

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING – MAY 18, 2026

The Claiborne County Commission met in regular session on Monday, May 18, 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

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 2

Gary Poore

District 9

Dustin Wilson

19 commissioners present
2 commissioners absent

Also present: Jennifer Bryant, Recorder

AGENDA ITEM #2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Shuford– to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Epperson

Commissioner Shuford requested to add a resolution concerning appointment of Equalization Board.

(this added as Res. 2026-049, item #17A under New Business)

Commissioner Rowe requested to add a resolution concerning Housing Development Agency Grant Application.

(this added as Res. 2026-050, item #17B under New Business).

Commissioner McCreary requested to add a resolution concerning Library Contributions and Appropriations.

(this added as Res. 2026-051, item #17C under New Business).

Commissioner Cosby requested to add a resolution concerning Medical Examiner Operations Budget Amendment.

(this added as Res. 2026-052, item #17D under New Business)

Commissioner Brogan requested to add a discussion item concerning a resident request to address the commission.

(this added as discussion item #2A 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 Cosby

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

MOTION: Commissioner Rowe – to approve
SECOND: Commissioner Mullins

Motion carried by aye vote

AGENDA ITEM #8 – NOTARY PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

MOTION: Commissioner Epperson – to approve
SECOND: Commissioner Jones

Motion carried by aye vote

APPROVED:

Ralph D. Carter
Melissa K. Johnson

Sheila M. Williams
James H. McCune

Joe C. Johnson
Dwayne Epperson

AGENDA ITEM #9 – NOTARY PUBLIC BONDS

(none)

OLD BUSINESS:

(none)

NEW BUSINESS:**ITEM #1 – DISCUSSION – PAULA GOINS – REQUEST TO ADDRESS CLB**

Commissioner ShROUT introduced Paula Goins at her request to address the commission. Ms. Goins discussed an item of concern involving the issue of a proposed raise by the School Board for the Claiborne County Director of Schools. She stated that she felt that she was speaking on behalf of most of the county on this issue. She addressed the CLB and asked that they carefully consider this in the budget process of as to whether this raise is reasonable, justified and in the best interest of the taxpayers. She stated that, considering the rising costs that residents face and the Board of Education employees working for modest wages, any extra money should be going to those working directly with the students. Ms. Goins cited TCA 8-31-102 involving the Nepotism Policy Act which she states was violated in the decision to grant this raise and that documentation is in place to be sent to the state concerning this. She asked that the CLB reject the proposed raise.

ITEM #2 – DISCUSSION ITEM BY THE COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor Brooks addressed the commission concerning calls he has received about the County Medical Examiner position. He stated that Dr. Carroll Rose, who had held the position for a period of time, was replaced as a result of his desire to retire and not because he was asked to leave or resign or "pushed out". Mayor Brooks stated that he had been asked in those calls as to when he was going to speak on the matter. He stated that he was not going to debate with an anonymous individual on Facebook but wanted to inform the CLB as to the facts of this issue.

ITEM #2A – DISCUSSION BY RESIDENT REQUEST TO ADDRESS CLB

Commissioner Brogan introduced Jody Beeler who requested to address the CLB. Mr. Beeler stated that he had appeared before the commission in October about the condition of Greasy Hollow Road in Speedwell. He asked who on the commission had reached out to the Road Superintendent about the road problem. Mr. Beeler said that when he has inquired with the Road Superintendent, he is told that the road is "on the list". Mr. Beeler requested support from the CLB with getting the road repaired and appreciates the commissioners that did reach out on behalf of his request.

ITEM #3 – LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

MOTION: Commissioner Cosby – to approve appointments

SECOND: Commissioner Mullins

Motion carried by aye vote
(appointments as follows)

CLAIBORNE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

**P.O. BOX 139
TAZEWELL, TENNESSEE 37879
PHONE (423)626-5414
FAX (423)626-9481**

April 28, 2026

MEMORANDUM

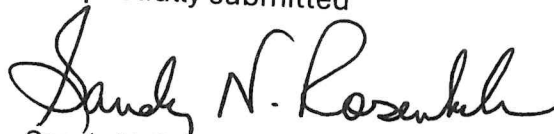
TO: County Commissioners
CLAIBORNE COUNTY

The Claiborne County Library Board submits for your approval the names of the following individuals to serve as library board trustees:

- Mr. Larry Stanifer to serve his second term
- Mrs. Sherry McCreary to serve her second term
- Mr. Rusty DeBusk to serve his second term
- Mr. Johnny Ramsey to serve his second term

These terms will begin July 1, 2026 and run for three years.

