

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING – MARCH 16, 2026

The Claiborne County Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 16, 2026, 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

ABSENT:

District 9

Dustin Wilson

20 commissioners present
1 commissioner absent

Also present: Jennifer Bryant, Recorder

AGENDA ITEM #2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Epperson– to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Poore

Commissioner Shuford requested to add a notary renewal (Hollie Amanda Ramsey) to the notary public appointment list.

County Mayor Brooks requested that Discussion Item #3 be removed from agenda as C.F. Bailey cannot attend the meeting.

Commissioner Mundy requested to add a resolution concerning the property tax relief program.

(this added as Res. 2026-026, item #10A under New Business).

Commissioner Mundy requested to add a resolution concerning the opioid lawsuit.

(this added as Res. 2026-027, item #10B under New Business).

Commissioner Crawford requested to add quarterly wheel tax report.

(this added as Hwy. Dept. Quarterly Wheel Tax Report, item #7A)

Vote on agenda as amended - Motion carried by aye vote

AGENDA ITEM #3 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Mullins – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Shuford

Motion carried by aye vote

AGENDA ITEM #4 – COUNTY OFFICE REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM #5 – COUNTY MAYORS REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #6 – COUNTY SHERIFFS REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #7 – COMMITTEE REPORTS

AGENDA ITEM #7A – HWY DEPT. QUARTERLY WHEEL TAX REPORT

MOTION: Commissioner Epperson – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Rowe

Motion carried by aye vote

AGENDA ITEM #8 – NOTARY PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

MOTION: Commissioner Mullins – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Mundy

Motion carried by aye vote

APPROVED:

Marlin R. Curnutt

Matthew Royston Compton

Crystal Brooks

Miranda N. Honeycutt

Marae D. Branum

Eric M. Reiss

Hollie Amanda Ramsey

Judith A. Hilleary

Ursula Jones

AGENDA ITEM #9 – NOTARY PUBLIC BONDS

(none)

OLD BUSINESS:

**ITEM #1 – RES. 2026-012 – ADOPT A PROPERTY TAX FREEZE PROGRAM FOR
CLAIBORNE COUNTY**

MOTION: Commissioner Cook – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Bunch

(discussion)

MOTION: Commissioner Cook – to amend original motion to incorporate the revised resolution (2026-026) involving the tax relief program which provides up to \$100.00 relief for eligible taxpayers and that the tax relief program shall not be void in the event of an adopted property tax freeze.

SECOND: Commissioner Bunch

ROLL CALL VOTE (on Motion to Amend): 4 for; 16 against / Motion failed

FOR: Commissioners Bunch, Cook, Barker, Mundy

*AGAINST: Commissioners Shuford, Epperson, Poore, Campbell, Crawford,
Shrout, Mullins, Rowe, Cosby, Barnett, Brooks, Mason, Brogan,
Jones, McCreary, Rogers*

(further discussion)

ROLL CALL VOTE (on Original Motion): 3 for; 17 against / Motion failed

FOR: Commissioners Bunch, Cook, Barker

*AGAINST: Commissioners Shuford, Epperson, Poore, Campbell, Crawford,
Shrout, Mullins, Rowe, Cosby, Barnett, Brooks, Mason, Brogan,
Jones, McCreary, Mundy, Rogers*

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1 – INFORMATION – REPORT ON DEBT OBLIGATION

(submitted for information; no action taken)

(report as follows)



Report On Debt Obligation

Receipt Date: 02/25/2026

Entity and Debt Information		
Entity Name		
Claiborne County		
Entity Address		
PO Box 317 Tazewell, Tennessee 37879		
Debt Issue Name		
SHERIFF DEPARTMENT BODY CAMS		
Series Year		
2025		
Debt Issue Face Amount		
\$271,065.60		
Face Amount Premium or Discount?		
N/A		
Tax Status		
Tax - Exempt		
Interest Type		Other Interest Type Description
Other		NO INTEREST
Debt Obligation		
Financing Lease		
Moody's Rating	Standard & Poor's Rating	Fitch Rating
Unrated	Unrated	Unrated
Other Rating Agency Name		Other Rating Agency Rating
N/A		N/A
Security		Other Security Description
Other		SUBSCRIPTION/LEASE AGREEMENT
Type of Sale Per Authorizing Document		
Competitive Bid		
Dated Date	Issue/Closing Date	Final Maturity Date
12/31/2024	1/1/2025	7/31/2029

Debt Purpose

Purpose	Percentage	Description
Other	100%	BODY CAMERAS FOR SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES
Education	0%	N/A
General Government	0%	N/A
Refunding	0%	N/A
Utilities	0%	N/A

Cost of Issuance and Professionals

Does your Debt Issue have costs or professionals?

