

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING – FEBRUARY 18, 2025

The Claiborne County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 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

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

ABSENT:

District 3

Stacey Crawford

District 9

Dustin Wilson

19 commissioners present
2 commissioners absent

Also present: Jennifer Bryant, Recorder

AGENDA ITEM #2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Jones – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Shrout

Commissioner Mundy requested to add a resolution concerning a budget amendment involving the Highway Department.

(This added as Res. 2025-022, item #9A under New Business)

Commissioner McCreary requested to add a resolution concerning a budget amendment for the Family Justice Center

(This added as Res. 2025-023, item #9B under New Business)

Mayor Brooks requested to add a discussion item concerning recent legislation

(This added as discussion item #1A under New Business)

Commissioner Shrout requested to add a discussion item (Dan Spurlock with SIGCO)

(This added as discussion item #1B 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 Poore

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 AND FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MOTION: Commissioner Mason – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Jones

Motion carried by aye vote

AGENDA ITEM #8 – NOTARY PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

MOTION: Commissioner Mundy – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Cosby

Motion carried by aye vote

APPROVED:

Shannon D. Morelock

Felicia M. Grubbs

Angela Grace Bunch

Jessica M. Smith

AGENDA ITEM #9 – NOTARY PUBLIC BONDS

(none)

OLD BUSINESS:

(none)

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1 – DISCUSSION – WORKHOUSE BOILER ROOM

Commissioner ShROUT presented information to the commission of the current status of the boiler at the workhouse. He stated that a capable individual has examined the boiler and has advised that the boiler system is in a catastrophic state. Commissioner ShROUT further stated that the boiler system must be operational in order to house inmates. He also presented an estimated price quote which had been obtained of \$149,300.00. After further discussion, and based on consideration of the direful situation, the following action was taken:

MOTION: Commissioner Shuford – to suspend the rules and authorize the county finance director to obtain bids for replacement of the boiler system at the workhouse and to also work on the appropriations to finance the project.

SECOND: Commissioner Mundy

(further discussion)

ROLL CALL VOTE: 19 for; 0 against / Motion carried

ITEM #1A – DISCUSSION BY COUNTY MAYOR ON CURRENT LEGISLATION

County Mayor Brooks presented information on current legislation concerning TCSA Key Bills 2025, the Education Freedom Act of 2025 and the Real Estate Transfer Tax. Mayor Brooks stated that the Real Estate Transfer Tax is of particular interest to the TCSA as this would benefit the counties by being a supplement to the county's funding mechanism of property tax. Mayor Brooks ask that each commissioner call the state representatives and state senator to support this bill as this would be a tremendous help to each county in their budget processes and would have the potential of growing each year. These funds can be used for transportation infrastructure, schools, and other nonrecurring expenses.

ITEM #1B – DISCUSSION – DAN SPURLOCK WITH SIGCO

Mr. Spurlock addressed the commission with information and presented a brochure concerning a facility in Middlesboro, Kentucky called Cumberland River RHOAR Center. He stated that this facility is very unique and gives women the opportunity to embrace second chances and empower them to embrace resiliency and transform their lives and provides full continuum of services. Mr. Spurlock asked that the commission help in getting the word out about this facility.

ITEM #2 – DISCUSSION – ROBYN CANTER WITH BRAVE BOXING & FITNESS

Robyn Canter with Brave Boxing & Fitness addressed the commission with information as to the work they do with children and adults in providing mentoring, tutoring and life skills along with various other needs all while utilizing boxing. They also provide prevention and intervention programs where needed. Ms. Canter stated that the facility is a boxing gym with purpose and wanted to bring this to the commission's attention.

ITEM #3 – RES. 2025-015 – BOARD OF EDUCATION (budget amendment)

ITEM #4 – RES. 2025-016 – BOARD OF EDUCATION (budget amendment)

ITEM #5 – RES. 2025-017 – BOARD OF EDUCATION (budget amendment)

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

SECOND: Commissioner Cosby

*ROLL CALL VOTE: 19 for; 0 against / Motion carried
(Resolutions as follows)*

Claiborne County Board of Education
RESOLUTION *2025-015*

February 13, 2025

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Board of Education will receive a State Special Education Preschool Grant in the amount of \$ 11,450.50 and also will receive a State Special Schools Transportation Grant in the amount of \$12,623.38 these need to be added to the **General Purpose Schools Budget** to contract with state approved vendors to support implementation.

