	\$ 15,000.00
<b>Total Increase:</b>		<b>\$ 60,470.45</b>

SPONSORED BY:

  
Chairman of the Board

APPROVED BY:

  
BOE Member

ATTEST:

  
Director of Schools

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

Sponsor:

  
County Commissioner

Approval: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Mayor

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

Budget Committee Vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

**Resolution # 02-2026-13**  
Cumberland County, Tennessee  
General Program School Fund

WHEREAS the General budget requires revision to recognize additional TVA Energy Right Funds.

THEREFORE, be it resolved, by the Cumberland County Board of Education meeting on this 22nd day of January 2026, and by the Cumberland County Commission meeting on February 17, 2026, that the following budget amendment be adopted.

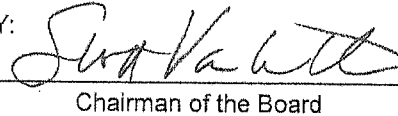
**General Budget Amendment**

<b>Increase Revenue</b>		
141-46851	State Revenue Sharing T.V.A.	\$221,183.74
Total Increase in Revenue		\$221,183.74
<b>Increase Expenditures:</b>		
141-91300-799	Educational Capital Projects	\$221,183.74
Total Increase in Expenditures		\$221,183.74

SPONSORED BY:

  
BOE Member

APPROVED BY:

  
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

  
Director of School

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

Sponsor:

  
County Commissioner

Approval:

County Mayor

Attest:

County Clerk

Budget Committee Vote

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

RESOLUTION # 02-2026-14  
Cumberland County, Tennessee  
CENTRAL CAFETERIA FUND



WHEREAS, the Cumberland County Board of Education/School Nutrition Program requests the following budget resolution be approved for additional USDA funds designated to minimize charges incurred for storage and distribution of USDA foods from state-contracted warehouses.

WHEREAS the Departments of Agriculture and Education receive formula-based federal funds for state administrative expenses (SAE), and USDA has a specific list of allowable state-level expenses for which these funds can be used. Included in USDA's definition of "state-level" is the storage/distribution costs paid by SFAs to state-contracted warehouses. The availability of funds will fluctuate each year, and the rebate program may or may not occur in the future depending on funding levels.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the following budget amendment be approved by the Cumberland County Board of Education meeting this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of **January 2026** and adopted by the Cumberland County Commission meeting this \_\_\_\_\_ day of **February 2026**.

**INCREASE REVENUES:**

143.47114 USDA Other \$2,920.32  
TOTAL INCREASE: \$2,920.32

**INCREASE EXPENDITURES:**


143.73100.354 Transportation -- USDA Foods/Commodity Delivery \$2,920.32  
TOTAL INCREASE: \$2,920.32

SPONSORED BY:  BOB KING  
BOE Member

SPONSORED BY:  ROBERT HILL  
County Commissioner

APPROVED BY:  SCOTT VANHOOK  
Chairman of the Board

APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Mayor

ATTEST:  REBECCA GOULEY  
Director of Schools

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
1760 South Main Street    Crossville, Tennessee 38555**

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NINTH DISTRICT

Colleen Mall  
John Patterson

**Beer Board Meeting Agenda**

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 6, 2026  
**TO:** All County Commissioners, County Mayor, County Attorney, Sheriff and News Media  
**FROM:** Commissioner Joseph Sherrill Chairman of the Cumberland County Beer Board

**MEETING DATE:**

**The Beer Board will be conducted with Commissioners on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 5:30 o'clock PM in the Cumberland Room located at the Art Circle Public Library, at 3 East Street, Crossville, TN**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Comments by General Public
3. Comments from County Attorney, Philip Burnett
4. Approval of Minutes: January 20, 2026 Beer Board Minutes
4. New Business:

Whitney Parkhill  
**Davy Crockett Campground**  
89 Wilderness Way  
Crossville, TN 38571

5. Other Business
6. Adjournment

**BEER BOARD MEMBERS:**

Darrell Threet (3<sup>rd</sup>) David Gibson (4<sup>th</sup>) Terry Lowe (5<sup>th</sup>) Joe Sherrill (6<sup>th</sup>) John Patterson (9<sup>th</sup>)

# CUMBERLAND COUNTY BEER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 17, 2025

5:30 PM

The Cumberland County Beer Board met on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 5:30 o'clock P.M. in The Cumberland Room located in the Art Circle Public Library at 3 East Street, Crossville, Tennessee. Present at the meeting was Beer Board Chairman Joseph Sherrill and Beer Board Members Commissioners Terry Lowe, David Gibson and Darrell Threet. Also present in the meeting was County Clerk Jule Bryson and county attorney Philip Burnett. Along with Commissioner Wiley Potter and Sue York, and Rhonda Potter. Chairman Sherrill called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

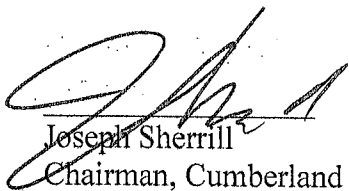
On motion of Commissioner Lowe, second by Commissioner Gibson move to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2025 Cumberland County Beer Board. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote from the Board members present.

Chairman Sherrill advised the Board of the one (1) application submitted for the Board's consideration.

1) Sunikumara J, Patel, Pomona Market

There being no objections to the permit being issued to Pomona Market, on motion of Commissioner Threet second by Commissioner Gibson moved to grant OFF Premises permit.

With no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Commissioner Lowe, second by Commissioner Gibson the meeting adjourned 5:32 o'clock PM. The motion to adjourn the November 17, 2025 Beer Board Meeting carried by a unanimous roll call vote from the Beer Board present.



Joseph Sherrill  
Chairman, Cumberland County Beer Board

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**Building and Grounds Committee**  
**November 24, 2025 | 4:30 pm**  
**Cumberland Room, Art Circle Public Library**

**Members (District):**

Sue York (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Nancy Hyder (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Karen Shanks (3<sup>rd</sup>)  
Charles Seiber (4<sup>th</sup>)  
Jaek-Davis (5<sup>th</sup>)  
Joe Sherrill (6<sup>th</sup>)  
Jerry Cooper (7<sup>th</sup>)  
Greg Maxwell (8<sup>th</sup>)  
John Patterson (9<sup>th</sup>)

**Others Present:**

Gary Nelson, *Crossville Chronicle*  
Torey LaMontagne, Mayor's Office, Minutes  
Marc & Kirsten, Lose Designs  
Mayor Allen Foster  
Donny Moody, Director, Parks & Rec  
James Houston, Director, Library  
Tom Isham, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Darrell Threet, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Terry Lowe, 5<sup>th</sup> District  
Wendell Wilson, 6<sup>th</sup> District  
Deb Holbrook, 8<sup>th</sup> District  
Danny Smith, President, Fair Board  
Dennis Flynn, Milo Lemmert Statue Committee  
Milo Lemmert Statue Committee members

**CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum present, Chair Charlie Seiber called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm on Monday, November 24, 2025 in the Cumberland Room of the Art Circle Public Library.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Nancy made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by John, none were opposed, and the motion carried. The minutes from the last meeting were approved as presented.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT(S)**

Charlie opened the floor for public comment(s) related to the agenda and there were none.

**COMMUNITY COMPLEX MASTER PLAN: LOSE DESIGNS**

Marc Bond was present with assistant Kirsten from Lose Designs to discuss the committee's vision for a master plan for the Cumberland County Community Complex. Mayor Foster spoke briefly about his support for a master plan for the complex. The committee was shown a presentation with a slide that showed the levels of possibility on a covered arena. The consensus from the committee was to go with at least the metal frame. There was also discussion about increasing the seating at the grandstands. Wendell Wilson mentioned that every one should research White and Smith County's multi-use facilities for further ideas.

**COURTHOUSE RENOVATION UPDATES**

Mayor Foster mentioned that the schedule is still on-time. Discussion was had about the brick walls in the front being original and uncovered after plaster containing asbestos was removed. The deadline for construction is May, and many of the challenges arising are due to the building still being occupied during the renovation.