No _____

Maturity Dates, Amounts, and Interest Rates

Comments

THE CONTRACT DOES NOT INCLUDE INTEREST WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DELINQUENT PAYMENTS

Year	Amount	Interest Rate
1	\$54,213.12	0
2	\$54,213.12	0
3	\$54,213.12	0
4	\$54,213.12	0
5	\$54,213.12	0
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$271,065.60	

See final page for Submission Details and Signatures

Submission Details and Signatures

Is there an official statement or disclosure document, as applicable, that will be posted to EMMA: <https://emma.msrb.org/>?

No

Signature - Chief Executive or Finance Officer of the Public Entity

Name BRANDON WALTERS	Title/Position FINANCE DIRECTOR
Email FINANCEDIRECTOR@CLAIBORNECOUNTYTN.GOV	Alternate Email N/A

Signature - Preparer (Submitter) of This Form

Name BRANDON WALTERS	Title/Position FINANCE DIRECTOR
Email FINANCEDIRECTOR@CLAIBORNECOUNTYTN.GOV	Alternate Email N/A
Relationship to Public Entity FINANCE DIRECTOR	Organization CLAIBORNE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Verification of Form Accuracy

By checking the box below as the signing of this form, I attest the following:

1. I certify that to the best of my knowledge the information in this form is accurate.
2. The debt herein complies with the approved Debt Management Policy of the public entity.
3. If the form has been prepared by someone other than the CEO or CFO, the CEO or CFO has authorized the submission of this document.

Verify Form Accuracy

Date to be Presented at Public Meeting

03/16/2026

Date to be emailed/mailed to members of the governing body

03/06/2026

Final Confirmation:

I hereby submit this report to the Division of Local Government Finance of the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury and understand my legal responsibility to: File this report with the members of the governing body no later than 45 days after the issuance or execution of the debt disclosed on this form. The Report is to be delivered to each member of the Governing Body and presented at a public meeting of the body. If there is not a scheduled public meeting of the governing body within forty-five (45) days, the report will be delivered by email or regular US mail to meet the 45-day requirement and also presented at the next scheduled meeting.

ITEM #2 – INFORMATION – RENOVATIONS TO JUSTICE CENTER

County Mayor Brooks gave the CLB an update on the EBP (evidence based programming) grant the county has through the OCJP. He informed the commission that the grant was awarded to the county in 2021 and has been used to hire two licensed clinical social workers. They are serving inmates through anger management, parental, drug counseling through group or individual therapy. This program has helped with a decrease in the jail for re-offenders. Based on the grant amount, the county is working to hire additional social workers and re-do office spaces at the Justice Center for this. Mayor Brooks stated that there is no local money involved but wanted the CLB to be aware of the project. The architects are working with jail personnel to get this job completed. One of the social workers, Brooklyn Bowen, also addressed the CLB about the work they do with the inmates and how additional workers are critical to the continued success of the program.

NOTICE OF AWARD

TO: Hale Construction, Inc.
1990 S Economy Road, P.O. Box 1674
Morristown, TN 37816

PROJECT Description: **A Renovation for:**
Claiborne County Justice Center
New Tazewell, Tennessee

The OWNER has considered the BIDS submitted by you for the above described WORK in response to its Advertisement for Bids and Information for Bidders.

You are hereby notified that your BIDS have been accepted for items in the amount of \$ 342,500.00 for Claiborne County Justice Center.

You are required by the Information for Bidders to execute the Agreement and furnish the required CONTRACTOR'S Performance BOND, Payment BOND and certificates of insurance within ten (10) calendar days from the date of this Notice to you.

If you fail to execute said Agreement and to furnish said BONDS within ten (10) days from the date of this Notice, said OWNER will be entitled to consider all your rights arising out of the OWNER's acceptance of your BID as abandoned and as a forfeiture of your BID BOND. The OWNER will be entitled to such other rights as may be granted by law.