WHEREAS, this resolution involves no local tax dollars.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Claiborne County Commission in session February 18, 2025 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.	
46515 Early Childhood Education	\$11,450.50
47590 Other State Grants	\$12,623.38

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Account Code No.	
141-71200-429 Instructional Supplies & Materials	\$ 3,450.00
141-71200-499 Other Supplies & Materials	\$ 6,900.00
141-71200-599 Other Charges	\$ 1,100.50
141-72710-313-SPED Transportation	\$ 12,623.38

David Mundy

Meredith Arnold
Claiborne County Schools

Commission Sponsor

Karen Brown

Karen Brown
School Finance

Claiborne County Board of Education
RESOLUTION

2025-016

February 13, 2025

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Board of Education has received \$169.20 dollars in Maintenance for scrap sales and received a check for \$5,270.00 into insurance recovery 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 February 18, 2025 that the Claiborne County Board of Education be authorized to amend the **General Purpose Budget** by adjusting the following line items.

REVENUE

INCREASE

Account Code No.

44145 Sale of Recycled Materials
49700 Insurance Recovery

\$ 169.20
\$5,270.00

EXPENDITURES

Account Code No.

141-72620-336 Maintenance
141-72620-335-PVE Maintenance and Repair Services/Buildings

\$ 169.20
\$ 5,270.00

David Mundy

Meredith Arnold
Claiborne County Schools

Commission Sponsor

Karen Brown

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School Finance

**Claiborne County Board of Education
Resolution**

School Nutrition 2025-017

February 13, 2025

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Board of Education needs to increase the School Nutrition Budget in order to reflect funds provided by the State of Tennessee and the Department of Agriculture/Commodity Distribution Rebate in the amount of \$5,088.44.

WHEREAS, this resolution involves no state or local dollars,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Claiborne County Commission in session on February 18, 2025 that the Claiborne County Board of Education be authorized to increase the School Nutrition Budget by adjusting the following line items,

REVENUE	INCREASE
47114 - USDA	\$ 5,088.44
EXPENDITURES	
73100-422 Food Supplies	\$ 5,088.44

David Mundy

Meredith Arnold
Claiborne County Schools

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School Finance

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ITEM #6 – RES. 2025-018 – HIGHWAY DEPT. (budget amendment)

MOTION: Commissioner Mundy – to approve with correction that dues and memberships amount of \$1000.00 be moved to expense line instead of revenue line.

SECOND: Commissioner Epperson

*ROLL CALL VOTE: 19 for; 0 against / Motion carried
(Resolution as follows)*

RESOLUTION 2025- 018
CLAIBORNE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
BUDGET AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, funds have been received from Highway Equipment (Res 2024-096 – See Attached); 7

WHEREAS, additional funds are needed in various line items in order to complete the fiscal year and realigns various line items.

THEREFORE, with the approval of County Commission, the following transaction needs to be approved for these funds to be placed in the budget in order for these monies to be expended.

<u>Line-Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
131-63100-142	Mechanic	\$ 5,000.00	
131-63100-201	Social Security	\$ 310.00	
131-63100-204	Retirement	\$ 293.00	
131-63100-212	Medicare	\$ 73.00	
131-63100-418	Parts	\$ 9,424.00	
131-61000-320	Dues and Memberships	\$ 1,000.00	
131-44530	Sale of Equipment		\$16,100.00
	TOTAL	\$16,100.00	\$16,100.00

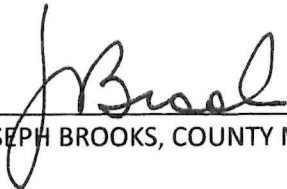
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Commission of Claiborne County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 18th day of February 2025 that this resolution be approved.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 18th day of February 2025.

