

## **COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING – MARCH 18, 2024**

The Claiborne County Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Tazewell, Tennessee. Meeting was opened by Officer Doug Evans. Invocation by Commissioner Zach Mullins. Pledge led by Officer Doug Evans.

### **AGENDA ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

Chairman Mike Campbell called the meeting to order. County Clerk Karen Hurst called the roll by district. Commissioners present/absent as follows:

#### **PRESENT:**

##### **District 1**

Zachary Bunch  
Dennis Cook  
Whitt Shuford

##### **District 2**

Haley Barker  
Nathan Epperson  
Gary Poore

##### **District 3**

Mike Campbell  
Stacey Crawford  
Tim Shrout

##### **District 4**

Zach Mullins  
Anthony Rowe

##### **District 5**

Mitchell Cosby

##### **District 6**

Rosemary Barnett  
Carolyn Brooks  
Steve Mason

##### **District 7**

Steve Brogan  
Eric Jones  
Sherry McCreary

##### **District 8**

David Mundy  
Quintin Rogers

##### **District 9**

Dustin Wilson

21 commissioners present

Also present: Jennifer Bryant, Recorder

**At this time, Commissioner Mullins requested that everyone observe a moment of silence in remembrance of County Trustee Alice Alexander and former County Commissioner Hugh Singleton.**

**AGENDA ITEM #2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: Commissioner Epperson – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Poore

County Mayor Brooks informed the commission that he had vetoed Res. 2024-014 from previous meeting and had handed out a letter to the commission prior to start of meeting explaining the circumstances involved in the veto.

*(This added as item #2A under Old Business)*

Commissioner Mundy requested that item #2 under New Business (Res. 2024-029) be removed from agenda.

*Vote on agenda as amended / Motion carried by aye vote*

**AGENDA ITEM #3 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: Commissioner Mason – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Brooks

*Motion carried by aye vote*

**AGENDA ITEM #4 – COUNTY OFFICE REPORTS**

**AGENDA ITEM #5 – COUNTY MAYOR’S REPORT**

**AGENDA ITEM #6 – COUNTY SHERIFF’S REPORT**

**AGENDA ITEM #7 – COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**AGENDA ITEM #8 – HIGHWAY DEPT. QUARTERLY WHEEL TAX REPORT**

MOTION: Commissioner Mullins – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Epperson

*Motion carried by aye vote*

**AGENDA ITEM #9 – NOTIFICATION OF VACANCY**

County Attorney Estep advised the commission that this is the official notification to them that this vacancy has occurred and that the next step is that an appointment be made by the commission to fill that vacancy to serve until the next general election. He further informed that the law requires that public notice be advertised and that authorization needs to be given to the County Clerk to see that the public notice is completed.

MOTION: Commissioner Mundy – to authorize the County Clerk to have the public notice concerning this upcoming appointment advertised.

SECOND: Commissioner McCreary

*Motion carried by aye vote*

**AGENDA ITEM #10 – NOTARY PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS**

MOTION: Commissioner Mullins – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Shrout

*Motion carried by aye vote*

**APPROVED:**

*Barbara G. Begley*

*Miranda L. Ingram*

*Katie Michelle DeFord*

*Meghan JoAnn Treece*

**AGENDA ITEM #11 – NOTARY PUBLIC BONDS**

MOTION: Commissioner Wilson – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Shrout

*Motion carried by aye vote*

**APPROVED:**

*Betty Evans*

*sureties: John Hunt Morgan and Richard Couch*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ITEM #1 – RES. 2024-017 – ROAD CLOSURE (portion of Fords Chapel Road)**

MOTION: Commissioner Epperson – to approve (2<sup>nd</sup> reading)

SECOND: Commissioner Poore

*ROLL CALL VOTE: 20 for; 1 against / Motion carried*

*FOR: Commissioners Bunch, Cook, Shuford, Barker, Epperson, Poore, Campbell,  
Crawford, Shrout, Mullins, Rowe, Cosby, Barnett, Brooks, Mason,  
Brogan, McCreary, Mundy, Rogers, Wilson*