**MILO LEMMERT STATUE COMMITTEE REQUEST**

Dennis Flynn of the Milo Lemmert Statue Committee was present with some details on the statue and a request for the building and grounds committee. The statue committee has raised funds to purchase and place a life-sized 110% rendition bronze statue of Sgt Lemert in downtown Crossville. The statue committee requested

the space in front of the gazebo by the Chamber of Commerce to be the home of the statue, and named "Milo Lemmert Medal of Honor Memorial Park." The statue committee had a strong recommendation for a company in Kansas City, Kansas that uses 100% American labor and materials. Nancy asked for clarification of which area was to be newly named. Mayor Foster mentioned that he would like the statue committee to work with his office to complete the project. Sue made a motion to approve the statue placement, the new name for the area, and for the statue committee to work with Mayor Foster's office until project completion. Nancy seconded the motion, none were opposed, and the motion carried.

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS, IF ANY:**

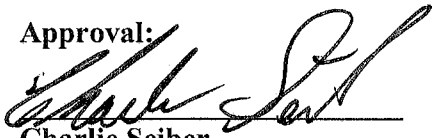
N/A

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Joe. The motion was seconded by John, none were opposed, and the motion to adjourn carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm on Monday, November 24, 2025 in the Cumberland Room at the Art Circle Public Library.

**Recorded and submitted by Torey LaMontagne.**

Approval:

  
Charlie Seiber

1/29/26  
Date

## **MINUTES**

Financial Management Committee  
of  
Cumberland County, Tennessee

Meeting Held  
at the  
Conference Room – 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Courthouse

January 23, 2026

### Members Present:

Jack Davis  
Stanley Hall  
Nancy Hyder  
Rebecca Farley  
Allen Foster  
Charles Seiber

Members Absent:  
John Patterson

Chairman Allen Foster called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. with the following business conducted:

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

After review of the minutes of the December 15, 2025 meeting, Commissioner Seiber made a motion to approve them as presented. The motion was seconded by Road Superintendent Hall and carried by voice vote.

### **REVIEW/APPROVAL OF BID ITEMS**

The following bid procurement items were presented to the Committee for consideration:

Item #1

#### **General Purpose School Fund – School Bus Bids**

*Motion to award to Mid-South Bus Center in the amount of \$173,984.00/ Each for (3) 90 Passenger Buses and \$168,935.00 for (1) 90 passenger bus by Commissioner Hyder.  
Seconded by Commissioner Davis and carried by Roll Call Vote.*

Item #2

**General Purpose School Fund – Tennis Courts @ Stone Memorial High School**

*Motion to award to Pro Tack and Tennis in the amount of \$106,000.00 by Commissioner Davis. Seconded by Road Superintendent Hall and carried by Roll Call Vote.*

Item #3

**Update to Cumberland County Purchasing Policy**

*An update was made to the purchasing policy that does not require a purchase order for monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual subscription or maintenance agreements. A motion was made by Commissioner Seiber. Seconded by Director of Schools Farley and carried by Roll Call Vote.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Road Superintendent Hall made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 A.M.

**MINUTES**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
**Of**  
**CUMBERLAND COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

Meeting Held  
At the  
Art Circle Public Library

January 06, 2026

Members Present:

Wiley Potter  
Tom Isham  
David Gibson  
Terry Lowe  
Wendell Wilson  
Mark Baldwin  
Deborah Holbrook  
Colleen Mall

Members Absent:

Darrell Threet

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Lowe called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. and the following business was conducted:

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

After review of the minutes from the December 2, 2025 meeting, Commissioner Holbrook made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Potter seconded the motion, and it carried by voice vote. Commissioner Mall abstained due to her absence from the meeting.

## **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

The following budget amendments were presented to the committee for consideration:

### **Resolution:1-2026-6**

General Purpose School Fund

Amount: \$90,099.05

Motioner: Mall

Secunder: Baldwin

Motion carried by voice vote.

Vote count 8Y-0N-0A

### **Resolution:1-2026-7**

General Purpose School Fund

Amount: \$1,200.00

Motioner: Mall

Secunder: Baldwin

Motion carried by voice vote.

Vote count 8Y-0N-0A

### **Resolution:1-2026-8**

Central Cafeteria Fund

Amount: \$11,672.00

Motioner: Mall

Secunder: Baldwin

Motion carried by voice vote.

Vote count 8Y-0N-0A

### **Resolution:1-2026-13**

General Fund

Sheriff

Amount: \$8,000.00

Motioner: Holbrook

Secunder: Potter

Motion carried by voice vote.

Vote count 8Y-0N-0A

**Resolution:1-2026-12**

General Fund

Amount: \$10,181.00

Motioner: Gibson

Secunder: Wilson

Motion carried by voice vote.

Vote count 8Y-0N-0A

**Resolution:1-2026-11**

Sanitation Fund

Amount: \$737.00

Motioner: Holbrook

Secunder: Mall

Motion carried by voice vote.

Vote count 8Y-0N-0A

**Resolution:1-2026-10**

Highway Fund

Amount: \$584.00

Motioner: Potter

Secunder: Holbrook

Motion carried by voice vote.

Vote count 8Y-0N-0A

The following budget amendments were presented to the committee for consideration:

**Line Item Budget Amendment**

Sheriff's Department

Mental Health Grant

Amount: \$19,548.00

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The Finance Director provided the committee with data on Local Option Sales Tax, EMS collections, prisoner boarding, and hotel-motel tax. Additionally, the committee received an update on fuel usage and associated costs.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Isham presented a proposal to amend the rules to require that budget packets be distributed to committee members at least 48 hours prior to a meeting to allow adequate time for review. A motion was made by Commissioner Holbrook to refer the proposal to the Rules Committee for review. Commissioner Isham seconded the motion. The motion carried by roll call vote, 8Y, 0N, 0A.

Commissioner Mall made a motion to place Resolution 01-2026-9 on the January 20, 2026 County Commission agenda for consideration of the purchase of a sound system for the newly renovated courthouse courtroom, at a total cost of \$40,000.00. Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote, with 8Y, 0N, 0A.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to be conducted, Commissioner Potter made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Baldwin seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:08 P.M.

## **MEETING MINUTES – Public Hearing on Utility Merger**

Date: December 18, 2025

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Lake Tansi Thunderbird Recreation Center

Presiding Officer: Mayor Foster

### **Opening Remarks – Mayor Foster**

Mayor Foster called the hearing to order at 5:00 PM to discuss the proposed merger between South Cumberland Utility District (SCUD) and Cumberland Plateau Water Authority (CPWA). Both boards have voted in favor of the merger. There were copies of those resolutions available for the public to view. These resolutions will be submitted to the official record and were provided as the final comments from the utilities. He also stated that, after this hearing, he would sign an order either approving or denying the petition. The Mayor's role is to determine:

1. Public convenience and necessity of the merger
2. Economic soundness and feasibility of the merger
3. Whether the merger is in the public interest

### **Presenter and Remarks**

Mayor Foster then opened the floor to Jack Davis, General Manager of SCUD. Mr. Davis stated that they had all looked at this merger quite a bit and that it was going to be a good thing overall and be in the best interest for SCUD customers.

Next presenter was Jeff Dyer, General Manager of Cumberland Plateau Water Authority. Mr. Dyer started by stating that CPWA's mission is to unite utilities for the benefit of the customers. They do this by enabling long-range planning, system-wide infrastructure investments, and coordinated water management. They focus on operational efficiencies and customer service. This merger benefits the entire region, not just South Cumberland customers. He said that discussions between SCUD and CPWA started in January 2025 about financials, operational efficiencies, and what it would mean for the customer. It was determined that best path forward for this region, for the water supply, the water rates, and customer service is to unite as one united utility.

## **Discussion - Questions from Mayor Foster**

Q: Will South Cumberland water rates change?

A: Jeff Dyer: Yes -there will be a 5% rate reduction on day one. Current CPWA minimum bill is \$15.68 vs. South Cumberland's \$20+. Goal is to equalize rates across the region using cost-sharing. Future rate study planned to continue reducing operational costs.

Q: What will happen to South Cumberland employees?

