

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING – DECEMBER 16, 2024

The Claiborne County Commission met in regular session on Monday, December 16, 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

AGENDA ITEM #2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Mundy – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Poore

Commissioner McCreary requested to add a resolution concerning Support of Sheds for Homeless Donations.

(This added as Res. 2024-148, item #10A under New Business).

MOTION: Commissioner Wilson - to add a resolution concerning the Funding of a Compensation Study of County Employees (this would be a follow-up to Res. 2024-123; Issue RFP for Salary Study for County Employees approved in October).

SECOND: Commissioner Cosby

(This added as Res. 2024-149, item #10B under New Business).

Commissioner Cosby requested to add an announcement by Garnet Southerland concerning the Health Dept.

(This added as Discussion Item #10C under New Business).

Vote on agenda as amended / Motion carried by aye vote

AGENDA ITEM #3 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Epperson – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Barker

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 – HWY DEPT – WHEEL TAX REPORT (2ND QUARTER)

MOTION: Commissioner Mundy – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Shrout

Motion carried by aye vote

AGENDA ITEM #9 – NOTARY PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

MOTION: Commissioner Mundy – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Jones

Motion carried by aye vote

APPROVED:

Debbie M. Venable

D. Alex Cooke

Stephen William Cambron

Julie Ann Upton

AGENDA ITEM #10 – NOTARY PUBLIC BONDS

MOTION: Commissioner Mullins – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Cosby

APPROVED:

Debbie M. Venable

sureties: Ronnie Joe McDaniel and Bill J. Surber

OLD BUSINESS:

ITEM #1 – DISCUSSION – FOLLOW-UP ON RFP FOR SALARY STUDY

County Finance Director Pearson informed the commission that the study would evaluate and make recommended pay increases where appropriate. These studies are common in governments including governments in Tennessee. The Finance Department has received several responses to the RFP. Questions were raised by commissioners as to the effective length of time of the study and as to why this could not be done internally. Following further discussion, no further action taken at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1 – DISCUSSION – DAN SPURLOCK WITH SIGCO

Dan Spurlock with SIGCO updated the commission on the progress at SIGCO highlighting the accomplishments of 2024, namely trainings provided, organizations and events. He added that vaping continues to be an issue with both adults and youths and that December is National Drug & Drunk Driving Awareness Month. He stated that, for 2025, SIGCO will be focusing on student education on drug awareness and prevention including education on synthetic drugs.

ITEM #2 – RES. 2024-139 – BOARD OF EDUCATION (budget amendment)

MOTION: Commissioner Mundy – to approve
SECOND: Commissioner Mason

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

Claiborne County Board of Education
RESOLUTION
2024-139

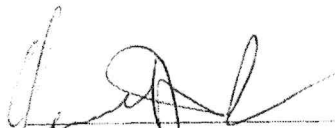
December 12, 2024

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Board of Education has received \$ 15,715.95 dollars in insurance recovery for Forge Ridge and Alpha Repairs that needs to be added to the General Purpose Budget.

WHEREAS, this resolution involves no local tax dollars.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Claiborne County Commission in session December 16 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 No.	
49700 Insurance Recovery	\$15,715.95
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Account Code No.	
141-76100-707 Other Charges	\$15,715.95


Meredith Arnold
Claiborne County Schools Director

David Mundy

Commission Sponsor

Karen Brown
Karen Brown
School Finance

FILED 11-26-24
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
BY: 3:15 pm D.C.

ITEM #3 – RES. 2024-140 – TAZEWELL SENIOR CENTER (budget amendment)
ITEM #4 – RES. 2024-141 – HARROGATE SENIOR CENTER (budget amendment)

MOTION: Commissioner Shrout – to combine items #3 and 4 and approve
SECOND: Commissioner Poore

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 140

BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR TAZEWELL SENIOR CENTER

WHEREAS, the Tazewell Senior Citizen Center has been awarded a grant through the State of Tennessee, which requires no matching funds from the County; and

WHEREAS, the Center will receive \$10,000 to improve the operations of the Senior Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Claiborne County Commission must approve the following budget amendment to provide expenditure authority for the grant:

		<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>
101-46980-SCG	Other State Grants	\$10,000	
101-56300-707-SCG	Building Improvements		\$10,000


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Claiborne County Commission, meeting in regular session on the 16th day of December 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 16th day of December 2024.