Respectfully submitted



Sandy N. Rosenbalm, Director
Claiborne County Public Library

FILED 4-28-26
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
BY: _____ D.C.

Commissioner Spenser:
Mitchell Cosby

ITEM #4 – RES. 2026-035 – BOARD OF EDUCATION (budget amendment)

ITEM #5 – RES. 2026-036 – BOARD OF EDUCATION (budget amendment)

ITEM #6 – RES. 2026-037 – BOARD OF EDUCATION (budget amendment)

ITEM #7 – RES. 2026-038 – BOARD OF EDUCATION (budget amendment)

ITEM #8 – RES. 2026-039 – BOARD OF EDUCATION (budget amendment)

*****Action following on Item #8*****

ITEM #9 – RES. 2026-040 – BOARD OF EDUCATION (budget amendment)

ITEM #10 – RES. 2026-041 – BOARD OF EDUCATION (budget amendment)

ITEM #11 – RES. 2026-042 – BOARD OF EDUCATION (budget amendment)

MOTION: Commissioner Mundy – to combine items #4,5,6,7,9,10,11 and approve
SECOND: Commissioner Rogers

(discussion)

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

Claiborne County Board of Education
School Nutrition Resolution

Res 2026-035

April 23, 2026

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Board of Education need to amend the School Nutrition Budget in order to reflect funds provided by the State of Tennessee Dept of Education to match state funds to School Food Authorities annually. State matching is a lump sum of money that the state agency disperses to local districts. It is required that 10% of these funds be spent on trainings/travel.

WHEREAS, this resolution involves no local tax dollars.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Claiborne County Commission in session May 18, 2026 that the Claiborne County Board of Education be authorized to amend the School Nutrition Budget by adjusting the following line items.

REVENUE

Account Code No.	Increase	Decrease
46520 School Nutrition State Matching	\$ 23,147.51	

EXPENDITURES

143-73100-355	Travel	\$ 2,314.75	
143-73100-165	Cafeteria Personnel	\$ 20,832.76	



Meredith Arnold
Claiborne County Schools

David Mundy
Commission Sponsor

Alison Seal
Alison Seal
Finance

FILED 3-31-26
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
BY: 19:30 pm D.G.

Claiborne County Board of Education
RESOLUTION

Res 2026-036

April, 23 2026

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Board of Education has received contribution monies for the career fair 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 May 18, 2026 that the Claiborne County Board of Education be authorized to amend the General Purpose Budget by adjusting the following line items.

REVENUE

Account Code No.
44570 Contributions

INCREASE

\$2,500.00

EXPENDITURES


Account Code No.
141-72310-599 Board of Education Other Charges

\$2,500.00



Meredith Arnold
Claiborne County Schools

David Mundy
David Mundy
County Commission


Alison Seal
Finance

FILED *3-31-26*
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
BY: *19:30 pm* D.C.

**Claiborne County Board of Education
RESOLUTION**

Res 2026-037

April 23, 2026

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Board of Education has received \$ 787.60 in scrap sales, \$ 8,059.29 in JUUL Funding, and \$ 10,456.36 in 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 May 18, 2026 that the Claiborne County Board of Education be authorized to amend the General Purpose Budget by adjusting the following line items.

REVENUE

<u>Account Code No.</u>		<u>INCREASE</u>
44145	Sale of Recycled Materials	\$787.60
49700	Insurance Recovery	\$10,456.36
48990	Other Revenue	\$ 8,059.29

EXPENDITURES

Account Code No.		
141-72710-424	Garage Supplies	\$787.60
141-72120-499-WELL	Supplies and Materials	\$8,059.29
141-72620-336	Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 10,456.36



Meredith Arnold
Claiborne County Schools

Alison Seal

Alison Seal
Finance

David Mundy
David Mundy
County Commission

FILED *3-31-26*
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
BY: *19:30 pm* D.C.

**Claiborne County Board of Education
RESOLUTION**

Res 2026-038

April 23, 2026


WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Board of Education need to amend the **General Purpose Budget** to add new money from the TVA Stem Grant/Batelle grant for Cumberland Gap High School Greenhouse.

