

**MINUTES OF THE VAN BUREN COUNTY COMMISSION
VAN BUREN COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

The Van Buren County Commission met in a Regular Meeting on July 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Van Buren County Administrative Facility & Justice Center. The following action was taken as recorded in Minute Book, "U".

Call to Order

Sheriff Michael Brock called the Meeting to Order.

Roll Call

Members present: Michael Woodlee, Tommy Frady, Kenny Smith, Dusty Madewell, Terry Hodges, Terry Hickey, Tabitha Denney, Jordan Delong, Michael Chandler and Cale Crain.

Also present: Standing in for the County Attorney Howard Upchurch was Attorney Stacey Farmer, County Mayor David Sullivan, County Clerk Lisa Rigsby, and Jay Williams with zoom and Several Citizens of Van Buren County.

Prayer

Dusty Madewell led us in prayer.

Pledge

Chairman Cale Crain led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Cale Crain amended the agenda for the first two line items, Corrections being: Approve/Disapprove: Minutes from the Meeting on June 16, 2025 as printed & Approve/Disapprove: Minutes from the Special Called Meeting on June 24, 2025 as printed.

Approve/Disapprove: Minutes from the Meeting on June 16, 2025 as printed

Michael Woodlee made a motion, seconded by Terry Hodges to approve the Minutes from the June 16, 2025 Meeting as printed. All agreed by voice vote. 0-opposed. Motion passed.

Approve/Disapprove: Minutes from the Special Called Meeting on June 24, 2025 as printed.

Tabitha Denney made a motion, seconded by Michael Woodlee to approve the Minutes from the June 24, 2025 Special Called Meeting as printed. All approved by voice vote. 0-opposed. Motion passed.

Approve/Disapprove: Notary Public Applications for Connie J. Robison, Amy L. Thompson and Robert Walling.

Michael Woodlee made a motion, second by Tabitha Denney to approve the Notaries for Connie J. Robison, Amy L. Thompson and Robert Walling. All approved by voice vote. 0-opposed. Motion passed.

Approve/Disapprove: Committee A Report.

Committee A Meeting

July 7, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.

Call to order and roll call with Cale Crain, Jordan Delong, Terry Hodges, and Tabitha Denney present.

3a. Motion made by Cale Crain and seconded by Jordan Delong to debit 101-39000 in the amount of \$5,000.00 and credit line 101-54210-451 uniforms. Roll call with all members in favor.

3b. Motion made by Terry Hodges and seconded by Cale Crain to move \$9,875.00 from 101-39000 and credit line 101-54110-106 for deputies. Roll call with all members in favor.

3c. Motion made by Cale Crain and seconded by Terry Hodges to move \$221.00 from 101-39000 and credit line 101-52300-320 for membership dues for the Assessor of Property. This is due to membership fees increasing this year. Roll call with all members in favor.

New Business:

Motion made by Terry Hodges and seconded by Cale Crain to accept a 2017 Ford F-150 from Sheriff's Department to utilize within County entities. All members voting yes.

Motion made by Cale Crain and seconded by Jordan Delong to adjourn.

Committee A Chairman Tabitha Denney brought forward action that needs to be taken by the Full Commission from the Committee A Meeting on July 7, 2025.

Budget Amendment for uniforms, Sheriff's Department, \$5,000.00, Fund 101

Tabitha Denney made a motion, seconded by Michael Woodlee to approve to debit 101-39000 in the amount of \$5,000.00 and credit line 101-54210-451 uniforms. (This was overlooked when doing the 2025/2026 Fiscal Year Budget)

Upon roll call: Michael Woodlee, Tommy Frady, Kenny Smith, Dusty Madewell, Terry Hodges, Terry Hickey, Tabitha Denney, Jordan Delong, Michael Chandler and Cale Crain voted yes. Motion passed. **Budget Amendment as following:**

**Van Buren Co. Executive
2025-2026**

General Fund
Fund 101

Function	Obj.	Description	Explanation	Debit	Credit
39000		UNASSIGNED	uniforms	\$ 5,000.00	
54210	451	sheriffs dept	uniforms		\$ 5,000.00
			Total	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00

Budget Amendment for Deputies, Sheriff's Department, \$9,875.00, Fund 101

Tabitha Denney made a motion, seconded Michael Woodlee to approve to move \$9,875.00 from 101-39000 and credit line 101-54110-106 for deputies.