JOE BROOKS, COUNTY MAYOR

/s/ Tim Shrout
SPONSOR

ATTEST:


KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK

FILED 12-2-24
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
BY: 3:0 pm D.C.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 141

BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR HARROGATE SENIOR CENTER

WHEREAS, the Harrogate Senior Citizen Center has been awarded a grant through the State of Tennessee, which requires no matching funds from the County; and

WHEREAS, the Center will receive \$10,000 to improve the operations of the Senior Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Claiborne County Commission must approve the following budget amendment to provide expenditure authority for the grant:

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JOE BROOKS, COUNTY MAYOR

/s/ Tim Shrout
SPONSOR

ATTEST:



KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK

FILED 12-2-24
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
BY: S. D. M. D.C.

ITEM #5 – RES. 2024-142 – FJC CONTRIBUTIONS (budget amendment)

MOTION: Commissioner McCreary – to approve
SECOND: Commissioner Jones

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 142

BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER CONTRIBUTIONS

WHEREAS, the Family Justice Center (FJC) receives contributions from citizens throughout the year to support the operations of the FJC; and

WHEREAS, this resolution recognizes contributions received in 2024; now

THEREFORE, the Claiborne County Commission must approve the following budget amendment in order for these monies to be expensed.

		<u>Expense</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
101-53600-499	Other Supplies & Materials	\$50	
101-48130	Contributions		\$50
	Total	\$50	\$50

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Claiborne County Commission, meeting in regular session on the 16th day of December 2024, that this resolution is approved.

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JOE BROOKS, COUNTY MAYOR

/s/ Sherry McCreary
SPONSOR

ATTEST:



KAREN HURST, CLERK

FILED 12-2-24
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
BY: 3:06 pm D-c.

ITEM #6 – RES. 2024-143 – SHERIFF’S OFFICE HVE GRANT (budget amendment)

MOTION: Commissioner Cosby – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Shrout

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

(Resolution as follows)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 143

BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR SHERIFF’S OFFICE HVE GRANT

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security has provided a \$10,000 High Visibility Enforcement of Tennessee Traffic Safety Laws (HVE) grant to the Sheriff’s Office for the period from October 1, 2024 through October 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the grant will fund law enforcement activities to decrease the number of driving under the influence (DUI) crashes;

THEREFORE, the Claiborne County Commission must approve the following budget amendment in order for the funds to be expended.

	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
101-54110-187-HVE Overtime-HVE	\$4,456	
101-54110-201-HVE Social Security-HVE	277	
101-54110-204-HVE State Retirement-HVE	262	
101-54110-212-HVE Employer Medicare-HVE	65	
101-54110-499-HVE Other Supplies and Materials	\$4,940	
<u>101-46290-HVE Other Public Safety Grants</u>		<u>\$10,000</u>
Total	\$10,000	\$10,000

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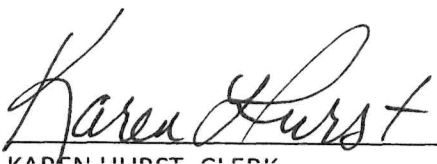
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution will take effect upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it. Duly passed and approved this 16th day of December 2024.



JOE BROOKS, COUNTY MAYOR

/s/ Mitchell Cosby
SPONSOR

ATTEST:



KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK

FILED 12-2-24
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
BY: 3:00 pm B.C.