WHEREAS, this resolution involves no local tax dollars.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Claiborne County Commission in session May 18, 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. 46980 Other State Grants - BAT	\$ 5,000.00	

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Account Code No. 141-71300-730-BAT Vocational Instruction Equipment	\$ 5,000.00



Meredith Arnold
Claiborne County Schools

David Mundy

Commission Sponsor

Alison Seal

Alison Seal
Finance

FILED *3-31-26*
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
AT: *12:30 pm* D.C.

**Claiborne County Board of Education
RESOLUTION**

Res 2026 - 040

May 14, 2026

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Board of Education will receive state grants to address learning loss and a transportation grant for summer programs which total \$ 493,611.73 and this needs to be added to the General Purpose School Budget

WHEREAS, this resolution involves no local tax dollars.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Claiborne County Commission in session May 18, 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	Other State Grants	\$493,611.73

EXPENDITURES

Account Code No.		
141-71100-116-SLC	Teachers	\$ 288,000.00
141-71100-201-SLC	Social Security	\$ 20,000.00
141-71100-204-SLC	Retirement	\$ 27,496.00
141-71100-210-SLC	Unemployment	\$ 900.00
141-71100-212-SLC	Medicare	\$ 5,176.00
141-71100-217-SLC	Hybrid Retirement	\$ 4,672.00
141-71100-429-SLC	Instructional Supplies	\$ 10,000.00
141-71100-499-SLC	Other Supplies	\$ 43,085.02
141-71100-599-SLC	Other Charges	\$ 5,000.00
141-72610-410-SLC	Custodial Supplies	\$ 2,500.00
141-73100-422-SLC	Food	\$ 11,000.00
141-72710-146-Trans	Bus Drivers	\$ 32,000.00
141-72710-201-Trans	Social Security	\$ 2,000.00
141-72710-204-Trans	Retirement	\$ 2,000.00
141-72710-210-Trans	Unemployment	\$ 150.00
141-72710-212-Trans	Medicare	\$ 500.00
141-72710-217-Trans	Hybrid Retirement	\$ 500.00
141-72710-338-Trans	Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 9,632.71
141-72710-412-Trans	Diesel Fuel	\$ 19,000.00
141-72710-450-Trans	Tires & Tubes	\$ 10,000.00

Meredith Arnold

Meredith Arnold
Claiborne County Schools Director

David Mundy

Commission Sponsor

Alison Seal
Alison Seal
School Finance

FILED 5-1-26
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
BY: 11:00 am P.C.

Claiborne County Board of Education
RESOLUTION

Res 2026-041

May 14, 2026

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Board of Education has received contribution monies for the career fair 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 May 18, 2026 that the Claiborne County Board of Education be authorized to amend the General Purpose Budget by adjusting the following line items.

REVENUE

Account Code No.
44570 Contributions

INCREASE

\$2,250.00

EXPENDITURES

Account Code No.
141-72310-599 Board of Education Other Charges

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Claiborne County Schools

David Mundy
David Mundy
County Commission

Alison Seal
Alison Seal
Finance

FILED 5-1-26
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
BY: 11:00 am D.C.

**Claiborne County Board of Education
RESOLUTION**

Res 2026-042

May 14, 2026

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Board of Education need to amend the **General Purpose Budget** to add new money from the K-12 Mental Health Trust Fund Infrastructure II Program for services and supports that promotes resiliency, recovery, and independence for individuals and families served.

WHEREAS, this resolution involves no local tax dollars.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Claiborne County Commission in session May 18, 2026 that the Claiborne County Board of Education be authorized to amend the **General Purpose Budget** by adjusting the following line items.

REVENUE

<u>Account Code No.</u>		<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
141-46980-MHTF	Other State Grants - MHTF	\$ 277,500.00	

EXPENDITURES

<u>Account Code No.</u>			
141-72120-399-MHTF	Other Contracted Services	\$ 15,000.00	
141-72120-499-MHTF	Other Supplies and Materials	\$ 20,500.00	
141-76100-799-MHTF	Other Capital Outlay	\$ 242,000.00	



Meredith Arnold
Claiborne County Schools

David Mundy

Commission Sponsor

Alison Seal

Alison Seal
Finance

FILED 5-1-26
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
BY: 11:00 am P-6

ITEM #8 – RES. 2026-039 – BOARD OF EDUCATION (budget amendment)

MOTION: Commissioner Shrout – to table this resolution until next meeting

SECOND: Commissioner Brooks

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

ITEM #12 – RES. 2026-043 – HIGHWAY DEPT. (budget amendment)

MOTION: Commissioner Mundy – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Cosby

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026- 043

CLAIBORNE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

BUDGET AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, repairs are needed for two bridges in the county. These bridges are located on Aaron Davis Road (District 8) and Barren Creek Road (District 2).