Van Buren Co. Executive		General Fund			
2025-2026		Fund 101			
Function	Obj.	Description	Explanation	Debit	Credit
39000		UNASSIGNED	jail deputies	\$ 9,875.00	
54110	106	deputies	meet moe		\$ 9,875.00
			Total	\$ 9,875.00	\$ 9,875.00

Van Buren Co. Executive		General Fund			
2025-2026		Fund 101			
Function	Obj.	Description	Explanation	Debit	Credit
39000		UNASSIGNED	assessor of property	\$ 221.00	
52300	320	dues	membership dues		\$ 221.00
			Total:	\$ 221.00	\$ 221.00

Upon roll call: Michael Woodlee, Tommy Frady, Kenny Smith, Dusty Madewell, Terry Hodges, Terry Hickey, Tabitha Denney, Jordan Delong, Michael Chandler and Cale Crain voted yes. Motion passed.

Approve/Disapprove: National Opioid Settlement to participate in Direct Settlement.

Tabitha Denney made a motion, seconded by Jordan Delong to take an affirmative step to opt in to the settlement and participate in it directly as presented.

Upon roll call: Michael Woodlee, Tommy Frady, Kenny Smith, Dusty Madewell, Terry Hodges, Terry Hickey, Tabitha Denney, Jordan Delong, Michael Chandler and Cale Crain voted yes. Motion passed. **The National Opioid Settlement Overview as presented:**

National Opioids Settlements: Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, Zydus
Opioids Implementation Administrator
opioidsparticipation@rubris.com

Van Buren County, TN
Rubris Reference Number: CL-1768101

**TO LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS:
THIS NOTICE CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT NATIONAL OPIOID
SETTLEMENTS.**

SETTLEMENT OVERVIEW

Proposed nationwide settlement agreements ("Settlements") have been reached that would resolve opioid litigation brought by states, local political subdivisions, and special districts against eight opioids manufacturers, Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus (the "Manufacturers"). Local political subdivisions and special districts are referred to as "subdivisions."

The Settlements require the settling Manufacturers to pay hundreds of millions of dollars to abate the opioid epidemic. The Settlements will provide a maximum of approximately \$720 million in cash to participating states and subdivisions to remediate and abate the impacts of the opioid crisis. Depending on participation by states and subdivisions, the Settlements require:

- Alvogen to immediately pay up to approximately \$19 million;
- Amneal to pay up to approximately \$74 million over 10 years, and to provide either approximately \$177 million of its generic version of the drug Narcan or up to an additional approximately \$44 million in cash;
- Apotex to immediately pay up to approximately \$65 million;
- Hikma to immediately pay up to approximately \$98 million, and to provide either approximately \$35 million of its naloxone product or up to an additional approximately \$7 million in cash;
- Indivior to pay up to approximately \$75 million over five years, a portion of which, at the election of the state, could be paid in the form of Indivior's branded buprenorphine and/or nalmefene products with a value of up to \$140 million.;
- Mylan to pay up to approximately \$290 million over nine years;
- Sun to immediately pay up to approximately \$32 million; and
- Zydus to immediately pay up to approximately \$15 million.

The Settlements also contain injunctive relief governing opioid marketing, sale, distribution, and/or distribution practices and require the Manufacturers to implement safeguards to prevent diversion of prescription opioids.

Each of the proposed settlements has two key participation steps.

First, each eligible state decides whether to participate in each Settlement. A list of participating states for each settlement can be found at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>.