ITEM #7 – RES. 2024-144 – SHERIFF’S OFFICE SUPPLEMENTAL PAY (budget amendment)

MOTION: Commissioner Cosby – to approve
SECOND: Commissioner Mason

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 144

BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR SHERIFF’S OFFICE SUPPLEMENT PAY

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is providing additional salary supplement funding for law enforcement officers in fiscal year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the additional salary supplement was not included in the County’s adopted FY 2025 budget and needs to be amended into the budget in order for the supplement to be paid; and

WHEREAS, the additional salary supplement will be offset by additional reimbursements from the State; now

THEREFORE, the Claiborne County Commission must approve the following budget amendment in order for the funds to be expended.

		<u>Expense</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
101-54110-140	Salary Supplements	\$28,000	
101-46210	Law Enforcement Training Program		\$28,000
	Total	\$28,000	\$28,000

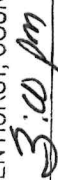
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Claiborne County Commission, meeting in regular session on the 16th day of December 2024, that this resolution is approved.

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JOE BROOKS, COUNTY MAYOR

/s/ Mitchell Cosby
SPONSOR

FILED
12-2-24
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
BY:  D.C.

ATTEST:



KAREN HURST, CLERK

ITEM #8 – RES. 2024-145 – SHERIFF’S OFFICE SRO GRANT (budget amendment)

MOTION: Commissioner Shrout – to approve
SECOND: Commissioner Mullins

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 145

BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR SHERIFF’S OFFICE SRO GRANT

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Sheriff’s Office was awarded a Statewide School Resource Officer (SRO) grant from the State of Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security for Fiscal Year 2025; and

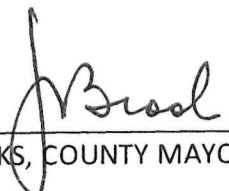
WHEREAS, the FY 2025 County budget includes \$900,000 in SRO grant revenue, but the actual grant award is \$975,000, which requires amending the County budget to include the \$75,000 in additional revenue and adding \$75,000 in additional appropriation authority for eligible grant expenses;

THEREFORE, the Claiborne County Commission must approve the following budget amendment in order for the SRO grant funds to be expended.

		<u>Expense</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
101-54110-170	School Resource Officer	\$27,739	
101-91130-718	Motor Vehicles	\$47,261	
101-46240	School Resource Officer Grants		\$75,000
	Total	\$75,000	\$75,000

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Claiborne County Commission, meeting in regular session on the 16th day of December 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 16th day of December 2024.



JOE BROOKS, COUNTY MAYOR

/s/ Tim Shrout
SPONSOR

ATTEST:



KAREN HURST, CLERK

FILED 12-4-24
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
BY: 11:00 am B-C.

ITEM #9 – RES. 2024-146 – OPIOID ABATEMENT FUND USEAGE #2

MOTION: Commissioner Rowe – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Epperson

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 146
RESOLUTION FOR OPIOID ABATEMENT FUND USAGE #2

WHEREAS, an Opioid Board was formed by the Claiborne County Commission on the 18th day of March 2019; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Opioid Board is to administer, oversee and recommend distribution, payment and administration of any funds to be received from the opioid litigation funds; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to the oversight of litigation settlement funds, the board shall identify, develop a plan of action and implement strategies to curb and attempt to overcome opioid abuse in Claiborne County, Tennessee; and,

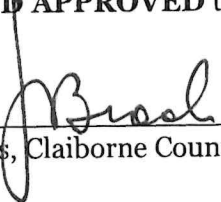
WHEREAS, the Opioid Board has voted to add a part-time position in the County Jail to assist with evidence-based services professionals to help prevent opioid use from reoccurring after inmates are released; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Claiborne County Commission, based on the recommendation from the Opioid Board, authorizes adding a part-time position to the Claiborne County Jail to be responsible for ensuring the timely transfer of inmates from their pods to their meetings with EBP professionals for a full ten (10) year cycle, and approves the following budget amendment in order for the opioid funding to be expended for this purpose.

