

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING – FEBRUARY 17, 2026

The Claiborne County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, February 17, 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 Mundy requested to add a resolution concerning the Highway Dept.
(this added as Res. 2026-019, item #9A under New Business).

Commissioner McCreary requested to add a discussion item.
(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 Mullins – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Shrout

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 Mundy – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Mason

Motion carried by aye vote

AGENDA ITEM #8 – NOTARY PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

MOTION: Commissioner Mason – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Brooks

Motion carried by aye vote

APPROVED:

James D. Estep, III

Christopher L. Black

Brittany Nicole Fugate

Jenny L. Guy

Jamie M. Sweet

AGENDA ITEM #9 – NOTARY PUBLIC BONDS

MOTION: Commissioner Mundy – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Jones

Motion carried by aye vote

APPROVED:

James D. Estep, III

Jamie M. Sweet

sureties: Robert Estep and Paul Estep

sureties: David Stanifer and Kimberly Cox

OLD BUSINESS:

ITEM #1 – RES. 2026-005 – COUNTY ROAD LIST (follow-up of Cole Road located in District 2)

MOTION: Commissioner Mundy – to approve and add Cole Road to the County Road list.

SECOND: Commissioner Rogers

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

RESOLUTION 2026-005

COUNTY ROAD LIST

JANUARY 2026

WHEREAS, it is required by state law that the Claiborne County Highway Department submit a road list to the Claiborne County Commission for their approval each January, and,

WHEREAS, it appears that the road list submitted by the Highway Department was approved at the January, 2026 meeting with the exception of Cole Road located in District 2, and,

WHEREAS, Cole Road has been reviewed and approved as a tar & chip road,

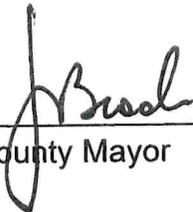
IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that Cole Road is approved to the County Road list for 2026.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of February, 2026.

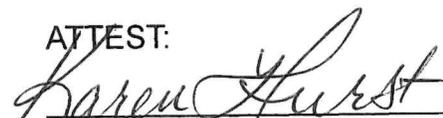
David Mundy

Sponsor



County Mayor

ATTEST:



County Clerk

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1 – INFORMATION – REPORT ON DEBT OBLIGATION

(submitted for information; no action taken)
(report as follows)



Report On Debt Obligation

Receipt Date: 01/08/2026

Entity and Debt Information		
Entity Name		
Claiborne County		
Entity Address		
PO Drawer K Tazewell, Tennessee 37879		
Debt Issue Name		
General Obligation Capital Outlay Note		
Series Year		
2026		
Debt Issue Face Amount		
\$2,500,000.00		
Face Amount Premium or Discount?		
N/A		
Tax Status		
Tax - Exempt		
Interest Type		True Interest Cost(TIC)
True Interest Cost (TIC)		4.5819517%
Debt Obligation		
Note - Capital Outlay Note		
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		
General Obligation		
Type of Sale Per Authorizing Document		
Informal Bid		
Dated Date	Issue/Closing Date	Final Maturity Date
1/8/2026	1/8/2026	6/1/2038

Debt Purpose

Purpose	Percentage	Description
General Government	100%	ADA and roof improvement to county facilities
Education	0%	N/A
Other	0%	N/A
Refunding	0%	N/A
Utilities	0%	N/A

Cost of Issuance and Professionals

Does your Debt Issue have costs or professionals?

Yes

Description	Amount	Recurring Portion	Firm Name
Legal Fees - Bond Counsel	\$5,000.00	N/A	Bass, Berry and Sims PLC
Financial Advisor Fees	\$7,500.00	N/A	Stephens, Inc.
Legal Fees - Bank Counsel	\$985.00	N/A	Brock Shipe Klenk PLC
Legal Fees - Issuer's Counsel	\$2,500.00	N/A	Jim Estep, III, esq.
Bank Closing Costs	\$2,500.00	N/A	First Horizon Bank
TOTAL COSTS	\$18,485.00		

Maturity Dates, Amounts, and Interest Rates

Comments

Year	Amount	Interest Rate
2027	\$160,975.00	4.58
2028	\$168,054.00	4.58
2029	\$176,044.00	4.58
2030	\$184,107.00	4.58
2031	\$192,539.00	4.58
2032	\$201,155.00	4.58
2033	\$210,571.00	4.58
2034	\$220,215.00	4.58
2035	\$230,301.00	4.58
2036	\$240,753.00	4.58
2037	\$251,875.00	4.58
2038	\$263,411.00	4.58
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$2,500,000.00	

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/>?

Yes

Name and title of individual responsible for posting continuing disclosure information to EMMA

Brandon Walters, Finance Director

Signature - Chief Executive or Finance Officer of the Public Entity

Name Brandon Walters	Title/Position Finance Director
Email financedirector@claibornecountyttn.gov	Alternate Email N/A

Signature - Preparer (Submitter) of This Form

Name Betsy Knotts	Title/Position Counsel
Email betsy.knotts@bassberry.com	Alternate Email jesi.harrell@bassberry.com
Relationship to Public Entity Bond Counsel	Organization Bass, Berry and Sims PLC

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

| Public Meeting Date to be determined |

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

N/A

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 – DISCUSSION – BBSP PARTICIPATION

In reference to the 2030 census, County Mayor Brooks explained to the commission of the participation in the Block Boundary Suggestion Program. This program is designed to help counties with an advantage when it comes to utilizing block lines as voting precincts and county commission district boundaries. Counties must show to the Comptroller's Office of the intention to participate in the program by 2/27/2026.