WHEREAS, major repairs are required on both bridges in order to get them approved by the state of Tennessee, and these repairs need to be done immediately. Also, the "state" funds have been exhausted for this fiscal year, so funding for these repairs will come from the "fund balance" of Fund 131 (Highway Department funds).

THEREFORE, with the approval of County Commission, the following transaction needs to be approved for these funds to be placed in the budget, and the money to be expended before June 30, 2026.

<u>LINE-ITEM</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
131-34550	Fund Balance-Hwy		\$100,800
131-68000-705	Bridge Construction	\$98,000	
131-62000-399	Other Contracted Services	2,800	
	TOTAL	\$100,800	\$100,800

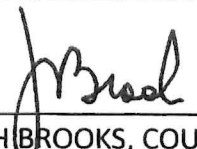
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Commission of Claiborne County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 18th day of May 2026 that this resolution be approved.

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 May 2026.

RONNIE PITTMAN, ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

DAVID MUNDY
SPONSOR


JOSEPH BROOKS, COUNTY MAYOR

ATTEST:

KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK

FILED 5-4-26
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
BY: 10:45am B.C.

ITEM #13 – RES. 2026-044 – CREATING FUND FOR CANINE CONTRIBUTIONS

MOTION: Commissioner Mullins – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Rowe

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

RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-044

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department for Claiborne County, Tennessee would like to create a fund for canine contributions; and,

WHEREAS, the funds for canine contributions would be tax deductible; and,

WHEREAS, the funds should be deposited in the Trustee's Office and administrated by the Claiborne County Finance Department:

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Library and the Claiborne County Family Justice Center would also benefit from a separate budget line item, and:

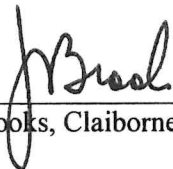
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Claiborne County Commission, meeting in regular session on the 18th day of May, 2026, hereby directs and authorizes a separate canine fund be opened and used specifically for the Claiborne County Sheriff's Department canine activities and shall be tax deductible by any donor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Claiborne County Commission also authorizes separate line items for the Library and Family Justice Center be created for Library or Family Justice Center donations and shall be tax deductible, subject to the approval of all donations by the Claiborne County Commission.

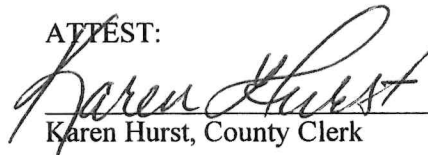
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Claiborne County Finance Department shall create a sperate line item fund for all Claiborne County Sheriff's Department funds that are donated on behalf of the canine activities of the Claiborne County Sheriff's Department subject to the approval of all donations by the Claiborne County Commission.

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

Duly passed and approved this 18th day of May, 2026.




Joe Brooks, Claiborne County Mayor

ATTEST:


Karen Hurst, County Clerk

FILED 5-7-26
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
BY: 12:30 pm B.C.

SPONSOR:



Zachary Mullins, County Commissioner
co. attorney w/ permission

05/18/2026

**ITEM #14 – RES. 2026-045 – SENIOR CITIZENS ASSISTANCE REALLOCATION OF
STATE OF TENNESSEE GRANT FUNDS (budget amendment)**

MOTION: Commissioner Cosby – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner McCreary

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-045

BUDGET AMENDMENT SENIOR CITIZENS ASSISTANCE REALLOCATION OF STATE OF TENNESSEE GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Senior Centers have been awarded a state grant for capital improvements to each center; and,

WHEREAS, the grant proceeds were originally budgeted in account 56300-335 for Maintenance & Repairs - Bldgs; and,

WHEREAS, other funding sources have covered the majority of the renovation work at the senior centers; and,