A: Jeff Dyer: When this Private Act was created in 2022, there was a specific provision put in there for employees. No employee can lose pay or benefits as a byproduct of the merger itself.

Q: Will the local South Cumberland office stay open?

A: Jeff Dyer: Yes, the South Cumberland office will remain open. Additional CPWA offices in town provide secondary service locations. The South Cumberland staff will continue serving customers as before.

Q: Is South Cumberland financially sound? What effect will the merger if approved, have on the South Cumberland Finances?

A: Jeff Dyer: South Cumberland is financially sound. They have \$3.6 million in cash and \$1.4 million in debt which is a good position to be in. CPWA's position is \$4.2 million cash and zero debt. The goal is to eliminate South Cumberland's debt, reducing future rate pressure.

Q: Why is the merger necessary and in the public interest?

A: Jeff Dyer: The key factors that make this merger necessary is explosive population growth (especially last 5 years), water supply pressure, aging infrastructure, operational efficiency through shared resources, long-term water supply planning, the State of Tennessee pushing for regionalization across state.

Q: What can this merger accomplish that SCUD could not? SCUD has been around a long time and has generally been effective at providing water. Why does that need to change?

A: Jeff Dyer: Having shared water resources will eliminate "middlemen" where SCUD is having to buy water and resell water to the customers. It will provide future funding access (regionalization is priority for state/federal dollars), for large infrastructure improvement projects that SCUD may not be able to afford by themselves.

Q: Do you feel confident that the mechanisms are in place to make this transfer occur as soon as possible?

A: Jeff Dyer: Yes - two months of preparation with South Cumberland team have CPWA ready to transition perfectly. CPWA will be ready day one for online bill pay, immediate operational cost reductions, and rate reduction implementation.

### **Public Comments**

Mayor Foster opened the floor for public comment.

John Lawry – 2139 Ona Road, Lake Tansi

Q: Will CPWA handle sewage system responsibilities?

A: Jeff Dyer: Yes, the Private Act allows for both water and wastewater. The discussions on wastewater will begin immediately post-merger. CPWA has certified wastewater experts on staff. Plans for infrastructure improvement will be developed over time.

Mike Chevier – 1012 Comanche Drive – Lake Tansi

Q: When you say you are going to do rate studies down the road. How often are we going to be looking at rate studies and when? When will the first one come around?

A: Jeff Dyer: CPWA is looking at within the first year doing the first rate study, and we would like to see one at least every three years.

Q: What is the status of other water utility mergers?

A: Jeff Dyer: Crab Orchard Utility has already fully merged, West Cumberland Utility voted to merge (Tuesday this week), and of course South Cumberland is the current discussion. CPWA has also been in talks with Grandview Water Utility and Fentress County. There have also been conversations with the City of Crossville and other regional utilities.

Q: With the other utility districts joining the authority, I have concerns about infrastructure funding priorities for Lake Tansi. Can you explain how that will work?

A: Tom Hassler is the representative for Lake Tansi on CPWA board and he stated: Our focus is on total infrastructure improvement, not individual districts. There will be more resources and equipment available through mergers with other utilities that provide more equipment and manpower to get the services done. CPWA is subject to same state regulations as all utilities so we have to take care of our customers and assets. Asset management and capital improvement plans are required.

Marian Spencer – 4033 Mocassin Lane – Lake Tansi

Q: With the merger of all these districts and the need for an increased water supply because of growth, what water resources are available for increased demand?

A: Jeff Dyer: A comprehensive water feasibility study is currently underway with an engineering firm. At the same time, CPWA is in active discussions with the Army Corps of Engineers to explore interconnectivity options within and between counties. The goal is to establish a short-term solution while continuing to evaluate a long-term, regional approach that would create a larger, more sustainable water supply. This regional model would distribute costs across a broader customer base, reducing the financial burden on residents served by smaller utility systems.

Steve Frantz – 3219 Pueblo Drive – Lake Tansi

Q: What is the rate history and future rate projection 3,4,5,10 years from now?

A: Jeff Dyer: Currently in the county today, CPWA rates are \$15.68 minimum, \$8.25 per thousand gallons, South Cumberland rates are \$20+ minimum, \$11 per thousand gallons, West Cumberland rates are \$25 minimum. For the future, CPWA's goal is to pull rates down through cost-sharing. The State Comptroller's Office plays a significant role in rate setting, so CPWA does not simply set rates on its own. This is why the upcoming rate studies are so important. They will allow us to clearly explain what your rate is, why you pay what you pay, what our operational costs are, and what it takes to deliver water to you. Our goal is to ensure a fair and transparent process for every customer.

CPWA also wants to avoid scenarios that could place unnecessary financial pressure on the customer. For example, if the merger does not move forward, SCUD has already

received a 10% rate increase from the City of Crossville for purchased water. If SCUD continues operating independently, it is likely that customers will eventually face a similar 10% rate increase. CPWA is trying to have minimal rate increases, not big jumps. We are trying to make sense of the rates and how to structure those rates.

### Mayor Foster

We've talked a lot about regionalization and the state. What is the state's position on regionalization as far as water source and funding?

A: The discussions to date point to one clear path: a regional approach. A sustainable future water supply—and the funding required to support it—will depend on shared costs and regional collaboration. When you think about regionalization logically, it becomes clear where investment should go: toward solutions that benefit the greatest number of people. If we are seeking state or federal dollars, we want to ensure those funds have the maximum impact on our communities, our county, and our region. A regional water authority is far better positioned to access those resources than any single utility operating on its own.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Foster then stated he would take all of the information that has been presented under advisement and issue an order either approving or denying this petition. Seeing there was nothing further, he announced the public hearing adjourned at 5:25 pm and thanked everyone for coming out.

## **MEETING MINUTES – Public Hearing on Utility Merger**

Date: January 8, 2026

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Pleasant Hill Community House

Presiding Officer: Mayor Foster

### **Opening Remarks – Mayor Foster**

Mayor Foster called the hearing to order at 5:00 PM to discuss the proposed merger between West Cumberland Utility District (WCUD) and Cumberland Plateau Water Authority (CPWA). Both boards have voted in favor of the merger. There were copies of those resolutions available for the public to view. These resolutions will be submitted with the official record and were provided as the final comments from the utilities. He also stated that, after this hearing, he would sign an order either approving or denying the petition. The Mayor's role is to determine:

1. Public convenience and necessity of the merger
2. Economic soundness and feasibility of the merger
3. Whether the merger is in the public interest

### **Presenter and Remarks**

Mayor Foster then opened the floor to Melissa Bryant, General Manager of WCUD. She stated that after looking at all the information, this merger would be best for both parties involved and the West Cumberland customers.

Next presenter was Jeff Dyer, General Manager of Cumberland Plateau Water Authority. Mr. Dyer started by thanking the board members of both the West Cumberland Utility and Cumberland Plateau Water Authority. He also thanked the people who had attended all the prior meetings. Mr. Dyer, representing the Cumberland Plateau Water Authority (CPWA), provided an overview of the merger process and its anticipated impacts. He addressed the following points:

#### **Background and Process**

The merger discussions have taken place over a 12-month period. The process included extensive evaluation of benefits and concerns for customers, employees, the community, and the region. Both utilities concluded that the merger would be beneficial for customers and employees.

## Purpose and Mission of the Water Authority

Regional population growth and rising operational costs are placing pressure on small, fragmented utilities. Consolidation strengthens long-term operational capacity and financial stability. The region faces increasing pressure on water supply volume; unified planning is needed. The Authority seeks to eliminate "middleman pricing" so customers receive the greatest benefit.

## Financial Overview of the Proposed Three-Utility Merger

Mr. Dyer noted that South Cumberland Utility is also participating, making the proposal a three-utility merger (Crab Orchard, South Cumberland and West Cumberland).

He provided the following financial snapshot:

- Combined cash on hand at merger: \$8.6 million
- Combined debt: \$3.9 million
- Planned debt retirement as part of the merger would leave the consolidated utility with:
  - \$4.7 million cash on hand
  - Zero debt

He stated that these conditions would position the merged utility to invest in infrastructure improvements and reduce long-term operating costs.

Mr. Dyer expressed full support for the merger, stating it is the best course for both employees and customers.