MOTION: Commissioner Shuford – to suspend the rules and accept participation in the Block Boundary Suggestion Program.

SECOND: Commissioner Epperson

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

ITEM #2A – DISCUSSION (Updates provided to the CLB)

Commissioner McCreary informed the commission that she has had questions posed to her by citizens of the county of current status of projects or issues that the CLB has voted on or took action on before, such as the Helen Ross McNabb center, the Opioid Board, the sewer system at Springdale School. She asked if updates could be given to the CLB so this information can be provided to them as well as the county citizens. County Mayor Brooks was able to answer some questions about the mentioned issues but recommended that the commissioners directly ask the entities or agencies to receive the current status and/or updates.

ITEM #3 – RES. 2026-012 – ADOPT A PROPERTY TAX FREEZE PROGRAM FOR CLAIBORNE COUNTY

Taking into account of new information received, Commissioner Cook requested that this be changed to a discussion item only. He relayed to the CLB that he believes this is a good thing for our residents who qualify and need.

(following extensive discussion, Chairman Campbell recommended that the CLB attend the Budget Committee meeting scheduled on 2/24/2026 @ 6pm to try and obtain further insight into this matter).

ITEM #4 – RES. 2026-013 – BOARD OF EDUCATION (budget amendment)

ITEM #5 – RES. 2026-014 – BOARD OF EDUCATION (budget amendment)

ITEM #6 – RES. 2026-015 – BOARD OF EDUCATION (budget amendment)

ITEM #7 – RES. 2026-016 – BOARD OF EDUCATION (budget amendment)

MOTION: Commissioner Mundy – to combine items #4 thru 7 and approve

SECOND: Commissioner Jones

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

(Resolutions as follows)

Claiborne County Board of Education
RESOLUTION
2026-013

February 12, 2026

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Board of Education has received the following additional TISA funding to be added to the General Purpose School Budget. This money is generated based on targets measured as lag indicators and the outcome of the students performances for each area for the 2024-2025 school year. This money is to be used to increase tutoring for different grade levels as well as purchase supplemental supplies to be used to help meet additional goals and benchmarks set by Tn Dept of Education.

WHEREAS, this resolution involves no local tax dollars.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Claiborne County Commission in session February 17, 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.	
46510	TISA
	\$299,824.50

EXPENDITURES

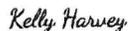
Account Code No.		
141-71100-429	Regular Instructional Supplies	\$ 136,000.00
141-71100-499	Other Supplies and Materials	\$ 54,712.50
141-71300-471	Software	\$ 30,000.00
141-71300-599	Other Charges	\$ 24,712.50
141-72130-189	Other Salaries and Wages	\$ 54,399.50



Meredith Arnold
Claiborne County Schools



Commission Sponsor



Kelly Harvey
School Finance

FILED *2-4-26*
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
BY: *10:40 am* P-6

Claiborne County Board of Education
RESOLUTION
2026-014

February 12, 2026

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Board of Education receives TISA funding based on CTE data and a portion of this funding rolls into fund balance at the end of the fiscal year,

WHEREAS, part of that funding is now needed for the completion of the CTE buildings that are being built at the high schools. Those are funded in part with ISM grant funding and the completion with TISA CTE funding,

WHEREAS, \$ 400,000 was rolled into fund balance at the close of June 2024 and was approved by prior Resolution 2025-005 in January 2025 to be budgeted for this purpose

WHEREAS, the final \$ 400,000 rolled into fund balance at June 2025 and now needs to be budgeted

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Claiborne County Commission in session February 17, 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>
39000	Undesignated Fund Balance		\$ 800,000.00

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
141-76100-706	Building Construction	\$ 800,000.00



Meredith Arnold
Claiborne County Schools



Commission Sponsor

Kelly Harvey

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School Finance

FILED *2-4-26*
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
BY *D. Holm* D.C.

Claiborne County Board of Education
Resolution
School Nutrition
2026-015

February 12, 2026

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Board of Education School Nutrition Program needs to increase their budget for the purpose of purchasing equipment for the kitchens as well as preparation for the Summer Feeding Program again this summer.

WHEREAS, this resolution involves no state or local tax dollars,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Claiborne County Commission in session on February 17, 2026 that the Claiborne County Board of Education be authorized to increase the School Nutrition Budget by adjusting the following line items;

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
39000 Undesignated Fund Balance		\$ 989,200.00

<u>Expenditures</u>		
143-73100-165 Cafeteria Personnel	\$	214,450.00
143-73100-201 Social Security	\$	13,000.00
143-73100-204 State Retirement	\$	11,750.00
143-73100-210 Unemployment	\$	200.00
143-73100-212 Employer Medicare	\$	3,100.00
143-73100-421 Food Prep Supples	\$	5,000.00
143-73100-422 Food Supplies	\$	426,500.00
143-73100-710 Food Service Equipment	\$	315,200.00

Meredith Arnold

Meredith Arnold
 Claiborne County Schools

Kelly Harvey
 Kelly Harvey
 School Finance

David Mundy
 David Mundy
 Commission Sponsor

FILED *2-4-26*
 KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
 AT: *10:40 am* DC.

