

The McMinn County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on May 19, 2025 at 6:00 pm, in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Curtis.

2. INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Crisp.

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Commissioner Masingale.

4. ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken by, McMinn County Clerk Melinda King as recorded:

Chairman Scott Curtis - Present
Tim King - Present
Roger Masingale - Present
Jerry Millsaps – Present
J. W. McPhail - Present
Brent Carter -Present
Tad Simpson - Present
Charles Slack – Absent
Travis Crisp – Present
Scott Cass – Present

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Copies of the Minutes of the Regular Session on April 21, 2025 were provided to the McMinn County Commissioners.

MOTION made by Commissioner King, and seconded by Commissioner Masingale, to approve the minutes of April 21, 2025 meeting.

Motion carried by voice vote.

(Finance Director Jason Luallen present 1 resolution that did not fall under contracts here.)

A. A Resolution to Declare Items as Surplus Property.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #25-031 along with a copy of the list from Dan P. Evans, Chief Administration Officer.

RESOLUTION: 25-031

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE ITEMS AS SURPLUS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, McMinn County has authority to declare items as surplus that are no longer deemed necessary or adequate to properly perform the duties of county government as prescribed by law; and

(Res. # 25-031 con't)

WHEREAS, McMinn County Highway Commissioner, Dan Evans requests to have the following items/vehicles declared as surplus property:

#47 – 2010- 4300 Regular Cab Bucket Truck – International – \$29, 058.00
VIN# 1HTMMAAN5AH246862

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19th DAY MAY 2025, that this Commission does hereby declare these items as surplus property.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Melinda King)
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Cass, and seconded by Commissioner King, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

6. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS

- A. A Resolution to approve the Bid Contract Between with Liberty Tire Recycling for Disposal of Waste Tires.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #25-032.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-032

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A BID CONTRACT WITH LIBERTY TIRE RECYCLING FOR DISPOSAL OF WASTE TIRES

WHEREAS, in order to properly perform the essential operations of county government as prescribed by law, goods and services must often be let for bid; and

WHEREAS, Liberty Tire Recycling was the only bidder; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Landfill Supervisor has requested to approve the contract for waste tire processing to Liberty Tire Recycling, for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS THE 19th DAY OF MAY, 2025 THAT THE COMMISSION DOES HEREBY APPROVE THE BID CONTRACT WITH LIBERTY TIRE RECYCLING, based upon the recommendation of the Landfill Supervisor.

AND FURTHERMORE, RESOLVES to grant authority to the County Mayor or his designee to carry out the duties of said contract.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Res. # 25-032 con't)

(Orig signed by Melinda King)
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Millsaps, and seconded by Commissioner Masingale, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution to Approve Contract for Recruitment/Retention Between the State of Tennessee and McMinn County Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #25-033.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-033

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE GRANT CONTRACT FOR RECRUITMENT/RETENTION BETWEEN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE AND MCMINN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Grant shall be for Eligible POST Certified officers. An "Eligible Officer" means an Experienced Officer or a No Previous Certified Experienced Officer hired by a local law enforcement agency in Tennessee between May 1, 2023 and March 19, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the grant begins June 1, 2025 and ends March 19, 2029 and shall be \$30,000.00 each year for a total of \$150,000.00 for the Tennessee Law Enforcement Hiring, Training and Recruitment Program; and

WHEREAS, an Eligible Officer cannot have previously surrendered a certification in any state, have been decertified by the POST Commission or equivalent in any state in the United States or have been decertified as a result of a court order by any state or federal court; and

WHEREAS, "Experienced Officer" means a law enforcement officer who has been POST-certified in Tennessee with a break in service as a law enforcement officer of more than one year but less than seven years; or a law enforcement officer who has been POST-certified or the equivalent POST-certification from any state in the United States, other than Tennessee, with a break in service of less than seven years; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County Sheriff Joe Guy requests approval of this grant contract for the Tennessee Law Enforcement Hiring, Training, Recruitment program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19th DAY OF MAY, 2025 that this Commission does approve the request of Sheriff Joe Guy and to authorize the McMinn County Mayor to execute all documents involved in this reimbursement grant.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Melinda King)
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Crisp, and seconded by Commissioner Carter, to approve this resolution.

7. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Mr. Luallen presented the following budget amendments, a copy of which was provided to each Commissioner.

Fund: #General Fund #101			Date: 05/15/2025	
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
RESERVE	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000	45,000.00	
Property Assessor's Office	Other Contracted Services	52300-399		45,000.00
Explanation: To budget for Attorney Fees associated with property tax appeals during FY 24-25.				



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McMinn County Commission,

This year has been an extraordinary year involving Value Appeals. The extreme amount of appeals coupled with the dollar amounts at risk to the county forced us to use Property Tax Attorneys along with assistance from the TN Department of Property Assessment. The attorney and professional property evaluators fees total approximately \$45,000.

Due to this abnormal year, I am requesting a budget amendment to cover these costs.

Thank you,

Keith Price

Fund: #General Fund #101			Date: 03/17/2025	
Reserve	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000	15,967.00	
Election Commission	County Official/Admin Office	51500-101		14,832.00
Election Commission	Social Security/Medicare	51500-201		1,135.00
Explanation: To budget expenditures related to hiring an Administer of Election two months prior to existing Administration of Elections retirement.				

MOTION made by Commissioner King and seconded by Commissioner Masingale to approve these budget amendments.

- Chairman Scott Curtis – Aye
- Tim King - Aye
- Roger Masingale - Aye
- Brent Carter - Aye
- J. W. McPhail – Aye
- Jerry Millsaps - Aye
- Tad Simpson - Aye
- Charles Slack – Absent
- Travis Crisp - Aye
- Scott Cass – Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote, as recorded:

(con't)

Mr. Luallen presented the following budget amendments, a copy of which was provided to each Commissioner.

Road & Bridge Fund # 131		Date: 05/15/2025		
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Reserve	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000	75,500.00	
Other Charges	Liability Insurance	65000-506		18,500.00
Other Charges	Vehicle & Equipment Insurance	65000-511		57,000.00
Explanation: To budget for Liability and Vehicle/Equipment Insurance Cost exceeding budget.				

MOTION made by Commissioner King and seconded by Commissioner Crisp to approve these budget amendments.

- Chairman Scott Curtis – Aye
- Tim King - Aye
- Roger Masingale - Aye
- Brent Carter - Aye
- J. W. McPhail – Aye
- Jerry Millsaps - Aye
- Tad Simpson - Aye
- Charles Slack – Absent
- Travis Crisp - Aye
- Scott Cass – Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote, as recorded:

Mr. Luallen presented the following budget amendments, a copy of which was provided to each Commissioner. These did have School Board approval.

Funds:141 General Purpose School		Date: 04/21/2025		
Other Governments and Citizens Groups	Other	48990	19,900.00	
Board of Education Serv.	Other Charges	72310-599		19,000.00
Explanation: To budget the Utrust mini grant for FY 2024-2025.				

Fund: General Purpose School Fund # 141 SUB FUND: 955 Innovative School models (ISM)		Date 04/21/2025		
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Regular Instruction Program	Other Supplies and Materials	71100-499		20,000.00
Regular Instruction Program	Regular Instruction Equipment	71100-722	4,000.00	
Vocational Education Program	Instructional Supplies & Materials	71300-429	7,000.00	
Vocational Education Program	Vocational Instruction Equipment	71300-730		191,000.00
Regular Capital Outlay	Building Construction	76100-706	91,500.00	
Regular Capital Outlay	Building Improvements	76100-707	108,500.00	
Explanation: To amend the budget for the Innovated School Models (ISM)Grant for FY 24-25.				

FUND: General Purpose School Fund # 141:		Date: 04/21/2025		
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Revenue	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000	348,616.50	
Regular Education Program	Regular Instruction Equipment	71100-722		280,111.00
Board of Education Services	Legal Services	72310-331		19,517.50
Transportation	Transportation Equipment	72710-729		48,533.00
Explanation: To budget funds from Unassigned Fund Balance to increase budget for Ipads (58 sets of 10), lift system for buses and legal services.				