You are required to return an acknowledged copy of this NOTICE OF AWARD to the OWNER.

Dated this Third day of March, 2026.

Claiborne County Government
Owner

By Brian Ewers

Title Architect

ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE

Receipt of the above NOTICE OF AWARD is hereby acknowledged

by J.W. Hale, this the 4th day of March, 2024

By 

Title VP

ITEM #3 – (removed from agenda)

ITEM #4 – DISCUSSION – CARBON GRAPHITE

County Mayor Brooks addressed the CLB and members of the audience that he wanted to “clear the air” concerning the potential carbon graphite plant locating in the Speedwell area. He stated that he nor the commission knew anything about this and the county was not involved in any land purchase. He was made aware via a news outlet and questions then arose as to what was going on with a carbon graphite facility coming to the county. Mayor Brooks stated that he could not say that this development would not materialize nor does the county have the authority to stop anything from coming into the county. Any county oversight is limited to a sub-division less than 5 acres which must be presented before the Planning Commission.

(discussion was held including members of the audience voicing concerns on this issue).

County Attorney Estep advised that discrimination issues would occur to pick one area or one type of property if the county tried to prohibit anyone or a company from a development unless there is residential, industrial or commercial zoning in the county. He further stated that he hopes the people of the county do not feel that they have been lied to by this governing body as the board had no knowledge of or authority to interact or affect what’s happened. He also stated that the meetings are open and agendas are published for anyone to review.

(following further discussion and a recess, no further action taken)

ITEM #5 – RES. 2026-020 – BOARD OF EDUCATION (budget amendment)

ITEM #6 – RES. 2026-021 – BOARD OF EDUCATION (budget amendment)

ITEM #7 – RES. 2026-022 – BOARD OF EDUCATION (budget amendment)

MOTION: Commissioner Mundy – to combine items # 5 thru 7 and approve.

SECOND: Commissioner Jones

ROLL CALL VOTE: 20 for; 0 against / Motion carried

(Resolutions as follows)

Claiborne County Board of Education
School Nutrition
Resolution
2026-020

March 12, 2026

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Board of Education need to amend the School Nutrition Budget in order to add money received from Tennessee Department of Agriculture. This funding is a rebate paid for USDA Food.

WHEREAS, this resolution involves no local tax dollars.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Claiborne County Commission in session March 16, 2026 that the Claiborne County Board of Education be authorized to amend the School Nutrition Budget by adjusting the following line items.


REVENUE

Increase Decrease

Account Code No.		
47114-SDF	USDA - Other	\$ 3,907.96

EXPENDITURES

Account Code No.		
143-73100-422	Food Supplies	\$ 3,907.96



Meredith Arnold
Claiborne County Schools

David Mundy
Commission Sponsor

Kelly Harvey
Kelly Harvey
Finance

FILED *2026-020*
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
BY: *4:45 pm* D.C.

Claiborne County Board of Education
RESOLUTION
2026-021

March 12, 2026

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Board of Education has received the following grants and they need to be added to the General Purpose Budget in order for these funds to be spent as awarded: Early Literacy Tutoring Grant \$ 13,000 and a Grant for Distance Learning \$ 982,670 with required match of \$ 147,401.

WHEREAS, this resolution involves no local tax dollars.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Claiborne County Commission in session March 16, 2026 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.		
46590-ELT	Other State Education Funds	\$13,000.00
47990-DLT	Other Direct Federal Revenue	\$982,670.00
39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$147,401.00

EXPENDITURES

Account Code No.		
141-71100-189-ELT	Other Salaries and Wages	\$ 11,140.26
141-71100-201-ELT	Social Security	\$ 672.32
141-71100-204-ELT	State Retirement	\$ 596.42
141-71100-212-ELT	Employer Medicare	\$ 157.24
141-71100-217-ELT	Hybrid Retirement	\$ 433.76
141-71100-722-DLT	Regular Instructional Equipment	\$ 1,120,812.00
141-71200-725-DLT	Special Education Equipment	\$ 9,259.00



Meredith Arnold
 Claiborne County Schools

David Mundy

Commission Sponsor

Kelly Harvey

Kelly Harvey
 School Finance

FILED *2-26-26*
 KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
 BY: *4:45 pm* BC

Claiborne County Board of Education
RESOLUTION
2026-022

March 12, 2026


WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Board of Education has received insurance recovery funding in the amount of \$ 9,074.87 that needs to be added to the budget as well as additional funding in the Alpha Pre-School Grant that needs to be added. and the grant amended to the latest state approved budget.