**Claiborne County Board of Education
RESOLUTION**

2026-016

February 12, 2026

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Board of Education has received scrap sales 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 17, 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.		
44145	Sale of Recycled Materials	\$2,371.10

EXPENDITURES

Account Code No.		
141-72710-424	Garage Supplies	\$2,371.10

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Claiborne County Schools

David Mundy

Commission Sponsor

Kelly Harvey

Kelly Harvey
Finance

FILED *2-4-26*
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
BY: *10:40 am* D.C.

ITEM #8 – RES. 2026-017 – SUPPORTING AREA WARMING CENTER

MOTION: Commissioner Mundy – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner McCreary

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 017
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AREA WARMING CENTER

Sponsor: David Mundy

WHEREAS, Claiborne County is experiencing below freezing temperatures; and

WHEREAS, Claiborne County wishes to support efforts for a centralized warming center; and,

WHEREAS, a local church, Twin City Baptist Church, has opened its doors to offer a warming center for the area homeless during times of below freezing temperatures; and,

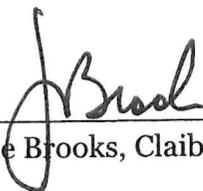
WHEREAS, Twin City Baptist Church has offered a warm place during recent below freezing temperatures, its membership has also offered hot meals and provided volunteers to that end.

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

		<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
101-54410-399	Other Contracted Services	\$500.00	
101-58400-316	Charitable Contributions		\$500.00

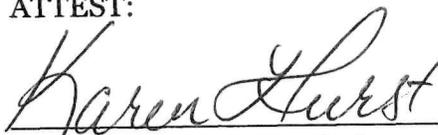
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED AND APPROVED, 17th day of February 2026.



Joe Brooks, Claiborne County Mayor

ATTEST:



Karen Hurst, County Clerk

Submitted by County Mayor Joe Brooks

FILED 2-5-26
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
BY: 1:25 pm D.C.

ITEM #9 – RES. 2026-018 – SENIOR CITIZENS ASSISTANCE STATE OF TENNESSEE GRANT AMENDMENT (budget amendment)

MOTION: Commissioner Cosby – to approve
SECOND: Commissioner Shrout

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-018
BUDGET AMENDMENT SENIOR CITIZENS ASSISTANCE
STATE OF TENNESSEE GRANT AMENDMENT**

Sponsor: Mitchell Cosby

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Senior Centers have been awarded a state grant for capital improvements to each center in the amount of \$20,000 for each center; and,

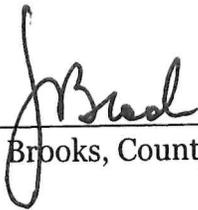
WHEREAS, both Senior Centers have received an additional amount of \$8,857 thus amending the original grant.

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

	<u>Increase</u>
56300-335 Maintenance & Repairs - Bldgs	\$17,714.00

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

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of February 2026.



Joe Brooks, County Mayor

ATTEST:


Karen Hurst, County Clerk

Submitted by County Mayor Joe Brooks

FILED 25-26
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK
BY: 1:25 PM D.C.

ITEM #9A – RES. 2026-019 – HIGHWAY DEPT. (budget amendment)

MOTION: Commissioner Mundy – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Rogers

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026- 019

CLAIBORNE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

BUDGET AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the following vehicle was declared a total loss (by the insurance company) and needs to be declared as surplus.

2011 - Ford F250 XL – VIN# 1FT7X2B69BED10726

WHEREAS, funds will be received from the insurance company as a result of this loss and need to be placed in the budget.

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>
131-49700	Insurance Recovery		\$17,375
131-68000-714	Highway Equipment	\$17,375	
	TOTAL	\$17,375	\$17,375

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Commission of Claiborne County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 17th day of February 2026 that this resolution be approved.

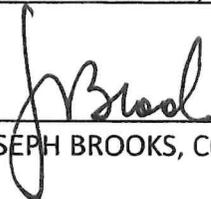
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take place from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 17th day of February 2026.

RONNIE PITTMAN, ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

DAVID MUNDY

SPONSOR



JOSEPH BROOKS, COUNTY MAYOR

ATTEST:



KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK

At this time, Chairman Campbell requested that a moment of silence be observed in remembrance of former County Commissioner Dennis Graves.

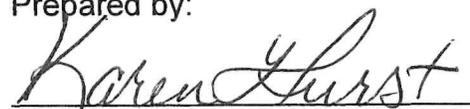
ITEM #10 – ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Rowe – to adjourn

SECOND: Commissioner Cosby

Motion carried by aye vote / Meeting adjourned.

Prepared by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Lurst". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

County Clerk