*AGAINST: Commissioner Jones  
(Resolution as follows)*

RESOLUTION CLOSING ROAD  
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-017

WHEREAS, a portion of Fords Chapel Road has been closed from State Highway 33 at the intersection with Lone Mountain Road to the intersection with New Hope Road, formerly known as State Highway 33, and;

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Road Superintendent has advised the County Road should remain closed at the intersection with State Highway 33, and;

WHEREAS, Anthony Mountain desires to acquire the property adjacent to the portion of Fords Chapel Road between State Highway 33 and New Hope Road, formerly known as State Highway 33, and;

WHEREAS, the State right-of-way in front of the old Store Building should also be conveyed to the purchaser, Anthony Mountain.

WHEREAS, the road does not serve any purposes for Claiborne County, Tennessee.

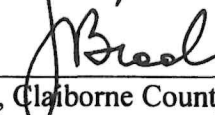
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Claiborne County Commission, meeting in regular session on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, hereby finds and declares Ford Chapel Road beginning at the intersection of State Highway 33 with Lone Mountain Road and running in a westwardly direction to intersection with New Hope Road, formerly State Highway 33 should remain closed and conveyed to the owner, Anthony Mountain to the point adjacent to the property he is purchasing as shown on attached map.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this road should be closed, removed from County Road List and declared surplus for purposes of conveyance and transferred to Anthony Mountain.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the State of Tennessee shall also convey the State right-of-way in front of the old Store Building to the purchaser, Anthony Mountain.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall take effect upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Duly passed and approved this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

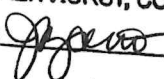
  
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Joe Brooks, Claiborne County Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Karen Hurst, County Clerk

SPONSOR:

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Nathan Epperson, County Commissioner w/ permission

FILED 2-6-24 3:58pm  
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK  
BY:  D.C.

03/18/2024

**ITEM #2 – RES. 2024-021 – ADDITION OF NEW ROAD TO COUNTY ROAD LIST**

MOTION: Commissioner Mullins – to approve (2<sup>nd</sup> reading)

SECOND: Commissioner Shrout

*ROLL CALL VOTE: 21 for; 0 against / Motion carried  
(Resolution as follows)*

**RESOLUTION 2024- 021**  
**NEW ROAD ADDED TO COUNTY ROAD LIST**

**WHEREAS**, Triple S Court is a gravel road that is 1/10 mile in length located in the Sycamore Community of the Fourth District of Claiborne County. The citizens that are property owners on this road, desire for this to become a county-maintained road (1/10 mile) and be added to the county road list.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the County Commission of Claiborne County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024 that this resolution be approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take place from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

RONNIE PITTMAN, ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

ZACHARY MULLINS & ANTHONY ROWE  
SPONSOR


  
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JOSEPH BROOKS, COUNTY MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK

FILED 2-9-24  
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK  
BY: 8:30 am D.G.

**Property Owner Signatures:**

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2.   
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Kaisrai Choon

**ITEM #2A – RES. 2024-014 – BUDGET COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT**

*(This resolution vetoed by County Mayor)*

Mayor Brooks informed the commission that he had spoken with Commissioner Mullins about remaining on the Budget Committee as his circumstances had changed and that he actually would be able to serve on this committee. He informed commission that, based on his conversation with Commissioner Mullins, he concluded that it would be best for him to retain his position on that committee thereby justifying the veto.

*ROLL CALL VOTE (to support the veto); 21 for; 0 against / Veto upheld*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ITEM #1 – DISCUSSION – AMBULANCE SERVICE**

County Mayor Brooks informed the commission that, based on the subsidy agreement and contract, the county is required to purchase, as requested, one (1) new ambulance per year and to supplement salaries of EMS individuals. Mayor Brooks explained that the commission may need to look into adjustments that could possibly be made with Covenant Health concerning the county's obligation to this subsidy.