(con't)

Fund: 141 General Purpose School Fund SUB FUND: 182 Summer Learning Camps			Date: 05/05/2025	
State Revenue	Other State Education Funds	46590	432,931.68	
Regular Instruction Program	Teachers	71100-116		201,250.00
Regular Instruction Program	Educational Assistants	71100-163		66,080.00
Regular Instruction Program	Social Security	71100-201		16,574.46
Regular Instruction Program	State Retirement	71100-204		13,592.85
Regular Instruction Program	Employer Medicare	71100-212		3,876.29
Regular Instruction Program	Retirement-Hybrid Stabilization	71100-217		4,025.00
Regular Instruction Program	Other Supplies & Materials	71100-499		13,555.98
Health Services	Medical Personnel	72120-131		18,240.00
Health Services	Social Security	72120-201		1,130.58
Health Services	State Retirement	72120-204		760.61
Health Services	Employer Medicare	72120-212		264.48
Support Services/Regular Instruction Program	Other Salaries & Wages	72210-189		50,400.00
Support Services/Regular Instruction Program	Social Security	72210-201		3,1241.80
Support Services/Special Education Program	State Retirement	72220-204		2,714.04
Support Services/Special Education Program	Employer Medicare	72220-212		730.80
Support Services/Special Education Program	Retirement-Hybrid Stabilization	72220-217		1,008.00

Office of the Principle	Secretary(s)	72410-161		19,840.00
Office of the Principle	Social Security	72410-201		1,230.08
Office of the Principle	State Retirement	72410-204		827.33
Office of the Principle	Employer Medicare	72410-212		287.68
Operation of Plant	Custodial Personnel	72610-166		12,000.00
Operation of Plant	Social Security	72610-201		744.00
Operation of Plant	State Retirement	72610-204		500.40
Operation of Plant	Employer Medicare	72610-212		174.00
EXPLANATION: To enter budget for the Summer Learning Camps for FY 2024-2025.				
Revenue	Other State Education Funds	46590	78,521.92	
Transportation	Bus Drivers	72710-146		54,750.40
Transportation	Social Security	72710-201		3,392.64
Transportation	State Retirement	72710-204		2,281.82
Transportation	Employer Medicare	72710-212		815.46
Transportation	Gasoline	72710-425		17,281.60
Explanation: To enter the budget for the Summer Learning Camps Transportation Grant for FY 2024-2025.				

Fund: 141 General Purpose School SUB FUND: 955 Innovated School Models (ISM)			Date: 05/12/2025	
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Regular Instruction Program	Regular Instruction Equipment	71100-722	3,000.00	
Regular Capital Outlay	Building Improvements	76100-707		3,000.00
Explanation: To amend the budget for the Innovated School Models (ISM)Grant for FY 24-25.				

FUND: General Purpose School Fund # 141:			DATE: 03/13/2025	
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Community Services	Supervisor/Director	73300-105	4,500.00	
Community Services	Teachers	73300-116	3,500.00	
Community Services	Educational Assistants	73300-163	8,500.00	
Community Services	Other Salaries & Supplies	73300-189	9,500.00	
Community Services	Social Security	73300-201	1,750.00	

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Community Services	State Retirement	73300-204	1,100.00	
Community Services	Life Insurance	73300-206	17.27	
Community Services	Medical Insurance	73300-207	2,307.70	
Community Services	Employer Medicare	73300-212	350.00	
Community Services	Retirement-Hybrid Stabilization	73300-217	450.00	
Community Services	Other Contracted Services	73300-399		148.00
Community Services	Food Supplies	73300-422		50.00
Community Services	Instructional Supplies & Materials	73300-429		20,000.00
Community Services	Other Supplies & Materials	73300-499		11,776.97
Explanation: To amend budget for the 21 st CCLC Cohort 2024 Grant for FY 24-25.				

MOTION made by Commissioner Cass and seconded by Commissioner McPhail to approve these budget amendments.