WHEREAS, this resolution involves no local tax dollars.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Claiborne County Commission in session March 16, 2026 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>
Account Code No.		
46515 Early Childhood Education	\$2,781.55	
49700 Insurance Recovery	\$9,074.87	

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
Account Code No.		
141-72620-336 Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 9,074.87	
141-73400-105-Alpha Supervisor		\$ (8,255.40)
141-73400-116-Alpha Teachers	\$ 17,377.00	
141-73400-163-Alpha Educational Assistants		\$ (24,540.00)
141-73400-201-Alpha Social Security		\$ (585.00)
141-73400-204-Alpha State Retirement		\$ (1,890.00)
141-73400-207-Alpha Medical Insurance	\$ 23,958.00	
141-73400-210-Alpha Unemployment		\$ (540.00)
141-73400-212-Alpha Medicare		\$ (1,277.00)
141-73400-217-Alpha Hybrid Retirement	\$1,890.00	
141-73400-499-Alpha Other Supplies and Materials		\$ (3,356.05)



Meredith Arnold
Claiborne County Schools

David Mundy

Commission Sponsor

Kelly Harvey

Kelly Harvey
School Finance

FILED *2-26-26*
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
BY: *4:45 pm* P.C.

ITEM #8 – RES. 2026-023 – SUPPORTING THE CLAIBORNE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BATTALION BAND

MOTION: Commissioner Barker – to amend the contribution amount to \$5,000.00 and approve.

SECOND: Commissioner Shrout

*ROLL CALL VOTE: 20 for; 0 against / Motion carried
(Resolution as follows)*

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-23

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CLAIBORNE HIGH SCHOOL BLUE
BATTALION BAND**

Sponsor: Haley Barker

WHEREAS, the Claiborne High School Blue Battalion Band has been selected to represent Tennessee in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to be a part of the official 250th birthday celebration of the United States of America; and,

WHEREAS, Claiborne County has supported student activities at both the state and national level; and,

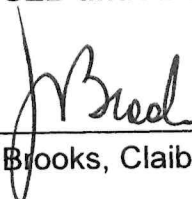
WHEREAS, Claiborne County is honored to support the Blue Battalion in reaching on the its highest honors by performing in the official 250th birthday celebration of the United States of America.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Claiborne County Commission authorizes the following budget amendments:

		<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
101-28400-316	Contributions	\$ 5,000	
101-39000	Undesignated Fund Balance		\$ 5,000

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

PASSED and APPROVED this 16th day of March, 2026



Joe Brooks, Claiborne County Mayor

ATTEST:


Karen Hurst, County Clerk

Submitted by: County Mayor

ITEM #9 – RES. 2026-024 – AUTHORIZING CLAIBORNE COUNTY TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS FOR A GRANT FROM THE TN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION, OFFICE OF RECREATION, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PARKS AND RECREATION SYSTEMWIDE PLAN

MOTION: Commissioner Cosby – to approve and include in the resolution that the matching funds shall be paid from Undesignated Fund Balance.

SECOND: Commissioner Barnett

*ROLL CALL VOTE: 20 for; 0 against / Motion carried
(Resolution as follows)*

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLAIBORNE COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS FOR A GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION, OFFICE OF RECREATION, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PARKS AND RECREATION SYSTEMWIDE PLAN

Sponsor: Mitchell Cosby

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), Office of Recreation, offers grant funding to support planning and development initiatives that enhance local parks and recreation systems; and

WHEREAS, Claiborne County desires to develop a comprehensive Parks and Recreation Systemwide Plan to guide future recreational development, resource allocation, and community programming; and,

WHEREAS, TDEC has made available a grant in the amount of Forty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$48,000) to assist in the preparation of this Systemwide Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the terms of the grant require a local match in the amount of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000), thereby creating a total project budget of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000); and,

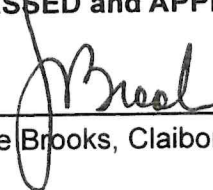
WHEREAS, Claiborne County recognizes that the development of a Parks and Recreation Systemwide Plan is in the best interest of the county and its residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Claiborne County Commission, meeting in regular sessions, that:

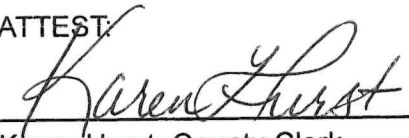
1. Claiborne County hereby approves participation in the TDEC Office of Recreation grant program for the purpose of developing a Parks and Recreation Systemwide Plan.
2. Claiborne County commits to providing the required local matching funds in the amount of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) and that this amount be paid from Undesignated Fund Balance (101-39000).
3. The County Mayor is authorized to execute all necessary documents, agreements, and obligations in connection with the grant application and administration.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

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

PASSED and APPROVED this 16th day of March, 2026.