WHEREAS, the grant award allows expenditures for senior citizen activities and programs (with the exception of salaries); and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to reallocate a portion of these grant funds to support allowable senior citizen activity expenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Claiborne County, Tennessee that the following budget amendments are authorized:

Decrease		
56300-335-TOA26	Maintenance & Repairs – Bldgs	\$5,000
56300-335-HOA26	Maintenance & Repairs – Bldgs	\$5,000
Increase		
56300-599-TOA26	Other Charges	\$5,000
56300-599-HOA26	Other Charges	\$5,000

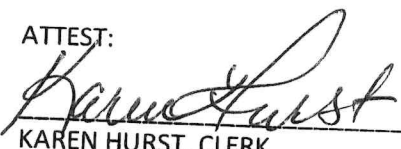
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution shall take place from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of May, 2026.



JOE BROOKS, COUNTY MAYOR

/s/ Mitchell Cosby
SPONSOR

ATTEST:


KAREN HURST, CLERK

FILED 5-7-26
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
BY: [Signature] P.C.

ITEM #15 – RES. 2026-046 – SRO SUPPLEMENT PAY (budget amendment)

MOTION: Commissioner Shrout – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Epperson

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026- 046

BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR SRO SUPPLEMENT PAY

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office received state funding of \$8,800 for supplement pay for School Resource Officers (SRO); and

WHEREAS, this supplement pay was not included in the adopted fiscal year 2026 budget; and

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

101-46240	Grant-SRO Supplement	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>
101-54110-140	Salary Supplements	\$8,800	\$8,800

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Claiborne County Commission, meeting in regular session on the 18th day of May 2026, that this resolution is approved.

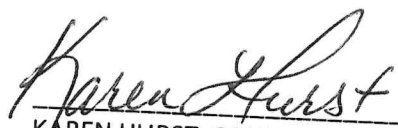
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will take effect upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it. Duly passed and approved this 18th day of May 2026.



JOE BROOKS, COUNTY MAYOR

/s/ Tim Shrout
SPONSOR

ATTEST:



KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK

FILED 5-7-26
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
BY: J. OB pm B-G.

05/18/2026

ITEM #16 – RES. 2026-047 – COUNTY MORGUE UNIT (budget amendment)

MOTION: Commissioner Mundy – to approve with the amendment that the Building, Grounds and Personnel committee will assist with the planning of and site of building the morgue.

SECOND: Commissioner Rogers

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026- 047
BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR COUNTY MORGUE UNIT**

Sponsor: David Mundy

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Rescue Squad, a private nonprofit organization, has tendered a donation in the amount of \$11,000 for the purchase of a morgue unit; and

WHEREAS, \$35,000 remains available and unencumbered from the Capital Outlay Note issued in January 2026; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for the morgue unit and the small metal building to house it is \$46,000, and this was not included in the adopted fiscal year 2026 budget; and

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

Revenue	Amount	Expense	Amount
171-46710 Contributions from Private Organizations	\$11,000	171-92210 Capital Outlay – Buildings / Structures	\$46,000
Existing Fund Balance / Note Proceeds	\$35,000		
Total	\$46,000 Total		\$46,000

IT FURTHER RESOLVED the location of the County Morgue will be on county owned property adjacent to the helipad.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED the County Mayor will call a meeting with the Building, Grounds, and Personnel Committee to work out the details for location and building.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Claiborne County Commission, meeting in regular session on the 18th day of May 2026, 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 May 2026.



JOE BROOKS, COUNTY MAYOR

ATTEST:



KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
Submitted by County Mayor

05/18/2026

ITEM #17 – RES. 2026-048 – SALE OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY

MOTION: Commissioner Mundy – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Rogers

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 048
A RESOLUTION SALE OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY

Sponsor: David Mundy

WHEREAS, Claiborne County, Tennessee owns a tract of land located at Lonesome Valley Road, New Tazewell, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the property is identified as Map 68, Parcel 23.01; and,

WHEREAS, Claiborne County acquired ownership of this tract of land consisting of approximately 3.0 acres by Delinquent Tax Sale and received Deed dated May 16, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, Deed is recorded in Book 1474, Page 447 in the Register's Office for Claiborne County, Tennessee, and

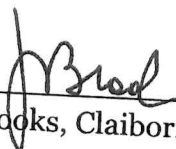
WHEREAS, interest in purchasing the property has been expressed to representatives of Claiborne County, Tennessee, and

WHEREAS, the buildings, grounds and personnel committee for Claiborne County, Tennessee has recommended sale of the property by statute.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Claiborne County Commission, meeting in regular session on the 18th day of May 2026, hereby directs the County Attorney to advertise and sale the property with a minimum starting bid of Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars and Eighty-Six (\$4,929.86) Cents.