		<u>Expense</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
101-39000	Fund Balance-Restricted		\$24,680
101-54220-190-EBPCO	Part-Time Personnel	\$20,000	
101-54220-201-EBPCO	Social Security	1,240	
101-54220-210-EBPCO	Unemployment Comp.	150	
101-54220-212-EBPCO	Employer Medicare	290	
101-54220-355-EBPCO	Travel	1,000	
101-54220-356-EBPCO	Tuition	1,000	
101-54220-435-EBPCO	Office Supplies	1,000	

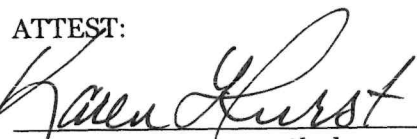
BE IT RESOLVED, this resolution shall take effect upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

PASS AND APPROVED this 16th day of December 2024.



Joe Brooks, Claiborne County Mayor

Anthony Rowe, County Commissioner

ATTEST:


Karen Hurst, County Clerk

Sherry McCreary, County Commissioner

Submitted by Joe Brooks, County Mayor

FILED 12-14-24
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
BY: 4:50 pm DC

ITEM #10 – RES. 2024-147 – APPROVE ENGINEER SERVICES FOR THE 2025 CDBG

MOTION: Commissioner Mundy – to approve Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. (JMT) as the engineering firm for the 2025 CDBG.

SECOND: Commissioner Mason

(discussion)

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

(Resolution as follows)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 147

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ENGINEER SERVICES FOR THE 2025 CDBG

WHEREAS, Counties who participate in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) must submit a request for qualifications from engineering firms; and

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Mayor has sent RFQ's to twelve (12) engineer firms; and,

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Mayor has received two (2) RFQ's:

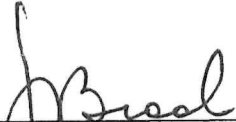
- Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. (JMT)
- Robert G. Campbell & Associates

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Claiborne County Commission meeting in session on Monday, December 16th elect to use the following engineering firm for the 2025 CDBG:

Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. (JMT)

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

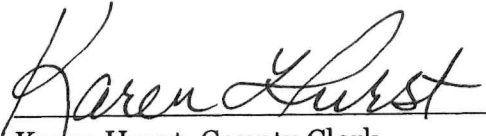
PASSED AND APPROVED this the 16th day of December 2024.



 Joe Brooks, Claiborne County Mayor

 David Mundy, County Commissioner

ATTEST:



 Karen Hurst, County Clerk

FILED 12-16-24
 KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
 BY:  P.C.

Resolution submitted by: County Mayor Joe Brooks

ITEM #10A – RES. 2024-148 – SUPPORTING SHEDS FOR HOMELESS DONATIONS

MOTION: Commissioner McCreary – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Epperson

(discussion)

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7 for; 14 against / Motion failed

FOR: Commissioners Epperson, Campbell, Cosby, Barnett, Brogan, McCreary,
Wilson

AGAINST: Commissioners Bunch, Cook, Shuford, Barker, Poore, Crawford, Shrout,
Mullins, Rowe, Brooks, Mason, Jones, Mundy, Rogers

ITEM #10B – RES. 2024-149 – FUND A COMPENSATION STUDY OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES (budget amendment)

MOTION: Commissioner Wilson – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Shrout

(discussion)

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 for; 17 against / Motion failed

FOR: Commissioners Campbell, Shrout, McCreary, Wilson

AGAINST: Commissioners Bunch, Cook, Shuford, Barker, Epperson, Poore,
Crawford, Mullins, Rowe, Cosby, Barnett, Brooks, Mason, Brogan,
Jones, Mundy, Rogers

ITEM #10C – DISCUSSION OF THE HEALTH DEPT. BY GARNET SOUTHERLAND

Garnet Southerland, Public Health County Director, requested to introduce Kristina Lane, RN3, Public Health Nursing Supervisor, who will be working with the Health Department. Also Ms. Southerland brought information to the commission of the services that are provided to the community and extended an invitation to come by the facility at any time. Construction should begin in the near future which will expand the clinical services the dept. can provide.

ITEM #11 – ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Mullins – to adjourn

SECOND: Commissioner Shrout

Motion carried by aye vote / Meeting adjourned.

Prepared by:


County Clerk