- Chairman Scott Curtis – Aye
- Tim King - Aye
- Roger Masingale - Aye
- Brent Carter – Aye
- J. W. McPhail – Aye
- Jerry Millsaps - Aye
- Tad Simpson - Aye
- Charles Slack – Absent
- Travis Crisp - Aye
- Scott Cass – Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote, as recorded:

Mr. Luallen presented the following budget amendments, a copy of which was provided to each Commissioner.

Fund: Solid Waste Disposal #207			Date: 05/15/2025	
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
RESERVE	Net Assets	39000	20,900.00	
Other Charges	Building & Contents Insurance	58400-502		200.00
Other Charges	Liability Insurance	58400-506		700.00
Other Charges	Vehicle & Equipment Insurance	58400-511		20,000.00
Explanation: To budget for insurance premiums in excess of budget.				

MOTION made by Commissioner Carter and seconded by Commissioner Simpson to approve these budget amendments.

- Chairman Scott Curtis – Aye
- Tim King - Aye
- Roger Masingale - Aye
- Brent Carter - Aye
- J. W. McPhail – Aye
- Jerry Millsaps - Aye
- Tad Simpson - Aye
- Charles Slack – Absent
- Travis Crisp - Aye
- Scott Cass – Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote, as recorded:

(con't)

8. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Jason Wright a representee for the Hiwassee Chapter Tennessee Society Sons of the American Revolution invited the County Commission to join them as the Hiwassee Chapter host a veteran's grave marking and ceremony in observance of our national Memorial Day at the Riceville Cemetery and South Liberty Cemetery on Saturday May 24th 2025 at 10:00am starting at the Riceville Cemetery.

Eric Bunch came before the county commission to voice his concerns with an issue they are having on County Road 130 that he has been dealing with for 3 ½ years. Mr. Bunch said 3 ½ years ago they had several cows that just died for no reason. Mr. Bunch said when they traced the source which came back to a neighbor living in a camper dumping raw sewage on the ground. He said that for the last 30 years this family has been piling all their garbage on the property. He said the water is contaminated. They have reached out to many local agencies. He said they have a court date and hope the judge rules for them to be able to clean the property up. He estimates cost of up to \$50,000 to clean this up and hopes to get some help from the county. Mr. Bunch wanted to go on record to let the commissioners know that when the family members of the property were served with papers there was some trouble with a couple family members coming onto his property and tried to start some trouble. One did have a weapon and kind of got out of hand. He said he was nice as possible and do not know what all this is going to lead to. Mr. Bunch said they are trying to do this the legal way. Mr. Bunch said he may be reaching out to the county commission for resources and help.

9. RESOLUTIONS

A. A Resolution to Approve McMinn County Water Project Matching Funds for Etowah Utilities Water Line Extension.

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 25-034 along with a copy of a letter from Etowah Utilities, Michael Cheek.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-034

TO APPROVE MCMINN COUNTY WATER PROJECT MATCHING FUNDS FOR ETOWAH UTILITIES WATER LINE EXTENSION

WHEREAS, Etowah Utilities is extending a water main line located on County Road 626; and

WHEREAS, this water main line extension will be a 6" PVC main installed along the county right-of-way for approximately 1600 feet.

WHEREAS, this main line extension meets the requirements set by McMinn County for the 30% reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, the final construction cost of the lines and hydrants should not exceed \$41,837.76 and includes materials, labor and any contingency that may arise with McMinn County's portion being \$12,551.33 for the 30% match and \$6,300 for the fire hydrants; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County encourages these utility district partnerships that provide public water service to unserved homes; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Commission agrees to provide the necessary 30% matching funds for construction expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19th DAY OF MAY 2025, that this Commission

(Res. # 25-034 con't)

does hereby approve this resolution and FURTHER RESOLVES that the McMinn County Mayor is authorized to execute all documents related to this project.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Melinda King)
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Cass, and seconded by Commissioner Masingale to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote

B. A Resolution to Honor the McMinn County Sheriff's Office Employee's During National Law Enforcement Week.

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 25-035.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-035

A RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE MCMINN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE EMPLOYEES
DURING NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEK

WHEREAS, National Corrections Officer Week and National Law Enforcement Week are held annually each May, to honor present, past, and fallen law enforcement officers across America for their service and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, along with law enforcement nationwide, we honor the men and women of the McMinn County Sheriff's Office, including the patrol, investigative, corrections, court, school resource officers, and support division staff members; and

WHEREAS, these deputies and staff perform the unique duties of a Sheriff's Office, including law enforcement, attending the operations of the courts, serving the process of the courts, and operating a jail; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the McMinn County Sheriff's Office are the best trained, most professional, and most public service-minded of any other administration in their distinguished history; and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of Sheriff Joe Guy, we honor and commend these professionals for the work they do, for "standing in the gap" for the safety and welfare of our citizens, executing their duties with professionalism and compassion, and for setting a high standard of service for other law enforcement agencies in our region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19TH DAY OF MAY, 2025, does hereby recognize and honor our local Sheriff's Department law enforcement employees during National Law Enforcement Week 2025.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Melinda King)
County Clerk

(con't)

McMinn County Sheriff, Joe Guy read this resolution. He bragged on his staff. The sheriff said that after this term he will be one of the longest serving sheriffs in Tennessee. He said that has nothing to do with him it has to do with the people that work with him. He also said he is only as good as they are and he has some great staff members. He said he has worked for two past sheriff's which were some great officers and detectives he got to work with. But his staff have really exceeded the bar and is very proud of them.

Sheriff Guy said the National Police Week was founded by President Reagan back in the 1990's. Which is a way to remember the fallen. Mr. Guy said he wanted to remember Dan Mull who was the last officer killed in the line of duty in McMinn County on August 20th, 1975 as he was having a late-night dinner at Crazy Ed's Truck Stop in Niota. He was an elderly middle age kind of guy, nice guy, everyone said. 3 people had just robbed a convenient store in Knoxville and would later testify that as they were coming down the new interstate that they just wanted to kill a cop. Sheriff said all he was doing was sitting there eating and they came up behind him, got his gun out of his holster and shot and killed him in cold blood. They were later apprehended and convicted. The Sheriff said he wanted to remember Deputy Mule tonight.

Sheriff Guy said it will be fifty years this August without a line of duty death and that very few can say they have gone that long and; we are very blessed that our county has reached that milestone. We want to remember Dan Mull and his sacrifice.

Sheriff Guy said there are deputies that are out there now patrolling your neighborhood and every neighborhood of every person in this room. He said these deputies go when people are upset, thefts, intoxicated people who are under influence which are difficult to deal with. He said every eye is on them and videoing everything they do and that some of his deputies have dealt with deaths this year that was very tough on them. Some of them from suicide which involved young people. They dealt with the families and made him proud of what they did but it took a toll on some of the deputies which some of them are no longer with the sheriff's department because they had to get out of law enforcement and do something else because it bothered them.

Sheriff Guy said the SROs are in the schools everyday protecting our kids and every county school which the county commissioners have helped make that possible and he appreciates that and he knows parents and teachers do also.

Sheriff Guy recognized Doug Bailey. He said Doug is covered up every week and he is the only Civil Process Officer we have. He said Mr. Bailey is out serving the process of the courts, keeping the court cases going. Sheriff Guy said he has never had a judge or anybody to come and complain that any of his papers did not get served on time. He said he knows overtime is a problem within his department and he knows Doug works some over time and does not put it down. He said Doug likes his job that much and does what he is ask to do. Sheriff Guy said he hears Doug on the radio so he knows he working late but only turns in his 40 hours and does a good job.

Sheriff Guy said Corrections Officers are locked in the jail with criminals, mentally ill people, and most of the people in jail have both diagnosed and undiagnosed mental illness. Most people in the jail also have some kind of addiction that they are dealing with. Those folks are not very healthy; they are not in a good mood. He said his corrections staff use all kinds of patience and professionalism to deal with those inmates while they are there. He said all the inmates have to do is sit back there and figure out ways to make things harder on his staff and they handle that very well. He said there are very few other agencies that have been where we are for as long as we have been there. You do not see the issues here that you see in other communities and other counties like law suits purely because of the good work they all do.