Joe Brooks, Claiborne County Mayor

ATTEST:


Karen Hurst, County Clerk

Submitted by: County Mayor

ITEM #10 – RES. 2026-025 – AUTHORIZING CLAIBORNE COUNTY TO APPLY FOR STATE OF TENNESSEE OPIOID ABATEMENT COUNCIL GRANT FUNDING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HELEN ROSS McNABB JAIL TO WORK

MOTION: Commissioner McCreary – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Cosby

ROLL CALL VOTE: 20 for; 0 against / Motion carried
(Resolution as follows)

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 025
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLAIBORNE COUNTY TO APPLY FOR STATE OF TENNESSEE OPIOID ABATEMENT COUNCIL GRANT FUNDING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HELEN ROSS MCNABB JAIL TO WORK

Sponsor: Sherry McCreary

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee Opioid Abatement Council (OAC) has authorized grants to be funded that would align with its strategic opioid strategies, and

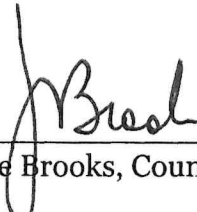
WHEREAS, the Jail to Work program operated by Helen Ross McNabb meets the state’s OAC strategies for funding, and

WHEREAS, there is no match for this funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Claiborne County Commission authorizes the Claiborne County Mayor to apply for State of Tennessee OAC Grant funding in partnership with Helen Ross McNabb.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED AND APPROVED, 16th day of March 2026.



Joe Brooks, County Mayor

ATTEST:



Karen Hurst, County Clerk

FILED 26-26
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
BY: K. Hurst D.C.

Claiborne County Budget Committee Memo

TO: Claiborne County Commissioners

FROM: McNabb Center

DATE: March 5, 2026

RE: Opioid Abatement Council Community Grants cycle 3, collaborative grant

1. Proposal (what is the new item/service being requested) Claiborne County Government to serve as the Lead Applicant in collaboration with the McNabb Center for the Opioid Abatement Council (OAC) Community Grant – Cycle 3, funding would begin in July 2027. This grant will support the operation of a comprehensive re-entry treatment continuum. Claiborne County Government and the McNabb Center currently maintain a successful partnership through the Jail to Work and Recovery Home programs. This request seeks authorization to support The Jail to Work program to further address incarcerated adult populations impacted by opioid use disorder (OUD) and co-occurring mental health disorders.

2. Current Operations (how are operations without the request and impact if not funded) The McNabb Center will continue to explore state and federal funding opportunities.

3. Impact if funded (provide summary if the request is approved) This initiative will directly serve approximately 45 Claiborne County residents annually through residential treatment and structured re-entry services for individuals diagnosed with opioid use disorder and co-occurring mental health conditions. These grant funds will provide operation support for Claiborne County Jail to Work program which includes immediate access to evidenced-based treatment, medication-assisted treatment, and recovery supports, the program is designed to reduce recidivism, increase community tenure, and lower utilization of emergency, judicial, and correctional resources. The long-term impact includes improved employment stability, reduced reliance on public systems, strengthened family functioning, and measurable cost avoidance for Claiborne County.