## **Discussion - Questions from Mayor Foster**

Q: Will West Cumberland water rates change?

A: Jeff Dyer: Yes -there will be an immediate 5% rate reduction. Goal is to equalize rates across the region using cost-sharing. Future rate study planned to continue reducing operational costs.

Q: What will happen to West Cumberland employees?

A: Jeff Dyer: All WCUD employees will be retained. When the Private Act establishing the CPWA was created in 2022, there was a specific provision put in there for employees. No employee can lose pay or benefits as a byproduct of the merger itself.

Q: Will the local West Cumberland office stay open?

A: Jeff Dyer: Yes, the West Cumberland office will remain open with the same operating hours.

Q: Is West Cumberland financially sound? What effect will the merger if approved, have on the West Cumberland Finances?

A: Jeff Dyer: WCUD is experiencing tightening financial conditions. Recent monthly operations showed approximately \$4,000 in positive balance, though this fluctuates. WCUD currently holds \$1.6 million cash on hand and \$2.4 million in debt. Rising operating costs and the fact that WCUD purchases its water limit its ability to control expenses. Without intervention, increased costs would likely be passed on to customers.

Q: Why is the merger necessary and in the public interest?

A: Jeff Dyer: The key factors that make this merger necessary is regional and statewide increases in utility operating costs, explosive population growth (especially last 5 years), water supply pressure, aging infrastructure, difficulty for small utilities to fund and manage long-term capital projects. He emphasized that consolidation allows for shared resources, improved planning, and reduced customer impact. Mr. Dyer stated that expanding the customer base across multiple utilities strengthens operational capacity and makes it easier to manage both short- and long-term infrastructure projects. He emphasized that a consolidated utility would operate more efficiently than multiple small utilities functioning independently.

Q: What can this merger accomplish that WCUD could not do on its own?

A: Jeff Dyer: The merger preserves the community-based nature of service delivery; the same employees will continue serving customers, with the only major personnel change being his own role. Consolidation reduces duplication of costs. For example, six separate utilities currently pay for six separate annual audits; a merged utility would require only one. Another reason is a unified utility is better positioned to access future funding, including grants and loans. The State of Tennessee has increasingly emphasized interconnectivity and regional cooperation among utilities. Funding opportunities are more readily available to larger, regionalized systems than to small, independent utilities.

Q: What is the State of Tennessee's position on regionalization?

A: Jeff Dyer: The State of Tennessee has supported regionalization efforts for approximately two decades. He stated that State agencies—including the Comptroller's Office, TDEC, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—consistently express support for mergers and regional utility models. At a recent statewide utility conference, an entire day was dedicated to the benefits of mergers. Representatives from the Comptroller's Office publicly identified the Cumberland Plateau Water Authority as an example of the type of regional utility model expected to expand across Tennessee.

Q: What is the State of Tennessee's position on water sources?

A: Jeff Dyer: Water supply challenges affect not only Cumberland County but five counties across the plateau. The state is encouraging interconnection among utilities to maximize existing water resources and ensure fair distribution. Regional planning is essential for securing future water supplies and developing large-scale projects that benefit entire regions rather than isolated service areas.

Q: Do you feel confident that the mechanisms are in place to make this transfer occur as soon as possible?

A: Jeff Dyer: Yes - West Cumberland staff, led by Ms. Melissa Bryant, have worked closely with CPWA staff to prepare for a smooth transition. The Authority is ready to absorb the utility quickly with no negative impact on customers. Customers should not experience any interruption or decline in service.

### **Public Comments**

Mayor Foster opened the floor for public comment. There was none.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Foster then stated he would take all of the information that has been presented under advisement and issue an order either approving or denying this petition. Seeing there was nothing further, he announced the public hearing adjourned at 5:15 pm and thanked everyone for coming out.

BEFORE THE COUNTY MAYOR OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN THE MATTER OF THE MERGER OF WEST )  
CUMBERLAND UTILITY DISTRICT OF )  
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, TENNESSEE )  
AND )  
CUMBERLAND PLATEAU WATER AUTHORITY )

**ORDER OF MERGER**

This administrative proceeding came on to be heard on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026, before the Honorable Allen Foster, of Cumberland County, Tennessee (the “County Mayor” or “Mayor”), upon the joint petition of West Cumberland Utility District of Cumberland County, Tennessee (WCUD, West Cumberland, or the District), and Cumberland Plateau Water Authority (“CPWA or the Authority”) for an order permitting the merger of WCUD with and into the Authority, statements of counsel representing the petitioners, statements of the public made in open hearing, the review and final comments of both boards, and the entire record, from all of which the County Mayor makes the following findings of fact and reaches the following conclusions of law:

1. WCUD is a public utility district organized and existing under and by virtue of the Utility District Law of 1937 (as amended), Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-82-101 *et seq.*, of the filing of the public benefit charter with the Secretary of State on July 27, 1978; with its main office and principal place of business located at 48 East Main Street, P.O. Box 94, Pleasant Hill, TN 38574. The Authority is a governmental entity organized and existing under and by virtue of a 2022 Private Act of Tennessee.

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Cumberland County Tennessee  
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2. WCUD's boundaries are within the boundaries of the Authority as prescribed in the Act; where WCUD is engaged in the wholesale sale of potable water to people and organizations of its district.

3. Both the District and the Authority believe they have a public responsibility to adequately plan and prepare for the future water needs of their current and future customers and recognize that cooperative regional efforts between utility agencies in the Cumberland County area are essential to the proper discharge of this duty.

4. The District has approached the Authority to merge with the Authority, under the terms of the Act, to address the District's long-term need for an adequate water supply for its existing customers and to future customers within the District's boundaries. The Mayor finds that the Authority is in a better position to serve the WCUD customers by taking a regional water supply approach.

5. The District and the Authority have agreed that the District's merger with the Authority, pursuant to the Act, will provide the District's customers with a sufficient water supply for the immediate future and will allow the interests of the present and future customers of the District's service area to continue to be served by a more efficient and convenient furnishing of water service.

6. The Authority, as part of the Consolidation Agreement contemplated herein (effectively a Merger Agreement under the statute), the Authority will continue to study and consider additional measures for addressing the utility needs of the Authority's and the District's future customers.

7. The District has determined that it is in the best interests of its current and future customers that the District be merged with the Authority and operated under the terms and conditions set forth in the Act and the Consolidation Agreement.

8. This merger is required by the public convenience and necessity, is economically sound and feasible, and in the public interest.

9. The Authority desires to establish a diversified source of revenue to finance and support, in as expeditious a manner as possible, accomplishment of its mandate under the Private Acts of comprehensive planning for the provision of water and wastewater services to the citizens and residents of Cumberland County, Tennessee.

10. The Private Act authorizes the transfer of water and wastewater procurement, collection, treatment, storage, and distribution systems from utility districts and municipalities within Cumberland County, Tennessee to the Authority.

11. In order to achieve the foregoing objectives, and more efficiently and conveniently to furnish the services for which their districts were created, the boards of commissioners of WCUD and the Authority deem it necessary and desirable, and in the best interest of the customers of their respective districts, that those districts be merged with and into the Authority pursuant to the provisions of the Private Act and the Utility District Law of 1937 (as amended), Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-82-101 *et seq.*

12. The board of commissioners of WCUD have determined that the merger of their respective districts with and into the Authority is required by the public convenience and necessity, and is economically sound and feasible and in the public interest.

13. The board of commissioners of the Authority has determined that the merger of WCUD with and into the Authority is necessary and desirable, is required by the public convenience and necessity, and is economically sound and feasible and in the public interest.

14. By resolution adopted December 16, 2025, the board of commissioners of WCUD concurred with the merger of that utility district with and into the Authority.

15. By resolution adopted December 22, 2025, the board of commissioners of the Authority concurred with the merger of WCUD with and into the Authority. The Authority and WCUD entered into a document titled "Consolidation Agreement" effective December 17, 2025 that effectively agrees that WCUD will merge into the Authority.

16. Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-82-202(e) authorizes the County Mayor of Cumberland County, Tennessee to enter an order approving the merger of WCUD with and into the Authority, and providing for the transfer of their assets, franchises, and liabilities to the Authority, upon a finding that such merger is required by the public convenience and necessity, and is economically sound and feasible and in the public interest.

17. The Mayor received a Joint Petition from the Authority and WCUD on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025. A public hearing upon the convenience and necessity of the merger of WCUD with and into the Authority (the "Public Hearing") was held within thirty (30) days after the County Mayor's receipt of the petition.

18. Notice of the date, place, time, and purpose of the Public Hearing was published in *The Crossville Chronicle*, a newspaper of general circulation in Cumberland County, Tennessee, not more than fifteen (15) nor less than seven (7) days prior to the date of the Public Hearing, as required by the provisions of Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-82-202.

19. Notice of the date, place, time, and purpose of the Public Hearing, and of the Authority's proposed service area was given via registered mail, return receipt requested, at least ten (10) days before the hearing, to the mayor of every city or town with a population of 5,000 or

more which is located within five miles of the Authority's proposed service area boundaries, and to the mayor of every city or town with a population of less than 5,000 which is located within three miles of such proposed boundaries, as required by the provisions of Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-82-202.

20. Notice of the date, place, time, and purpose of the Public Hearing, and of the Authority's proposed service area was given via registered mail, return receipt requested, at least ten (10) days before the hearing, to the mayor or chief executive officer of every city or town and utility district with a water, sewerage, or gas facility within three miles of such proposed boundaries, as required by the provisions of Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-82-202.

21. There has been full compliance with the notice requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-82-202.

22. The public convenience and necessity require the merger of WCUD with and into the Authority.

23. The merger of WCUD with and into the Authority is economically sound and feasible and in the public interest.

24. Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-82-202 requires the County Mayor to enter an order approving the merger of WCUD with and into the Authority.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED as follows:

I. That at 12:01 a.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2026, WCUD shall be merged with and into the Authority, which shall thereafter continue its separate existence as provided by the Private Acts, and the separate existence of WCUD shall cease.

II. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that at 12:01 a.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2026, the Authority shall succeed to all rights and obligations of WCUD with respect to the provision of water and/or wastewater procurement, collection, treatment, storage, distribution, and/or disposal services and facilities within the entire respective WCUD service areas, as the same are set forth above, to the exclusion of any other utility district or authority.

III. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that at 12:01 a.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2026, the Authority shall assume and shall thereafter be responsible for the operation of the water procurement, treatment, storage, and distribution systems previously operated by WCUD shall account for the revenues therefrom in such a manner as not to impair the obligations of contract with reference to bond issues or other legal obligations of WCUD and shall fully preserve and protect the contract rights vested in the owners of such outstanding bonds, obligations, and contractual interests.

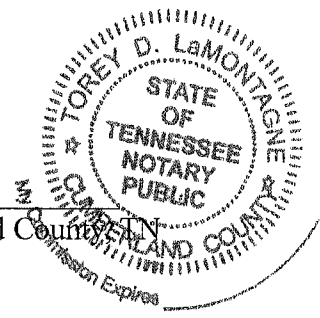
IV. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Authority shall file true and correct copies of this order with the Secretary of State of the State of Tennessee, the Tennessee Board of Utility Regulation, and the Cumberland County Tennessee Register of Deeds.

V. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the costs of this proceeding shall be paid by the Authority.

ENTERED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

Allen Foster

Allen Foster, Mayor of Cumberland County



State of Tennessee, County of Cumberland

Sworn to before me this 9 day of Jan. 2026

By Allen Foster, Cumb. Co. Mayor

Notary Torey D. LaMontagne

My Commission Expires

08-11-26

BEFORE THE COUNTY MAYOR OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN THE MATTER OF THE MERGER AND )  
CONSOLIDATION OF WEST CUMBERLAND )  
UTILITY DISTRICT )  
AND )  
CUMBERLAND PLATEAU WATER AUTHORITY )

**PETITION TO MAYOR ALLEN FOSTER TO ALLOW MERGER BY AND BETWEEN  
WEST CUMBERLAND UNTILITY DISTRICT AND THE CUMBERLAND PLATEAU  
WATER AUTHORITY**

Comes now, West Cumberland Utility District and Cumberland Plateau Water Authority, by and through their chairmen of their respective boards and respectfully petition the Mayor of Cumberland County, Tennessee for permission to merge West Cumberland Utility District with the Cumberland Plateau Water Authority, pursuant to T.C.A. § 7-82-202, et seq and would respectfully state as follows:

1. WCUD is a public utility district organized and existing under and by virtue of the Utility District Law of 1937 (as amended), Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-82-101 *et seq.*, of the filing of the public benefit charter with the Secretary of State on July 27, 1978; with its main office and principal place of business located at 48 East Main Street, P. O. Box 94, Pleasant Hill, TN 38574. The original order creating WCUD was signed on January 26, 1965 by the Honorable Mark W. Tucker, County Judge of Cumberland County, Tn. WCUD was originally named Pleasant Hill Utility District of Cumberland And White County, Tennessee. It became a public corporation on July 27, 1978. The name was changed to its current name on March 28, 1996. The Authority is a governmental entity organized and existing under and by virtue of 2022 Private Acts of Tennessee.

2. WCUD's boundaries are within the boundaries of the Authority as proscribed in the Act; where WCUD is engaged in the wholesale sale of potable water to people and organizations of its district.

3. Both the District and the Authority both believe they have a public responsibility to adequately plan and prepare for the future water needs of their current and future customers and recognize that cooperative regional efforts between utility agencies in the Cumberland County area are essential to the proper discharge of this duty;

4. The District has approached the Authority to consolidate with the Authority, under the terms of the Act, to address the District's long-term need for an adequate water supply for its existing customers and to future customers within the District's boundaries;

5. The District and the Authority have agreed that the District's consolidation with the Authority, pursuant to the Act, will provide the District's customers with a sufficient water supply for the immediate future and will allow the interests of the present and future customers of the District's service area to continue to be served by a more efficient and convenient furnishing of water service;

6. The Authority, as part of the consolidation plan contemplated herein will continue to study and consider additional measures for addressing the utility needs of the Authority's and the District's future customers;

7. The District has determined that it is in the best interests of its current and future customers that the District be consolidated with the Authority and operated under the terms and conditions set forth in the Act and this Consolidation Agreement;

8. This consolidation is required by the public convenience and necessity, is economically sound and feasible, and in the public interest.

9. The Authority desires to establish a diversified source of revenue to finance and support, in as expeditious a manner as possible, accomplishment of its mandate under the Private Acts of comprehensive planning for the provision of water and wastewater services to the citizens and residents of Cumberland County, Tennessee.

10. The Private Acts authorize the transfer of water and wastewater procurement, collection, treatment, storage, and distribution systems from utility districts and municipalities within Cumberland County, Tennessee to the Authority.

11. In order to achieve the foregoing objectives, and more efficiently and conveniently to furnish the services for which their districts were created, the boards of commissioners of WCUD and the Authority deem it necessary and desirable, and in the best interest of the customers of their respective districts, that those districts be merged with and into the Authority pursuant to the provisions of the Private Acts and the Utility District Law of 1937 (as amended), Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-82-101 *et seq.*

12. The boards of commissioners of WCUD, by resolution dated 12/16/25 have determined that the merger and consolidation of their respective districts with and into the Authority is required by the public convenience and necessity, and is economically sound and feasible and in the public interest.

13. The board of commissioners of the Authority, by resolution dated 12/16/25 has determined that the merger and consolidation of WCUD with and into the Authority is

necessary and desirable, is required by the public convenience and necessity, and is economically sound and feasible and in the public interest.

14. Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-82-202(e) authorizes the County Executive of Cumberland County, Tennessee to enter an order approving the merger and consolidation of WCUD with and into the Authority, and providing for the transfer of their assets, franchises, and liabilities to the Authority, upon a finding that such merger and consolidation is required by the public convenience and necessity, and is economically sound and feasible and in the public interest.

15. A public hearing upon the convenience and necessity of the merger of WCUD with and into the Authority (the "Public Hearing") should be held within thirty (30) days after the County Executive's receipt of the petition.