Part of remembering the fallen officers in this resolution is to honor the men and women in the McMinn County Sheriff's Office.

MOTION made by Commissioner Millsaps, and seconded by Commissioner Simpson to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote

10. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

A. A Resolution to Confirm the Appointment of Dustin Owens to the Calhoun-Charleston Utilities District Commission.

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 25-036.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-036

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF DUSTIN OWENS TO THE CALHOUN-CHARLESTON UTILITIES DISTRICT COMMISSION

WHEREAS, a vacancy has occurred on the Calhoun-Charleston Utility Commission due to the passing of Commissioner J.W. Lee who faithfully served the commission and the citizens of McMinn and Bradley Counties; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the governing rules and procedures of the Calhoun-Charleston Utility Commission, it is the responsibility of the County Mayor to appoint a qualified individual to fill such vacancies on the Board; and

WHEREAS, John M. Gentry as McMinn County Mayor, nominates Dustin Owens for appointment to the Calhoun-Charleston Utilities District beginning May 19, 2025 and ending December 31, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS 19th DAY OF MAY 2025, that this commission does hereby confirm this appointment.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Melinda King)
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner King, and seconded by Commissioner Crisp, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

11. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, COUNTY OFFICIALS, COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Curtis—Budget Committee met prior to the meeting tonight and got preliminary numbers and the budget is a work in progress.

12. COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor reminded the commissioners of the post legislative conference.

County Mayor gave an update on the Health Department. He said after they rejected bids, they have had a redesign of the road and met with the property owner and they have gone over with the excavating company they use. He said that came back Friday and the new revised drawings have been sent and waiting on their comments and then get that signed off, get it out to bid and get it back.

(con't)

County Mayor gave an update on the 163-exit water project. Mr. Gentry said he spoke with that director today and they have the engineer under contract. It has been surveyed for the right of way and hopefully will get that out to bid this summer to connect the Calhoun exit with water.

County Mayor said he has bad news on the walking trail application at Bicentennial Park. The application was not invited to submit for full application.

County Mayor said the Woods Foundation that the commissioners have been appointing to the new members to met last week and did an orientation with their new members on that board and will be accepting applications for funding through the Woods Foundation Board June 30th. Hopefully a press release will go out this week and get those in before that ends in July. Those will come back before you for recommendation. Mr. Gentry said he wanted to kind of see where those application request go and then the Opioid Board will get back in action half way through the funding year with those agencies since we have been doing quarterly reports. He said the Opioid Boards will be meeting early July to see what is being requested through the Woods Foundation Board and then we will see if there is anything we want to change with the Opioid Funding Board.

County Mayor introduced the new Election Administrator Bridget Prichett.

County Mayor told Mr. Bunch who addressed the commission earlier that the Soil Conservation Board meets tomorrow and they talked about maybe doing a joint position with a county planner. He said they have a job description of that and will be in budget discussions to combine those positions Soil Conservation with County Planner to kind of help the Planning Commission and Property Inspections that we have not had the staff to do. He said it would not be new money to the budget it would a combination of already existing funding that we will be able to bring together to see what we can do to tighten up enforcements of our exciting regulations.

13. APPROVAL OF NOTARY APPLICATIONS

Notaries to be elected May 19, 2025

MANDY ADAMS
MELISSA S BERGERON
CASSIDY RENEE BROWNE
MARY RACHELLE CALHOUN
THEDA CATE
DEWANNA CRANFILL
JESSICA R DERRICK
ANN FALLS
CHRISTINE P. GEPHART

BRYANNA LANKFORD
JAMES FRANKLIN MITCHELL III
VICKI ANDERSON MOORE
TINA C NEWMAN
STEPHANIE MERCEDES POLANCO
WILLIAM ROY PRIGMORE SR
AMBER SMITH
SANDRA T. WILKEY
A. KAY GERMAN

MOTION made by Commissioner McPhail, and seconded by Commissioner Cass, to approve these notary applications.

Motion carried by voice vote.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

There being no other business, Chairman Curtis declared the Commission meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.

MELINDA KING
McMinn County Clerk

Attest:

Deputy Clerk (date)