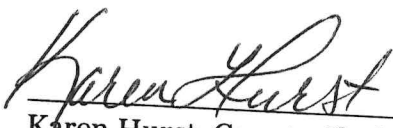
BE IT ALSO RESOLVED this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of May 2026.



Joe Brooks, Claiborne County Mayor

ATTEST:



Karen Hurst, County Clerk

Submitted by County Mayor

*Supporting documents attached.

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KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
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Control Map Number	Parcel Number	Taxing Agency	Tax Year	Owner	Sold Date	Bankrupt	Void	Balance Due
68	02-068 --068 -023.01--000	Claiborne Co. Delinquent Taxes	2018	Claiborne County		No	No	\$228.80
68	02-068 --068 -023.01--000	Claiborne Co. Delinquent Taxes	2017	Martin Arlen		No	No	\$239.45
68	02-068 --068 -023.01--000	Claiborne Co. Delinquent Taxes	2016	Martin Arlen		No	No	\$251.75
68	02-068 --068 -023.01--000	Claiborne Co. Delinquent Taxes	2015	Martin Arlen		No	No	\$255.41
68	02-068 --068 -023.01--000	Claiborne Co. Delinquent Taxes	2014	Martin Arlen		No	No	\$267.62
68	02-068 --068 -023.01--000	Claiborne Co. Delinquent Taxes	2013	Martin Arlen	7/18/2015	No	No	\$472.80
68	02-068 --068 -023.01--000	Claiborne Co. Delinquent Taxes	2012	Martin Arlen	7/18/2015	No	No	\$291.49
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68	02-068 --068 -023.01--000	Claiborne Co. Delinquent Taxes	2009	Arlen Martin	7/18/2015	No	No	\$319.18
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68	02-068 --068 -023.01--000	Claiborne Co. Delinquent Taxes	2007	Arlen Martin	7/18/2015	No	No	\$343.30
68	02-068 --068 -023.01--000	Claiborne Co. Delinquent Taxes	2006	Arlene Martin	7/18/2015	No	No	\$278.19
68	02-068 --068 -023.01--000	Claiborne Co. Delinquent Taxes	2005	Arlene Martin	7/18/2015	No	No	\$352.52
68	02-068 --068 -023.01--000	Claiborne Co. Delinquent Taxes	2004	Arlen Martin	7/18/2015	No	No	\$241.65

Total Balance Due: \$4,481.69

ITEM #17A – RES. 2026-049 – EQUALIZATION BOARD APPOINTMENTS

MOTION: Commissioner Shuford – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Mullins

Motion carried by aye vote

(Resolution as follows)

**Resolution 2026 - 049
EQUALIZATION BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Sponsor: Whitt Shuford

WHEREAS, County boards of equalization are authorized by law to receive and hear appeals of current year property tax assessments as fixed by the county assessor of property; and,

WHEREAS, T.C.A. 67-1-401(a) The county legislative body shall, at the April session of each even year, from the different sections of the county, elect, for a term of two (2) years, five (5) freeholders and taxpayers who shall constitute a county board of equalization; and,

WHEREAS, T.C.A. 67-1-401(a)(4) In counties that have no city with a population of ten thousand (10,000) or more, one (1) member of the board shall be appointed by the city council or governing body of the largest city or town in the counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the following individuals are appointed to the Equalization Board:

Mike Wilmoth

Donna Russell

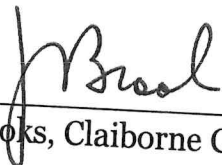
Robin Davis Duncan

Kim Seal

Lawrence Fultz

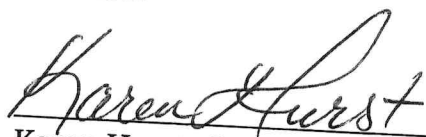
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall take effect upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this the 18th day of May 2026.