16. Notice of the date, place, time, and purpose of the Public Hearing should be published in *The Crossville Chronicle*, a newspaper of general circulation in Cumberland County, Tennessee, not more than fifteen (15) nor less than seven (7) days prior to the date of the Public Hearing, as required by the provisions of Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-82-202.

17. Notice of the date, place, time, and purpose of the Public Hearing, and of the Authority's proposed service area should be given via registered mail, return receipt requested, at least ten (10) days before the hearing, to the mayor of every city or town with a population of 5,000 or more which is located within five miles of the Authority's proposed service area boundaries, and to the mayor of every city or town with a population of less than 5,000 which is located within three miles of such proposed boundaries, as required by the provisions of Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-82-202.

18. Notice of the date, place, time, and purpose of the Public Hearing, and of the Authority's proposed service area should be given via registered mail, return receipt requested, at least ten (10) days before the hearing, to the mayor or chief executive officer of every city or town and utility district with a water, sewerage, or gas facility within three miles of such proposed boundaries, as required by the provisions of Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-82-202.

21. There has been full compliance with the notice requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-82-202. A copy of the Petition has been filed with the Tennessee Board of Utility regulation simultaneously with the filing of the petition with the County Mayor as required by T.C.A. § 7-82-202(e), (f) and (g).

22. The public convenience and necessity require the merger of WCUD with and into the Authority.

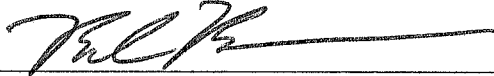
23. The merger of WCUD with and into the Authority is economically sound and feasible and in the public interest.

24. Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-82-202 requires the County Executive to enter an order approving the merger of WCUD with and into the Authority.

The Parties do hereby respectfully Pray as Follows:

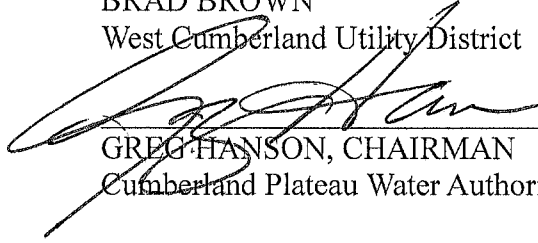
1. That the Mayor post the required notices and hold a public hearing on this proposed merger.
2. That the Mayor find that public convenience and necessity require the merger of WCUD with and into the Authority.
3. That the Mayor find that the merger of WCUD with and into the Authority is economically sound and feasible and in the public interest.

4. That the Mayor enter the attached Order of Merger.



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BRAD BROWN  
West Cumberland Utility District



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GREG HANSON, CHAIRMAN  
Cumberland Plateau Water Authority

## CONSOLIDATION AGREEMENT

This **AGREEMENT** made and entered into, by and between **West Cumberland Utility District (WCUD)**(hereinafter referred to as “**the District**”) and the **Cumberland Plateau Water Authority**, (hereinafter referred to as the “**Authority**”).

### WITNESSETH:

**Whereas**, West Cumberland Utility District (WCUD) is a utility district organized and existing under T.C.A. § 7-82-101 *et seq.* that provides water service in Cumberland County;

**Whereas**, the Authority is located in Crossville, Cumberland County, Tennessee, and, under its enabling legislation in Chapter 58 of the Tennessee Private Acts of 2022, (“**Act**”), passed on April 20, 2022, is considered a municipality, with all authority as delegated by the Act to provide, among other things, water throughout the service area granted therein;

**Whereas**, the District’s boundaries are within the boundaries of the Authority as proscribed in the Act;

**Whereas**, the District and the Authority both believe they have a public responsibility to adequately plan and prepare for the future water needs of their current and future customers and recognize that cooperative regional efforts between utility agencies in the Cumberland County area are essential to the proper discharge of this duty;

**Whereas**, the District has approached the Authority to consolidate with the Authority, under the terms of the Act, to address the District’s long-term need for an adequate water supply for its existing customers and to future customers within the District’s boundaries;

**Whereas**, the District and the Authority have agreed that the District's consolidation with the Authority, pursuant to the Act, will provide the District's customers with a sufficient water supply for the immediate future and will allow the interests of the present and future customers of the District's service area to continue to be served by a more efficient and convenient furnishing of water service;

**Whereas**, the Authority, as part of the consolidation plan contemplated herein will continue to study and consider additional measures for addressing the utility needs of the Authority's and the District's future customers;

**Whereas**, the District has determined that it is in the best interests of its current and future customers that the District be consolidated with the Authority and operated under the terms and conditions set forth in the Act and this Consolidation Agreement;

**Whereas**, this consolidation is required by the public convenience and necessity, is economically sound and feasible, and in the public interest.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the foregoing, and the terms, covenants and conditions hereinafter contained, the District and the Authority hereby agree as follows:

1. **Petition.** The District shall promptly file a petition with the County Mayor of Cumberland County for an order approving the consolidation of the District into the Authority, **(the "Consolidation Order")**. In accordance with the provision of T.C.A. § 7-82-202, the petition shall first be submitted to the Tennessee Board of Utility Regulation for its review and comment.

2. **Consolidation.** Upon the effective date of the consolidation of the District into the Authority as provided by the Consolidation Order, (the “**Consolidation Date**”), the District shall consolidate with and into the Authority, and the District shall be dissolved and its existence terminated.

3. **Transfer of District’s Legal Rights and Duties.** On the Consolidation Date, the Authority shall succeed to all assets of the District of every kind, character and description, real, personal, and mixed, tangible and intangible, wherever situated, and shall assume all of the District’s liabilities without the necessity of any separate transfer, assignment, or undertaking. The assets, obligations, legal rights and duties of the District shall be vested in the Authority for the use and benefit of the Authority, according to the Act, on the Consolidation Date. It is agreed that immediately before, contemporaneous with or within sixty (60) days from the date of consolidation and approval by the Cumberland County Mayor that either the Water Authority or West Cumberland shall immediately pay and satisfy all outstanding debts, bonds and other obligations of West Cumberland Utility District. Notwithstanding any term or provision hereinto the contrary, to the extent that the underlying loan documents for any long term debt of the District requires the debt obligation to be paid in full prior to a transfer, merger or consolidation, the District shall cause such debt to be fully paid and the security instruments released at or prior to closing.

4. **Rates for Water Service. Reserved.**

5. **Transfer of Title.** The District shall execute and deliver to the Authority any and all appropriate documents of transfer that are reasonably required by the Authority to legally effect the vesting of legal title to the District’s property and assets in the Authority pursuant to

the terms of this Agreement. The Authority shall execute and deliver to the District any and all appropriate documents that are reasonably required by the District to properly effect the Authority's satisfaction or assumption of the District's liabilities and contract obligations pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. The Board for the District shall appoint the designated person to sign all closing documents.

6. **Transfer of Employees.** Each person employed by the District on the Consolidation Date shall become a classified employee of the Authority. Except as set forth in Section 7, these District employees will receive, at a minimum, the same wages as Authority employees as they are receiving from the District on the Consolidation Date. Any District employee that has been employed by the District for more than six months prior to the Consolidation Date shall have regular status as a classified employee of the Authority and shall not be considered a probationary employee. To the extent any rights, benefits and privileges of an Authority employee are based upon an employee's date of hire (except for pension benefits, which shall be governed by Section 7), the District employee's date of hire with the District will be considered the employee's date of hire with the Authority. A schedule of the District employees to be employed by the Authority on the Consolidation Date, their respective dates of hire with the District, and their respective job positions and minimum wages (based on annual pay and including the District's normal cost of living increase to be effective 3/1/26, \_\_\_\_\_) to be provided by the Authority as of the Consolidation Date is attached as Exhibit A to this Agreement. *The Authority will ensure that all employees acquired through contract with any utilities will not suffer any loss of wages and benefits, and all employees of the Authority will*

*be members of the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS), or may continue in their current retirement program.*

7. **Employee Pension Issues.** The Authority will ensure that all employees of the District will not suffer any loss of wages or benefits, and all employees of the Authority will be member of the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS). Some employees individually own and maintain a separate SEP IRA. The decision to transfer and/or rollover the individually owned SEP IRA is totally the option and decision of the employee. For clarification, all parties understand that the 401k is not technically part of the TCRS system and is more commonly referred to as the State of Tennessee 401k. In the event that a full-time employee of West Cumberland Utility District maintains a Simplified Employee Pension Individual Retirement Account (SEP IRA) at the time of consolidation, the Cumberland Plateau Water Authority shall make a good faith effort to facilitate the transfer or rollover of such SEP IRA assets into the State of Tennessee 401(k) plan, provided that the SEP IRA is recognized as eligible for such transfer under applicable state laws and TCRS plan provisions. The parties agree to cooperate in supporting any such transfer, including providing necessary documentation and assistance to the employee. As stated previously, the option to transfer any approved and qualified SEP IRA into the State system is with the employee. No employee shall be required to transfer or roll any existing SEP IRA into the state system.