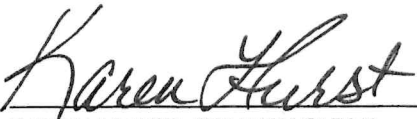
RONNIE PITTMAN, ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

DAVID MUNDY
SPONSOR



JOSEPH BROOKS, COUNTY MAYOR

ATTEST:



KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION 2024- 096
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Reference

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Highway Department has identified pieces of equipment that are no longer dependable, and the cost of repairing this equipment would exceed the value of the equipment itself.

WHEREAS, the following pieces of equipment will be removed from the insurance listing, and
THEREFORE, the following pieces of equipment need to be declared surplus equipment and will be sold in compliance with the state law:

- 1996 Champion Grader 710A – Serial Number: X026414X
- 1996 Champion Grader 710A – Serial Number: X027108X
- 2008 Sterling Dump Truck – Vehicle ID: 2FZAAWBS88AZ76226
- 1996 Ford F800 Dump Truck – Vehicle ID: 1FDXF80C8TVA19808

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commission of Claiborne County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on the 16th day of September that such resolution be passed.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of September 2024.

COUNTY MAYOR

DAVID MUNDY

SPONSOR

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

FILED 9-4-24
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
BY: _____ D.C.

ITEM #7 – RES. 2025-019 – SRO SUPPLEMENT PAY (budget amendment)

MOTION: Commissioner ShROUT – to approve
SECOND: Commissioner Mullins

ROLL CALL VOTE: 19 for; 0 against / Motion carried
(Resolution as follows)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-019

BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR SRO SUPPLEMENT PAY

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Office received state funding of \$7,200 for supplement pay for School Resource Officers (SRO); and

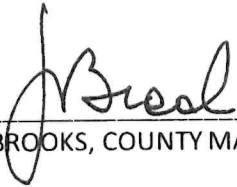
WHEREAS, this supplement pay was not included in the adopted fiscal year 2025 budget; and

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

		<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>
101-46240	Grant-SRO Supplement	\$7,200	
101-54110-140	Salary Supplements		\$7,200

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Claiborne County Commission, meeting in regular session on the 18th day of February 2025, 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 February 2025.



JOE BROOKS, COUNTY MAYOR

/s/ Tim ShROUT
SPONSOR

ATTEST:


KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK

FILED 2-3-25
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
BY: 7:30 pm B.C.

ITEM #8 – RES. 2025-020 – HOME GRANT (budget amendment)

MOTION: Commissioner McCreary – to approve
SECOND: Commissioner Jones

ROLL CALL VOTE: 19 for; 0 against / Motion carried
(Resolution as follows)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-020

BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR HOME GRANT

WHEREAS, the County receives HOME grant funding from the State of Tennessee Housing Development Agency for the provision of rehabilitation or reconstruction of existing single-family housing units, whose principal residents are low-income households; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated HOME grant expenditures and reimbursements in fiscal year 2025 will exceed the amounts included in the adopted fiscal year 2025 budget; and

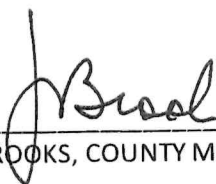
WHEREAS, HOME grant expenditures are reimbursed 100% by the State and there is no local match and no property tax impact;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Claiborne County Commission approves the following budget amendment in order to provide necessary appropriation authority for HOME grant expenses in fiscal year 2025:

		<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>
101-46980-HOME	HOME Grant	\$400,000	
101-58130-791-HOME	HOME Grant		\$400,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Claiborne County Commission, meeting in regular session on the 18th day of February 2025, 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 February 2025.



JOE BROOKS, COUNTY MAYOR

/s/ Sherry McCreary
SPONSOR

ATTEST:



KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK

FILED 2-3-25
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
BY: 4:30 pm D.G.

ITEM #9 – RES. 2025-021 – E911 BOARD APPOINTMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Shuford – to approve with correcting name of person being replaced to Jerry Beeler.