Budget Impact	
Original Budget	\$2,295,000.00
Amendment Impact	
Proposed Revised Budget	\$2,295,000.00

**ITEM #10A – RES. 2026-026 – ESTABLISH PROGRAM TO SUPPLEMENT THE
PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE PROVIDED
FOR IN TITLE 67, CHAPTER 5, PART 7 OF THE TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED**

MOTION: Commissioner Mundy – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Mason

*ROLL CALL VOTE: 20 for; 0 against / Motion carried
(Resolution as follows)*

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PROGRAM TO SUPPLEMENT THE PROPERTY TAX
RELIEF PROGRAM OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE PROVIDED FOR IN TITLE 67,
CHAPTER 5, PART 7 OF THE TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-026

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Claiborne County, Tennessee, have recognized the need to provide financial assistance to certain needy citizens of this county; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, through its General Assembly, has established a program whereby low-income homeowners sixty five (65) years of age or older and disabled homeowners, as those taxpayers are defined in *Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 5, Part 7*, are provided financial assistance through a refund of property taxes paid for by a state appropriation; and,

WHEREAS, the General Assembly, passing Chapter 739 of the Public Acts of 2006 amended *Tennessee Code Annotated § 67-5-701(j)* to provide that any county, municipality, or metropolitan government may provide for the appropriation of additional funds to supplement this program for tax relief for low-income homeowners sixty five (65) years of age or older and disabled homeowners:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Claiborne County Commission, meeting in regular session on the 16th day of March, 2026, that;

SECTION 1. The County Commission for Claiborne County, Tennessee hereby expresses its intent to exercise the authority provided in *Tennessee Code Annotated § 67-5-701(j)* to provide financial assistance to low-income homeowners sixty five (65) years of age or older and disabled homeowners, as those taxpayers are defined in *Tennessee Code Annotated §§ 67-5-702 through 67-5-704*.

SECTION 2. Assistance shall commence with the fiscal year 2026-2027, and relief shall start with 2026 property taxes.

SECTION 3. Only those taxpayers who qualify under *Tennessee Code Annotated §§ 67-5-702 through 67-5-704* are eligible for this additional tax relief.

SECTION 4. In order to receive this tax relief, any eligible taxpayer shall have previously applied for and obtained the relief authorized by *Tennessee Code Annotated §§ 67-5-702 through 67-5-704* by the State of Tennessee.

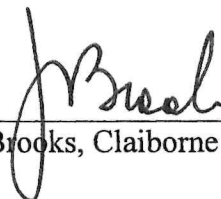
SECTION 5. The tax relief authorized by this resolution shall be in an amount determined by annual appropriation and shall be subject to the availability of funds.

SECTION 6. The amount of tax relief provided to eligible taxpayers shall be up to One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars per residence, provided that in no event shall the total relief allowed by the state and the county exceed the total taxes actually paid.

SECTION 7. The provisions of this resolution shall be administered through the Office of the Claiborne County Trustee in the same manner as the property tax relief program of the State of Tennessee provided for in *Tennessee Code Annotated* §§ 67-5-702 through 67-5-704.

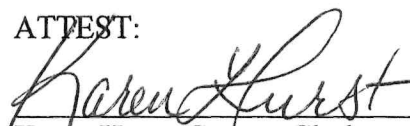
SECTION 8. This resolution will take effect upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Duly passed and approved this 16th day of March, 2026.



Joe Brooks, Claiborne County Mayor

ATTEST:



Karen Hurst, County Clerk

SPONSOR:



David Mundy, County Commissioner *w/permission*

ITEM #10B – RES. 2026-027 – AUTHORIZING OPIOID SETTLEMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Mundy – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Cosby

*ROLL CALL VOTE: 20 for; 0 against / Motion carried
(Resolution as follows)*

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OPIOID SETTLEMENT
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-027

WHEREAS, Claiborne County, Tennessee is participating in a National Opioid Litigation case, and;

WHEREAS, additional settlements have been reached and proposed, and;

WHEREAS, the new settlement proposal concerns Associated Pharmacies, Inc. (and American Associated Pharmacies); JM Smith Co.; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; Morris and Dickson Co.; North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; and United Natural Foods, inc. (including its subsidiaries SuperValu and Advantage Logistics) (Six Remnant Defendants), and;

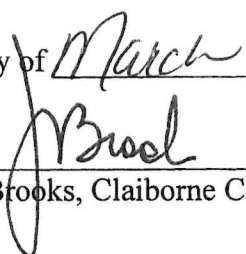
WHEREAS, counsel for the National Consortium recommends approval of these settlements.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Claiborne County Commission, meeting in regular session on the 16th day of March, 2026, hereby accepts the recommendation and will participate in the opioid settlements as recommended pursuant to the attached Notice of New National Opioid Settlements and Upcoming Action Needed to Participate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Joe Brooks, Claiborne County Mayor and/or James D. Estep, III, Claiborne County Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to vote in favor of the settlements outlined in the attached Notice of New National Opioid Settlements and Upcoming Action Needed to Participate.