The parties further acknowledge the importance of preserving retirement benefits for all affected employees. Accordingly, the consolidated entity shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that employees who were participating in retirement plans prior to the consolidation—including

SEP IRAs or other qualified plans—retain their accrued benefits and vesting status to the fullest extent permitted by law.

8. **Commissioner Health Insurance.** Each board member or commissioner with the WCUD shall continue to receive his health insurance at the expense of the Authority for a period equal to the remainder of his term as Commissioner, if he had been receiving health insurance as part of his service as a commissioner. If the Commissioner was not receiving health insurance, then this clause is a nullity.

9. **Indemnification of District Commissioners.** The Authority shall indemnify and hold harmless the Commissioners of West Cumberland Utility District from the claims of any person, firm, or corporation, shall defend any action at law or equity brought, and shall protect the Commissioners against any judgments that may be made against the Commissioners for any actions taken or not taken on behalf of the District prior to the consolidation with the City, including any legal expenses and court costs that may be incurred pursuant to this obligation. This obligation to indemnify and hold harmless shall not apply to actions that are willful, wanton, grossly negligent or criminal.

10. **Operation of System.** On the Consolidation Date, the Authority shall assume the operation of the District's water storage, treatment plant and distribution system, shall account for the revenues therefrom in such a manner as not to impair the obligations of contract with reference to bond issues or other legal obligations of the District, and shall fully preserve and protect the contract rights vested in the owners of such outstanding bonds, obligations, and contractual interests.

11. **Prohibited Transactions.** After the execution of this Agreement by both parties and prior to the Consolidation Date, the District shall not engage in any activity or transaction other than in the ordinary course of business not contemplated by the terms of this Agreement, except that the District shall take all actions necessary or appropriate under the laws of the State of Tennessee to consummate the consolidation and the requirements of this Agreement. Except as provided below, the District shall not hire any additional employees after the execution of this Agreement by both parties without the consent of the Authority Manager. The District shall be permitted to replace any existing employee whose employment shall be terminated after the execution of this Agreement and prior to the Consolidation Date without obtaining the consent of the Authority Manager, but the District shall notify the Authority Manager of such vacancy and the employment of a person to fill such vacancy prior to the replacement employee being hired. Further, after the execution of this Agreement by both parties and prior to the Consolidation Date, the District shall neither attempt to bind itself to any agreement, contract or obligation, nor engage in any transaction, which would materially affect the liability of the Authority without the prior written approval of the Authority, by and through its Authority Board, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld by the Authority.

12. **Cooperation.** The parties agree that they will cooperate with each other in all matters that are reasonably necessary or desirable to facilitate the performance of their respective obligations under this Agreement. Each of the parties hereto further agrees to do any act or thing and execute any and all instruments that are reasonably necessary and proper to make effective

the provisions of this Agreement and consummate the transactions contemplated under this Agreement.

13. **Survival.** The provisions of this Agreement regarding any indemnity or any other covenant to which a party would have a reasonable expectation of continuance shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

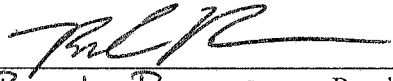
14. **Amendment.** No supplement, modification or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding unless made in a written instrument that is signed by all of the parties and which specifically refers to this Agreement. The language used in this Agreement will be deemed to be the language chosen by the parties hereto to express their mutual intent, and no rule of strict construction will be applied.

15. **Specific Performance.** The parties hereto recognize that any breach of the terms of this Agreement may give rise to irreparable harm for which money damages would not be an adequate remedy and accordingly agree that, in addition to all other remedies available to the parties, any non-breaching party shall be entitled to enforce the terms of this Agreement by a decree of specific performance without the necessity of proving the inadequacy of money damages as a remedy.

16. **Approval.** The execution of this Agreement by the President of the Board of Commissioners of West Cumberland Utility District (WCUD) was authorized by the Board of Commissioners by resolution adopted at a meeting on 12/16, \_\_\_\_, 2025, and a copy of which resolution is attached hereto. The execution of this Agreement by the Chairman of the Authority was authorized by its Board by resolution adopted at a meeting on 12/16, \_\_\_\_, 2025, and a copy of which ordinance is attached hereto.

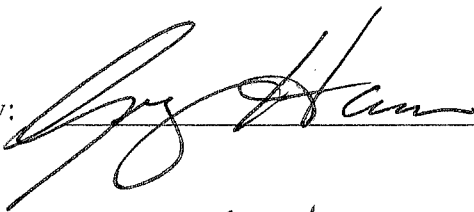
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused their names to be subscribed hereto on the day and year shown under their signatures.

**WEST CUMBERLAND UTILITY  
DISTRICT**

By:   
Brad Brown, President

Dated: 12-16-2025

**CUMBERLAND PLATEAU WATER  
AUTHORITY**

By:   
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Dated: 12/17/25

**EXHIBIT A**

**WEST CUMBERLAND UTILITY DISTRICT  
EMPLOYEES PAY AND JOB SCHEDULE**

## RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION OF  
CUMBERLAND PLATEAU WATER AUTHORITY,  
APPROVING THE CONSOLIDATION AGREEMENT  
WITH WEST CUMBERLAND UTILITY DISTRICT**

ADOPTED: 12/22/25

**Whereas**, West Cumberland Utility District of Cumberland County, Tennessee, (“**District**”), is a utility district organized and existing under T.C.A. § 7-82-101, *et seq.*, that provides water service in Cumberland County;

**Whereas**, Cumberland Plateau Water Authority, (“**Authority**”), is located in Crossville, Cumberland County, Tennessee, and, under its enabling legislation in Chapter 58 of the Tennessee Private Acts of 2022, (“**Act**”), passed on April 20, 2022, is considered a municipality, with all authority as delegated by the Act to provide, among other things, water and sewer services throughout the service area granted therein;

**Whereas**, the District’s boundaries are within the boundaries of the Authority as proscribed in the Act;

**Whereas**, the District and the Authority both believe they have a public responsibility to adequately plan and prepare for the future water needs of their current and future customers and recognize that cooperative regional efforts between utility agencies in the Cumberland County area are essential to the proper discharge of this duty;

**Whereas**, the District has approached the Authority to consolidate with the Authority, under the terms of the Act to address the District’s long-term need for an adequate water supply for its existing customers and to future customers within the District’s boundaries;

**Whereas**, the District and the Authority have agreed that the District’s consolidation with the Authority, pursuant to the Act, will provide the District’s customers with a sufficient water supply for the immediate future and will allow the interests of the present and future customers of

the District's service area to continue to be served by a more efficient and convenient furnishing of water service;

**Whereas**, the Authority, as part of the consolidation plan contemplated herein will continue to study and consider additional measures for addressing the utility needs of the Authority's future customers;

**Whereas**, the District has determined that it is in the best interests of its current and future customers that the District be consolidated with the Authority and operated under the terms and conditions set forth in the Act and the Consolidation Agreement;

**Whereas**, the District, by Resolution passed and dated December 16, 2025, authorized the dissolution of the District and its consolidation with, and transfer of all of its assets to, the Authority, and the Authority desires to accept all such assets and to provide services to the customers of the District and subsume all services and assets of the District under the Authority for the benefit of the customers and all future customers of the Authority; and,

**Whereas**, this consolidation is required by the public convenience and necessity, is economically sound and feasible, and in the public interest.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CUMBERLAND PLATEAU WATER AUTHORITY:**

**Section 1.** That the Chairman of the Board of the Cumberland Plateau Water Authority, is hereby authorized to execute Consolidation Agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit "A", ("Agreement"), and to obligate the Cumberland Plateau Water Authority to accept the assets of the District and to put into effect all actions necessary for the consolidation; the dissolution of the District; and all other provisions of the Agreement.