SECOND: Commissioner Shrout

*Motion carried by aye vote
(Resolution as follows)*

Resolution 2025 – 021
Appointment to the E911 Board

WHEREAS, T.C.A. 7-86-104 allows for the creation of an emergency communications district and its board of directors; and,

WHEREAS, the board manages the emergency communication system (911) within its area according to the powers given to it by general law at T.C.A. 7-86-101; and,

WHEREAS, the board of directors are appointed by the county mayor subject to confirmation by the county legislative body for terms of four years, except for the initial terms of two, three and four years to create a staggering system; and,

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Commission created an Emergency Communications District in September 1992 after a successful referendum was held in August 1992 where a majority of people desired to have Emergency 911 telephone service in this area; and,

WHEREAS, the original board was set up to consist of nine (9) members; and,

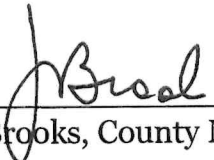
WHEREAS, the board should be made up of all areas where E911 services are utilized and funded; County Sheriff, County EMS Director, Chairman of County Commission, City Police Chiefs (2), Fire Chief (1), City Mayors (3); and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the following individual is appointed due to his being elected as the New Tazewell City Mayor

Stan Leonard, Mayor City of New Tazewell

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of February 2025.

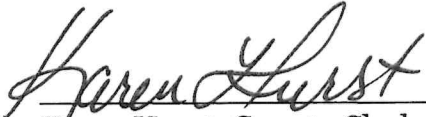


Joe Brooks, County Mayor

/s/ Whitt Shuford

Whitt Shuford, County Commissioner

ATTEST:



Karen Hurst, County Clerk

ITEM #9A – RES. 2025-022 – HIGHWAY DEPT. (budget amendment)

MOTION: Commissioner Mundy – to approve
SECOND: Commissioner Mason

ROLL CALL VOTE: 19 for; 0 against / Motion carried
(Resolution as follows)

RESOLUTION 2025- 022
CLAIBORNE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
BUDGET AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, due to inclement weather, additional funding is required in order for the county road ways to be maintained with pipe and gravel.

WHEREAS, additional funds are needed in the line items listed below in order to complete the fiscal year and realign these line items.

THEREFORE, with the approval of County Commission, the following transaction needs to be approved for these funds to be placed in the budget in order for these monies to be expended.

<u>Line-Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
131-62000-409	Stone	\$140,000	
131-62000-440	Pipe	\$ 10,000	
131-34550	Fund Balance		\$150,000
	TOTAL	\$150,000	\$150,000


THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Commission of Claiborne County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 18th day of February 2025 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 18th day of February 2025.

RONNIE PITTMAN, ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

DAVID MUNDY
SPONSOR



JOSEPH BROOKS, COUNTY MAYOR

ATTEST:



KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK

ITEM #9B – RES. 2025-023 – FJC CONTRIBUTIONS (budget amendment)

MOTION: Commissioner McCreary – to approve
SECOND: Commissioner Mundy

ROLL CALL VOTE: 19 for; 0 against / Motion carried
(Resolution as follows)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 023

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 2025; 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	\$5,000	
101-48130	Contributions		<u>\$5,000</u>
	Total	\$5,000	\$5,000

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Claiborne County Commission, meeting in regular session on the 18th day of February 2025, that this resolution is approved.

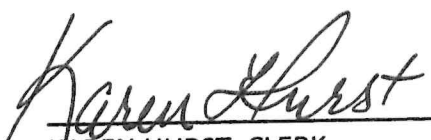
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution will take effect upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it. Duly passed and approved this 18th day of February 2025.



JOE BROOKS, COUNTY MAYOR

/s/ Sherry McCreary
SPONSOR

ATTEST:



KAREN HURST, CLERK

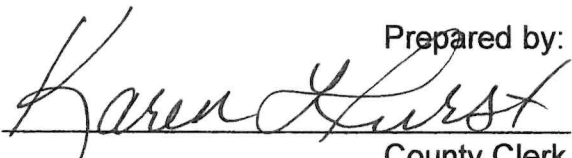
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ITEM #10 – ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Mullins – to adjourn

SECOND: Commissioner Cosby

Motion carried by aye vote / Meeting adjourned.

Prepared by:

County Clerk