MOTION: Commissioner McCreary – to authorize the County Mayor to negotiate with Covenant Health for any relief on the subsidy payments and ambulance purchases.

SECOND: Commissioner Cook

*(further discussion)*

*ROLL CALL VOTE: 21 for; 0 against / Motion carried*

**ITEM #2 – (removed from agenda)**



**ITEM #3 – RES. 2024-030 – BOARD OF EDUCATION (budget amendment)**

**ITEM #4 – RES. 2024-031 – BOARD OF EDUCATION (budget amendment)**

**ITEM #5 – RES. 2024-032 – BOARD OF EDUCATION (budget amendment)**

MOTION: Commissioner Mundy – to combine items 3 thru 5 and approve

SECOND: Commissioner Mason

ROLL CALL VOTE: 21 for, 0 against / Motion carried

(Resolutions as follows)

**Claiborne County Board of Education**

**RESOLUTION**

*2024-030*

March 14, 2024

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Board of Education is currently involved in a sewer project at Springdale School

WHEREAS, the project is not complete and the Board of Education needs to amend the budget by moving funds into Capital Outlay

WHEREAS, this resolution involves no new money.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Claiborne County Commission in session March 18, 2024 that the Claiborne County Board of Education be authorized to amend the **General Purpose Budget** by adjusting the following line items.

<u>REVENUE</u>		<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>
39000	Undesignated Fund Balance		\$ (600,000.00)

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
141-76100-724	Site Development	\$ 600,000.00	

*Meredith Arnold*  
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Claiborne County Schools

David Mundy  
Commission Sponsor

*Kelly Harvey*  
Kelly Harvey  
School Finance

FILED *3-7-24*  
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK  
BY: *10:00am* -DC.

**Claiborne County Board of Education**  
**RESOLUTION**  
*2024-031*

March 14, 2024

**WHEREAS**, the Claiborne County Board of Education needs to amend the General Purpose Budget to reflect current changes in the following State Funded Grants: TSW, SPARC and Model Preschool District Grant.

**WHEREAS**, this resolution involves no local tax dollars.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** by the Claiborne County Commission in session March 18, 2024 that the Claiborne County Board of Education be authorized to amend the **General Purpose Budget** by adjusting the following line items:

	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>		
Account Code No.		
47590	\$ 104,867.00	
 <b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>		
Account Code No.		
141-73400-105-MPD Supervisor/Director		\$ (1,830.00)
141-73400-116-MPD Teachers		\$ (8,000.00)
141-73400-208-MPD Dental Insurance		\$ (15,000.00)
141-73400-210-MPD Unemployment	\$ 630.00	
141-73400-212-MPD Employer Medicare	\$ 8,665.00	
141-73400-429-MPD Instructional Supplies		\$ (17,965.00)
141-73400-524-MPD Staff Development		\$ (7,000.00)
141-73400-599-MPD Other Charges	\$ 35,500.00	
141-73400-790-MPD Other Equipment	\$ 5,000.00	
141-71200-217-TSW Hybrid Retirement	\$ 2,867.00	
141-71300-499-Spare Supplies and Materials	\$ 51,000.00	
141-71300-790-Spare Other Equipment	\$ 52,675.00	
141-71300-399-Spare Other Contracted Services		\$ (1,675.00)
141-71200-725 Special Education Equipment		\$ (2,000.00)
141-71200-356 Tuition	\$ 2,000.00	

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Claiborne County Schools

*David Mundy*  
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Commission Sponsor

*Kelly Harvey*  
Kelly Harvey  
School Finance

FILED 3-17-24  
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK  
BY: *10:00 am* D.C.

**Claiborne County Board of Education**  
**RESOLUTION**  
*2024-032*

March 14, 2024

**WHEREAS**, the Claiborne County Board of Education has received \$ 29,588.10 dollars in Funding from the JUUL Lawsuit settlement. This lawsuit was against E-Cigarettes and Juul Labs for intentionally marketing vaping products for teens and deceiving customers about the addictiveness of vaping.