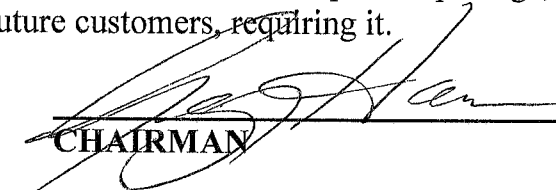
**Section 2.** That the Agreement is approved, adopted, ratified and accepted in every respect.

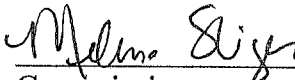
**Section 3.** That the Chairman is hereby authorized to take all actions necessary, including the signing of all documents to effectuate the consolidation by and between West Cumberland Utility District and Cumberland Plateau Water Authority.

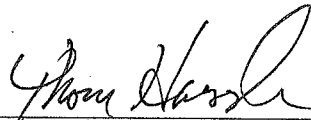
**Section 4.** That the Authority is authorized to, and shall, consolidate the system of the District into the Authority; acquire all assets of the District as contemplated in the Act; and, carry out all other obligations under the Agreement.


**Section 5.** That this Resolution shall be interpreted broadly to authorize all actions as contemplated under the Act as necessary or reasonably required to effectuate the full and complete consolidation of the District with the Authority and to grant, (the same being hereby granted), unto the Chairman, and where necessary or reasonably required, the General Manager, all authority necessary to further the consummation of the consolidation contemplated herein and in the Agreement.

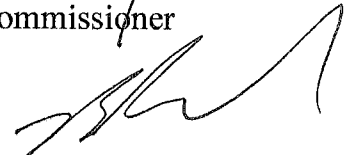
**Section 6.** This resolution shall become effective upon its passage, the welfare of the Authority, and its current and future customers, requiring it.

  
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CHAIRMAN

  
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Commissioner

  
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## RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF  
WEST CUMBERLAND UTILITY DISTRICT,  
APPROVING THE CONSOLIDATION CONTRACT  
WITH CUMBERLAND PLATEAU  
WATER AUTHORITY**

ADOPTED: 12/16/25

**Whereas**, West Cumberland Utility District is a utility district organized and existing under T.C.A. § 7-82-101 *et seq.* that provides water service in Cumberland County and is authorized to provide sewer service;

**Whereas**, the Authority is located in Crossville, Cumberland County, Tennessee, and, under its enabling legislation in Chapter 58 of the Tennessee Private Acts of 2022, (“Act”), passed on April 20, 2022, is considered a municipality, with all authority as delegated by the Act to provide, among other things, water throughout the service area granted therein;

**Whereas**, the District’s boundaries are within the boundaries of the Authority as proscribed in the Act;

**Whereas**, the District and the Authority both believe they have a public responsibility to adequately plan and prepare for the future water needs of their current and future customers and recognize that cooperative regional efforts between utility agencies in the Cumberland County area are essential to the proper discharge of this duty;

**Whereas**, the District has approached the Authority to consolidate with the Authority, under the terms of the Act, to address the District’s long-term need for an adequate water supply for its existing customers and to future customers within the District’s boundaries;

**Whereas**, the District and the Authority have agreed that the District’s consolidation with the Authority, pursuant to the Act, will provide the District’s customers with a sufficient water supply for the immediate future and will allow the interests of the present and future customers of

the District's service area to continue to be served by a more efficient and convenient furnishing of water service;

**Whereas**, the Authority, as part of the consolidation plan contemplated herein will continue to study and consider additional measures for addressing the utility needs of the Authority's and the District's future customers;

**Whereas**, the District has determined that it is in the best interests of its current and future customers that the District be consolidated with the Authority and operated under the terms and conditions set forth in the Act and this Consolidation Agreement;

**Whereas**, this consolidation is required by the public convenience and necessity, is economically sound and feasible, and in the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY WEST CUMBERLAND UTILITY DISTRICT:

**Section 1.** That Brad Brown, Chairman of the Board of West Cumberland Utility District is hereby authorized to execute and to obligate West Cumberland Utility District to consolidate with Cumberland Plateau Water Authority by virtue of the attached Consolidation Contract.

**Section 2.** That Brad Brown is hereby authorized to take all actions necessary, including the signing of all documents to effectuate the consolidation by and between West Cumberland Utility District and Cumberland Plateau Water Authority.

**Section 3.** This resolution shall become effective upon its passage, the welfare of West Cumberland Utility District requiring it.



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**BRAD BROWN**  
**CHAIRMAN OF BOARD**

COMMISSIONERS:

  
COMMISSIONER JESSE ILES

  
COMMISSIONER WAYNE BLANKENSHIP

  
COMMISSIONER MONTE GARRETT

  
COMMISSIONER ED BARNWELL

## RESOLUTION

**Whereas**, under T.C.A. § 7-82-202(e), a utility district may consolidate with a municipality by transferring all of its property and obligations to a municipality or county upon the adoption of a resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the utility district agreeing to the consolidation;

Whereas, Chapter 58 of the Tennessee Private Acts of 2022, authorizes a utility district to merge or consolidate with the Cumberland Plateau Water Authority by transferring all of its property and obligations to the Cumberland Plateau Water Authority upon the adoption of a resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the utility district agreeing to the consolidation

**Whereas**, West Cumberland Utility District, (the District) has begun discussions with the Cumberland Plateau Water Authority (the Authority) about the District consolidating with the Authority by transferring all of its assets, property, and obligations to the Authority;

Whereas, the Authority's enabling legislation, Chapter 58 of the Tennessee Private Acts of 2022, provides that the Authority is considered a municipality;

**Whereas**, the consolidation of the District with the Authority by the transfer all of its assets, property, and obligations to the Authority will allow the more efficient and convenient furnishing of water service to the District's customers;

**Whereas**, the District has determined that the consolidation of the District with the Authority is in the best interests of its customers; and

**Whereas**, the consolidation of the District with the Authority is required by the public convenience and necessity, is economically sound and feasible, and is in the public

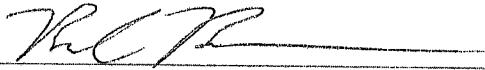
interest.

**Therefore, Be It Hereby Resolved,** by the Board of Commissioners of West Cumberland Utility District, that the Board authorizes the District to take the initial steps to begin the consolidation with the Cumberland Plateau Water Authority. This shall include meeting with counsel for the water authority, identifying all debts, all assets, all contracts and all procedures that will have to be reviewed before the actual consolidation with the Water Authority. This resolution also authorizes the Manager and Attorney for the Water Authority to meet with all State and County officers and employees to determine all requirements that are needed to ensure smooth and orderly transition and consolidation by and between the Water Authority and West Cumberland Utility District.

**Be It Further Resolved** that the Board delegates to the President/Chairman of the Board the power and authority to enter into any agreement and to execute any instrument or document which the President/Chairman and the District's legal counsel deem necessary or desirable to proceed with the consolidation or with the filing of the petition for consolidation of the District with the Authority and to take all steps needed and to make any decisions for the District necessary to file the petition for consolidation with the Cumberland County Mayor. It is anticipated that additional resolutions will be needed and required to effectuate the consolidation between these two entities.

**Be It Further Resolved,** that District's legal counsel is directed and authorized to prepare all petitions, notices, documents, contracts, instruments, and to take all steps necessary to consummate the consolidation and to present the same to the Board for their consideration.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025



**BRAD BROWN**  
**PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



**COMMISSIONER JESSE ILES**



**COMMISSIONER WAYNE BLANKENSHIP**

**COMMISSIONER MONTE GARRETT**



**COMMISSIONER ED BARNWELL**