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

Duly passed and approved this 16th day of March, 2026.



Joe Brooks, Claiborne County Mayor

ATTEST:



Karen Hurst, County Clerk

SPONSOR:



County Commissioner

James Estep, III

From: "National Opioids Settlements Implementation Administrator for Six Remnant Defendants" <system@rubris.com>
Date: Thursday, March 05, 2026 12:46 PM
To: <jdestep@centurytel.net>; <opiodsettlement@levinlaw.com>
Attach: settlement_overview_six_remnant_defendants.pdf; notice_document.pdf
Subject: NEW NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT NOTICE - Six Remnant Defendants - CL-2020947

To: Claiborne County, TN

Rubris Reference Number: CL-2020947

**NOTICE OF NEW NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENTS
AND UPCOMING ACTION NEEDED TO PARTICIPATE**

A new national opioid settlement has been reached with the Six Remnant Defendants. This is the formal notice required by the settlements and authorized by the parties.

Please read this email and the attached documents carefully.

All entities will be receiving the Six Remnant participation form via DocuSign shortly. However, if your entity would prefer to sign and return the documentation via wet ink, please [click here](#) and follow the provided instructions.

If your entity is represented by an attorney with respect to opioid claims and they are not copied on this message, please immediately contact them concerning this notice.

Thank you,
National Opioids Settlements Notice and Claims Administrator for Six Remnant Defendants

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3/10/2026

To: Claiborne County, TN
Reference Number: CL-2020947

**NOTICE OF NEW NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT
AND UPCOMING ACTION NEEDED TO PARTICIPATE:
MONDAY, May 4, 2026, DEADLINE**

A new national opioid settlement has been reached with six regional distributors/dispenser defendants (Remnant Defendants Settlement): Associated Pharmacies, Inc. (and American Associated Pharmacies); J M Smith Corporation; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; Morris and Dickson Co.; North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; and United Natural Foods, Inc. (including its subsidiaries SuperValu and Advantage Logistics) (Six Remnant Defendants).

This is the formal Notice required by the Remnant Defendants Settlement. You are receiving this Notice because your entity is entitled to participate (Eligible Entity). Please read this Notice and the attached *Settlement Overview* carefully. The *Settlement Overview* provides additional information concerning this new national opioid settlement.

Your entity may have participated in prior national opioid settlements. This Notice concerns the opportunity to participate in this **new** settlement with the Six Remnant Defendants. Your entity may participate in this new settlement even if it did not participate in a prior national settlement.

All Eligible Entities must “opt in” to participate in this new settlement. To do so, a person with authority must sign and return the *Combined Subdivision Participation and Release Form* that will be sent via DocuSign shortly. If an Eligible Entity is unable to return an executed *Combined Subdivision Participation and Release Form* using DocuSign, the signed *Combined Subdivision Participation and Release Form* may be submitted via the Rubris Platform Portal. Please utilize the link included in this Notice to upload your entity’s *Combined Subdivision Participation and Release Form* directly to the Rubris Platform Portal. DocuSign remains the preferred method of submission of the needed form.

The deadline to return the *Combined Subdivision Participation and Release Form* is Monday, May 4, 2026.

Questions about this Notice or the process for receiving and submitting the required *Combined Subdivision Participation and Release Form* may be directed to your attorney or the Notice and Claims Administrator at opioidsparticipation@rubris.com.

Please review the list of individuals on this email and contact the Notice and Claims Administrator at opioidsparticipation@rubris.com if someone else at your entity should receive communications about this Settlement.



If your entity is represented by an attorney with respect to opioid claims and they are not copied on this message, please immediately contact them concerning this Notice.

Thank you,
National Opioids Notice and Claims Administrator for the Remnant Defendants
Settlement

The Notice and Claims Administrator is retained to provide the Settlement Notice required by the Settlement Agreement referenced above and to manage the collection of Subdivision Settlement Participation Forms.