**WHEREAS**, this resolution involves no local tax dollars.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** by the Claiborne County Commission in session March 18, 2024 that the Claiborne County Board of Education be authorized to amend the **General Purpose Budget** by adjusting the following line items.

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
Account Code Insurance Recovery	
48990 Other Revenue	\$ 28,558.10

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Account Code No.	
141-72120-499-Well Health Services Supplies	\$ 28,558.10

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Claiborne County Schools

*David Mundy*

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Commission Sponsor

*Kelly Harvey*

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School Finance

FILED *3-7-24*  
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK  
BY: *10:10 am* D.C.

**ITEM #6 – RES. 2024-033 – GENERAL SESSIONS COURT (budget amendment)**

MOTION: Commissioner Cosby – to approve  
SECOND: Commissioner McCreary

ROLL CALL VOTE: 21 for; 0 against / Motion carried  
(Resolution as follows)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 033

**BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR GENERAL SESSIONS COURT**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee Administrative Office of the Courts establishes the annual cost of living salary increases for General Sessions Judges and County Governments are legally required to apply these increases; and

**WHEREAS**, the increase for FY 2024 was originally reported in a Memorandum dated February 2, 2023 as 4%, but was revised in a Memorandum dated February 6, 2024 to 5% (see attached documents); and

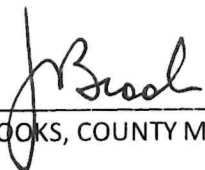
**WHEREAS**, this mandatory salary increase has to be amended into the FY 2024 Budget to ensure the General Sessions Judge is compensated at the required level;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Claiborne County Commission must approve the following budget amendment in order for these monies to be expended:

		<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>
101-53300-102	Judge		\$1,736
101-53300-201	Social Security		\$109
101-53300-204	State Retirement		\$103
10153300-212	Employer Medicare		\$27
101-39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$1,975	

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Claiborne County Commission, meeting in regular session on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024, that this resolution is approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution will take effect upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it. Duly passed and approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

  
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JOE BROOKS, COUNTY MAYOR

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/s/ Mitchell Cosby  
SPONSOR

ATTEST:

  
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KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK

FILED: 3-17-24  
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK  
BY: [Signature] D.C.

**ITEM #7 – RES. 2024-034 – LIBRARY (budget amendment)**

MOTION: Commissioner Cosby – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Barnett

ROLL CALL VOTE: 21 for; 0 against / Motion carried

(Resolution as follows)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-034

**BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR LIBRARY**

**WHEREAS**, the Claiborne County Library has received donations from Tazewell and New Tazewell for the purchase of books and other materials; and

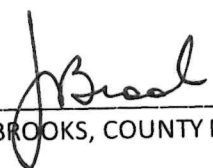
**WHEREAS**, the Library plans to expend these funds before the end of the 2024 fiscal year; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Claiborne County Commission must approve the following budget amendment in order for these monies to be expended:


		<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>
101-48130	Other Government Contributions	\$1,500	
101-56600-437	Periodicals		\$1,500

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Claiborne County Commission, meeting in regular session on the 18th day of March 2024, that this resolution is approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution will take effect upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it. Duly passed and approved this 18th day of March 2024.

  
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JOE BROOKS, COUNTY MAYOR

/s/ Mitchell Cosby \_\_\_\_\_  
SPONSOR

ATTEST:  
  
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KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK

FILED: 3-20-24  
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK  
BY: [Signature] D.C.

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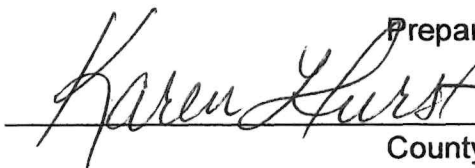
**ITEM #8 – ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Commissioner Mullins – to adjourn

SECOND: Commissioner Shrout

*Motion carried by aye vote / Meeting adjourned.*

Prepared by:

  
County Clerk