

GILES COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY
November 18, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED AT THE Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body, begun and held on the 18th day of November, 2024, at the Courthouse in Pulaski, Tennessee, present and presiding the Honorable Graham Stowe, Chairman, and the following Board of Commissioners, to-wit:

1. Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard
2. Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn
3. David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Tim Risner
4. Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage
5. Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky
6. Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton
7. Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

Graham Stowe, County Executive, Carol H. Wade, County Clerk, Ronnie McWilliams, Deputy Sheriff, and Chris Williams, County Attorney, when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Fourth District County Commissioner Roger Reedy.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Fourth District County Commissioner, Roger Reedy.

AGENDA CONCURRENCE

County Executive Graham Stowe asked if there were any corrections or additions to the agenda for said meeting. Upon motion of Shelly Goolsby and seconded by Matthew Hopkins, it was ordered by the Court that said agenda be confirmed, which said motion was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried.

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said agenda approved as advertised.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 21, 2024, Giles County Legislative Body, Regular Session
November 12, 2024, Giles County Legislative Body, Special Session

Upon motion of Caleb Savage and seconded by Matthew Hopkins, it was ordered by the Court that said minutes of the October 21, 2024, Regular Session of the Giles County Legislative Body be approved and filed, which said motion was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried.

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said minutes approved as filed.

Upon motion of Roger Reedy and seconded by Tim Risner, it was ordered by the Court that said minutes of the November 12, 2024, Special Session of the Giles County Legislative Body be approved and filed, which said motion was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried.

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said minutes approved as filed.

ADDRESS COMMISSION: STATE REPRESENTATIVE CLAY DOGGETT

State Representative Clay Doggett addressed the Giles County Legislative Body to update on the actions of the General Assembly. He thanked the Commission for their support. He stated the 114th General Assembly will begin the second Tuesday in January. He has served as Chairman of the Criminal Justice Subcommittee and he served on the House Local Government Committee.

He mentioned that there were Public Safety Grants for rural areas for Volunteer Fire Departments, Rescue Squads, and EMS. He stated that he hoped these programs would continue for next year. 261 million dollars was added to the Budget for schools.

Doggett stated that they have worked on creative ways to get state tax dollars back to the counties. They maintain the rainy day fund so the state could run for six months if need be without additional revenue, with a goal of having enough to run the state for a year without additional funds.

He added that he had received inquiries about school buses so they are looking at changing the law on the buses phase out time so counties could use them longer.

State Representative Doggett answered commissioners' questions regarding grants and other legislation. He added that he hoped to be back to the Commission before next July, and he invited all to contact his office if he was needed.

ADDRESS COMMISSION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR PHILIP REESE ADDRESSES COMMISSION

Economic Development Director Philip Reese addressed the Commission providing the following report:

NOVEMBER 2024 DIRECTOR REPORT INFO

Unemployment Rates	SEPTEMBER 2024	AUGUST 2024 (REV) Rates
Giles County	3.8	3.5
Lincoln	3.6	3.8
Lawrence	4.0	3.9
Marshall	3.7	3.5
Maury	3.2	3.1
State	3.2	3.1
US	4.1	4.2

Project Updates:

Project BRT– A world class battery recycling operation. 12-20 Acres. A building of 300,000 sf will be constructed. 115 new jobs and a total of \$705M capital investment, 18 MW to 27MW needed. Did Not Submit

Project Zeus – A highly innovative, biodegradable, recyclable home compostable, watertight packaging materials. Must be 60 minutes from a major city. They prefer to lease but will consider brownfield or greenfield sites that will accommodate a building up to 100,000 sf. 35 jobs and a total investment of \$10.5 million. – Did Not Submit

Project A-Pro– Manufacturing iron and steel components for multiple industries. This company is for existing buildings 150,000-200,000 sf only. 50 new jobs, Capital investment of \$20M – Did Not Submit

Site Development Grant Update – Draft grading plan completed by Barge design and scheduling meetings for review.