National Opioids Settlements: Six Remnant Defendants
Notice and Claims Administrator
opioidsparticipation@rubris.com

To: Claiborne County, TN
Reference Number: CL-2020947

***THIS SETTLEMENT OVERVIEW CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT
THE SIX REMNANT DEFENDANTS NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT***

SIX REMNANT DEFENDANTS SETTLEMENT OVERVIEW

A new national opioid settlement has been reached with six regional distributors/dispenser defendants (Remnant Defendants Settlement): Associated Pharmacies, Inc (and American Associated Pharmacies); J M Smith Corporation; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; Morris and Dickson Co.; North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; and United Natural Foods, Inc. (including its subsidiaries SuperValu and Advantage Logistics) (Six Remnant Defendants). There is one settlement agreement covering the combined settlement with the Six Remnant Defendants.

If effectuated, the proposed Remnant Defendants Settlement will result in the the Six Remnant Defendants paying a combined \$97,625,000.00 in cash for purposes of abating the opioid epidemic. An Eligible Entity's participation in the Remnant Defendants Settlement, the Settlement will result in a one-time settlement payment to each Eligible Entity. The Settlement funds must be used for the *Core Strategies and Approved Uses* set forth in Exhibit D of the Remnant Defendant Settlement Agreement.

The Remnant Defendants Settlement does not include State Attorneys General or any amount allocated to a State. Rather, this Settlement will be distributed only and directly to any Eligible Entity that participates by signing and returning the *Combined Subdivision Participation and Release Form* by the deadline.

The allocation to participating entities will be calculated using the national Denver model but removing from the equation any amount that the Denver model would allocate to a State Attorney General or a State allocation. Specifically, the interstate allocation formula will be used to calculate what amount should go to all the subdivisions in each state and then apply the intrastate allocation as between all subdivisions who are either a litigating subdivision or a non-litigating subdivision with a population of 30,000 or more. Using that methodology, a national pro-rata percentage was created. That allocation percentage of participation is reflected in Exhibit E of the Remnant Defendant Settlement Agreement.



Eligible Entities must decide whether to participate by **Monday, May 4, 2026.**

WHO IS RUBRIS INC. AND WHAT IS THE NOTICE AND CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR?

The Settlement provides that a Notice and Claims Administrator will provide notice and manage the collection of participation forms. Rubris, Inc. is the Notice and Claims Administrator for this new Settlement and was also retained for the prior national opioid settlements.

WHY IS YOUR ENTITY RECEIVING THIS NOTICE?

Your entity is eligible to participate in this Settlement. This Notice is also sent directly to counsel for each Eligible Entity if the Notice and Claims Administrator has their information. *If you are represented by an attorney with respect to opioid claims, please contact them.*

WHERE CAN YOU FIND MORE INFORMATION?

Detailed information about the Settlement may be found at:
<https://nationalopioidsettlement.com>

You are encouraged to review the Settlement Agreement terms and discuss the terms and benefits with your counsel. Each Eligible Entity will need to decide whether to participate in the proposed Settlement, and entities are encouraged to work through this process before the Monday, May 4, 2026, deadline.

HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT?

The Settlement requires that each Eligible Entity take affirmative steps to “opt in” to the Settlement. You will receive the *Combined Subdivision Participation and Release Form* via DocuSign along with instructions from the Implementation Administrator. In order to participate in this Settlement, a person with authority must sign and return the required *Combined Subdivision Participation and Release Form*. DocuSign remains the preferred method of submission of the needed form.

The participation rate will be used to determine whether participation for each *Remnant Defendant* is sufficient to move forward. If the Settlement moves forward, your release will become effective as to that *Remnant Defendant*. If the settlement as to any *Remnant Defendant* does not move forward, the release as to that *Remnant Defendant* will not become effective.

Please add the following email addresses to your “safe” list so emails do not go to spam / junk folders: *dse na3@docusign.net* and *opioidsparticipation@rubris.com*. Please monitor your email for the Participation Form and instructions.



All required documentation must be signed and returned on or before Monday, May 4, 2026. Upon effectuation of the Remnant Defendants Settlement, each Eligible Entity will be provided with a link to a portal where you will enter contact and payment information to receive settlement funds.



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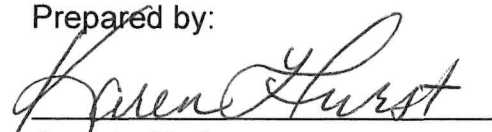
ITEM #11 – ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Rogers – to adjourn

SECOND: Commissioner Brooks

Motion carried by aye vote / Meeting adjourned.

Prepared by:


County Clerk