Joe Brooks, Claiborne County Mayor

ATTEST:



Karen Hurst, County Clerk

ITEM #17B – RES. 2026-050 – 2026 TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY HOME HOMEOWNER REHABILITATION GRANT APPLICATION

MOTION: Commissioner Rowe – to approve
SECOND: Commissioner Mason

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-050

2026 TENNESSEE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AGENCY HOME HOMEOWNER REHABILITATION GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, Claiborne County recognizes the need for housing rehabilitation for low income residents within the County; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to provide these services to their residents, including residents of the municipalities within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Commission understands that the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allows for assistance through the HOME program, administered by the Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA), to provide housing rehabilitation for low-income persons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Claiborne County Commission does hereby authorize the County Mayor to file an application for 2026 HOME funds with THDA in the amount of \$750,000.00, with a county match of \$15,000.00 to be provided from the County's fund balance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Claiborne County Commission does hereby authorize the County Mayor to sign any and all documents, contracts, assurances, and forms of compliance necessary to effectuate the completion and submittal of the application and acceptance of award, and that Tennessee's Community Assistance Corporation will administer this grant application and grant funds on behalf of the County.

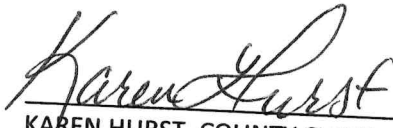
This resolution was duly considered and adopted by the County Commission, in and for Claiborne County, Tennessee, this the 18th day of May, 2026.



JOE BROOKS, COUNTY MAYOR

Anthony Rowe
SPONSOR

ATTEST:



KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK

ITEM #17C – RES. 2026-051 – LIBRARY RECOGNITION OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS (budget amendment)

MOTION: Commissioner McCreary – to approve
SECOND: Commissioner Jones

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-051

**BUDGET AMENDMENT – LIBRARY
RECOGNITION OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND APPROPRIATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Tazewell has contributed the sum of \$1,000.00 and the City of New Tazewell has contributed the sum of \$1,000.00 to Claiborne County for the benefit of the County Library; and

WHEREAS, the Library budgetary official recommends that these funds be reallocated to the Periodicals line to maximize their benefit to the Library.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Claiborne County, Tennessee that the following budget amendments are authorized:

		<u>Expense</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
101-56500-437	Periodicals	2,000	
101-44570	Contributions		2,000
	Total	2,000	2,000

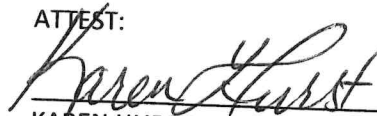
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution shall take place from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of May, 2026.



JOE BROOKS, COUNTY MAYOR

/s/ Sherry McCreary
SPONSOR

ATTEST:


KAREN HURST, CLERK

ITEM #17D – RES. 2026-052 – MEDICAL EXAMINER OPERATIONS (budget amendment)

MOTION: Commissioner Cosby – to approve
SECOND: Commissioner Barnett

County Attorney Estep stated, for the record, that he has an indirect conflict due to his daughter-in-law, Whitney Estep, being a medical examiner investigator

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-052

BUDGET AMENDMENT – MEDICAL EXAMINER OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, the County is revamping its Medical Examiner operations, including the addition of investigators; and

WHEREAS, investigators and additional clerical (administrative) assistance for the Medical Examiner have already commenced during the current fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the current fiscal year budget allocation for autopsy services has been fully expended; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appropriate additional funding from the County's unassigned fund balance to cover these essential operational costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Claiborne County Commission hereby approves the following budget amendment:

		<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>
101-39000	Unassigned Fund balance	18,000	
101-54610-399	Other Contracted Services (Autopsies)		10,000
101-54610-108	Investigators		4,000
101-54610-162	Clerical		4,000
		<u>18,000</u>	<u>18,000</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Claiborne County Commission, meeting in regular session on the 18th day of May 2026, 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 May 2026.



JOE BROOKS, COUNTY MAYOR

/s/ Mitchell Cosby

SPONSOR

ATTEST:



KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK

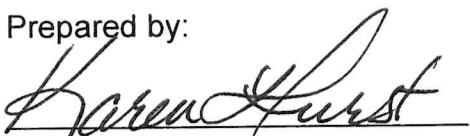
ITEM #18 – ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner McCreary – to adjourn

SECOND: Commissioner Cosby

Motion carried by aye vote / Meeting adjourned.

Prepared by:

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County Clerk