PILOT is still working on acquiring approximately 12 acres just east of Exit 14 on the north side of Hwy 64. If successful, they would plan to have a truck stop up and running by end of the first quarter of 2026. We still need to evaluate if we can have a public waste treatment system up and running by then or if PILOT will need to install their own system.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Giles County Archive Director Barbara Nicolson addressed the Commission to invite all to an Open House at the Giles County Archives located at 211 South Cedar Lane. She stated that her office has digitized thousands of records at no cost to the County. Six missionaries have volunteered their time to work in the office and clean and preserve these records.

Nicolson added that she had received a \$5000.00 grant for the previous year which enabled her to refurbish one of the rooms and purchase shelving for the room. She has again applied for the \$5000.00 grant and those funds will also be used for shelving.

She stated that we all need to look to the future as the Archive building is filling up with county records. At present, they are working on some of the records from the County Clerk's office.

ELECTION NOTARIES PUBLIC AT LARGE

Upon motion of Tracy Wilburn and seconded by Evan Baddour, it was ordered by the Court that the following names and persons be elected to serve as Notaries Public at Large for Giles County, Tennessee: Re-elections: Sherry Barr, Rose Yvonne Brown, Mary Jane Burnett, Susan H. Campbell, Yvonne E. Crews, Julie S. Hargrove, Vicky Hastings Harwell, Lucy D. Henson, Ben T. Johnson, Sharon L. Johnson, Trisha L. Morgan, Kristan Patterson, Britnea A. Smith, Andrea L. Stack, Meredith L. Yokley; and New: Alicia J. Helton, Denise Huffman, Morgan L. Setser, which said motion was put to the roll call vote of the Court the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Tim Risner, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

Abstain: Rose Brown

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said Notaries Public at Large for Giles County, Tennessee elected.

APPROVAL OF THE E911 BOARD APPOINTMENT: Ryan Gilland, Mayor of Elkton

Upon motion of Tracy Wilburn and seconded by James Lathrop, it was ordered by the Court that the appointment of Ryan Gilland, Mayor of Elkton to the E911 Board until November of 2028, be approved. County Executive Graham Stowe stated that the previous member was Commissioner Tracy Wilburn, who also serves as Mayor of Minor Hill, so Mayor Gilland of Elkton agreed to serve on said board.

Said motion on the floor was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Tim Risner, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: None

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and the appointment of Ryan Gilland to serve on the E911 Board until November 2028 confirmed.

REPORTS

- 1. Finance Director for August 2024, including the following: Giles County General Fund, Drug, American Rescue Plan, Probation Fund, Highway, School, Federal, Food Service, Debt Service, Capital Projects, Highway Capital Projects, Education Capital Projects, Education Capital #2, and Other Capital Projects ** approved 10/21/2024 report had incorrect date of July**
- 2. Finance Director for September 2024, including the following: Giles County General Fund, Drug, American Rescue Plan, Probation Fund, Highway, School, Federal, Food Service, Debt Service, Capital Projects, Highway Capital Projects, Education Capital Projects, Education Capital #2, and Other Capital Projects**
- 3. Giles County Highway Department Personnel Policy Revision 11/06/2024 (on file in County Clerk's Office)**

Upon motion of Terry Jones and seconded by Tracy Wilburn, it was ordered by the Court that said reports 1 through 3 be consolidated and considered together, which said motion was put to the voice vote of the Court and carried. The County Executive, thereupon declared said reports combined.

Upon motion of David Wamble and seconded by Roger Reedy, it was ordered by the Court that said reports be approved as combined.

Finance Director Beth Moore-Sumners addresses Commission

Commissioner Gayle Jones asked about the Commissions listed on the Finance Director's report. Ms. Moore-Sumners stated that they are the standard commissions for the Trustee's office allowed by state law on the revenues the office collects. Any excess fees are turned over and added to the General Fund.

Said motion on the floor was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Tim Risner, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: None

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said reports received, filed and approved as combined.

CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AND GRANTS

1. Issuance of State Electrical and/or Building Permits

Upon motion of Gayle Jones and seconded by Tracy Wilburn, it was ordered by the Court that said contract be approved.

County Clerk Carol Wade addresses Commission

Commissioner David Wamble asked about the Electrical and Building Permit contract. County Clerk Carol Wade explained that her office has been issuing the building permits for the county for many years. She explained that previously the electrical permits were issued by Talman's and Lewter's, so her office had not contracted with the state for issuance of those permits. She added that recently the state has gone to online applications for the electrical permits. She added that she would add those if requested to do so.

Said motion on the floor was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Tim Risner, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: None

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said Contract approved.

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2024-67**Authorizing the amendment of the 2024-2025
Budget, County General Fund 101, and Debt
Service Fund 151**

Upon motion of Matt Rubelsky and seconded by Erin Curry, it was ordered by the Court that said amendment resolution be approved, which said motion was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Tim Risner, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: None

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said amendment resolution approved.

AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 2024-68**Authorizing the amendment of the 2024-2025
Budget, General Purpose School Fund 141**

Upon motion of Judy Pruett and seconded by Shelly Goolsby, it was ordered by the Court that said amendment resolution be approved, which said motion was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard, Terry Jones, David Wamble, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Annelle Guthrie, Tim Risner, Matthew Hopkins, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Gayle Jones, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett, Carman Brown

No: None

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said amendment resolution approved.

RESOLUTION 2024-69**To fund an FY 24/25 Capital Project**

County Executive Graham Stowe provided the following explanation of said Resolution:

"Resolution 2024-69 is a commitment to recapitalize the EMS cardiac monitors. This issue has received several months of review through the Financial Management Committee, to the Budget Committee, through the Emergency Services Committee, and back to the Budget Committee before coming here today. There are differences of opinion as to whether this purchase must be executed now or delayed until next year, and that's a reasonable thing to debate. I need to say, however, that it's not reasonable for this to be a contentious debate, because the ultimate goal is not controversial - we're tasked with the responsibility to outfit our EMT's and Paramedics with the best equipment possible, and I'm persuaded everyone in this room wants them equipped to provide the best possible lifesaving measures. *The floor is open for a motion.*"

Upon motion of Caleb Savage and seconded by James Lathrop, it was ordered by the Court that said resolution be adopted.

Emergency Management Director Bill Myers addresses Commission

Commissioner David Wamble asked if Bill Myers could address the Commission concerning said resolution and applications for grants.

Mr. Myers explained that they had received a grant for \$55,000.00 and once you receive that grant, you become ineligible to apply for the next one. That grant was for reimbursement for equipment already purchased. He added that as soon as he is eligible to apply for grants for his department, he will make those applications. He answered Commissioners questions about the monitors, the need for them and the reasons for making the purchase now. If replacements are purchased, the old monitors will be sold on GovDeals.

Discussion followed among Commissioners and Mr. Myers. Said motion on the floor was put to the roll call vote of the Court, the detailed results were as follows, to-wit:

Aye: Erin Curry, James Lathrop, Joyce Woodard, David Wamble, Annelle Guthrie, Tim Risner, Roger Reedy, Caleb Savage, Brad Butler, Matt Rubelsky, Evan Baddour, Rose Brown, Joseph Sutton, Carman Brown

No: Terry Jones, Tracy Wilburn, David Adams, Matthew Hopkins, Gayle Jones, Shelly Goolsby, Judy Pruett

The County Executive, thereupon, declared motion carried and said resolution approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business to be considered at said meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to be considered at said meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

County Executive Graham Stowe reminded Commissioners of the Open House at Giles County Archives following adjournment of said meeting. He stated that the Commission will have a work session in December.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business on the agenda, upon motion of Matthew Hopkins and seconded by Carman Brown, it was ordered by the Court that said November 18, 2024, meeting of the Giles County Legislative Body be adjourned at 10:16 AM.