Second, eligible subdivisions within each participating state decide whether to participate in each Settlement. The more subdivisions that participate, the more funds flow to that state and its subdivisions. Any subdivision that does not participate cannot directly share in any of the settlement funds, even if the subdivision's state is settling and other participating subdivisions are sharing in settlement funds. If the state does not participate in a particular Settlement, the subdivisions in that state are not eligible to participate in that Settlement.

WHO IS RUBRIS INC. AND WHAT IS THE IMPLEMENTATION ADMINISTRATOR?

The Settlements provide that an Implementation Administrator will provide notice and manage the collection of participation forms. Rubris Inc. is the Implementation Administrator for these new Settlements and was also retained for the prior national opioid settlements.

WHY IS YOUR SUBDIVISION RECEIVING THIS NOTICE?

Your state has elected to participate in one or more of the Settlements, and your subdivision may participate in those Settlements in which your state has elected to participate. This notice is also sent directly to counsel for such subdivisions if the Implementation Administrator has their information.

If you are represented by an attorney with respect to opioid claims, please contact them.
Subdivisions can participate in the Settlements whether or not they filed a lawsuit or are represented.

WHERE CAN YOU FIND MORE INFORMATION?

Detailed information about the Settlements, including each settlement agreement, may be found at: <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com>. This website also includes information about how the Settlements are being implemented in most states and how funds will be allocated within your state.

You are encouraged to review the settlement agreement terms and discuss the terms and benefits with your counsel, your Attorney General's Office, and other contacts within your state. Information and documents regarding the Settlements and your state allocation can be found on the settlement website at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>.

Your subdivision will need to decide whether to participate in the proposed Settlements, and subdivisions are encouraged to work through this process before the **October 8, 2025** deadline.

HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENTS?

The Settlements require that you take affirmative steps to "opt in" to the Settlements.

In the next few weeks, you will receive documentation and instructions from the Implementation Administrator or, in some cases, your Attorney General's Office. In order to participate in a settlement, a subdivision must sign and return the required Participation Form for that settlement.

Please add the following email addresses to your "safe" list so emails do not go to spam / junk folders: dse_na3@docusign.net and opioidsparticipation@rubris.com. Please monitor your email for the Participation Forms and instructions.

All required documentation must be signed and returned on or before **October 8, 2025**.

Approve/Disapprove: Sheriff Brock gave us a Ford Truck from the Sheriff's Department to Van Buren County Litter Department. Need to remove the lettering and light bar.

This was accepted by the Full Commission earlier in this meeting but the lettering and the light bar will need to be removed.

Old Business

No action taken.

New Business

Budget Amendment for overtime reimbursement from the TBI for the Sheriff's Department

Michael Woodlee made a motion, seconded by Kenny Smith to approve this budget amendment as presented.

OT Reimbursement from TBI

Upon roll call: Michael Woodlee, Tommy Frady, Kenny Smith, Dusty Madewell, Terry Hodges, Terry Hickey, Tabitha Denney, Jordan Delong, Michael Chandler and Cale Crain voted yes. Motion passed. **Budget Amendment as presented:**

Budget Amendment for Forestry (contribution of \$1,000.00 every year)

Michael Woodlee made a motion, second by Terry Hickey to approve this budget amendment as presented.

new

**Van Buren Co. Executive
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**General Fund
Fund 101**

Function	Obj.	Description	Explanation	Debit	Credit
39000		UNASSIGNED	grant committee	\$ 500.00	
51800	191	board & committee	grant committee		\$ 500.00
			Total	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00

We added this mid year so this was not on our spreadsheet.

now.

Tabitha Denney made a motion, seconded by Michael Woodlee to approve this budget amendment as presented.

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Upon roll call: Michael Woodlee, Tommy Frady, Kenny Smith, Dusty Madewell, Terry Hodges, Terry Hickey, Tabitha Denney, Jordan Delong, Michael Chandler and Cale Crain voted yes. Motion passed. **Budget Amendment as presented:**
Purdue Pharma L.P. & Sackler Family Settlement overview, Opioid Settlement
Tabitha Denney made a motion, seconded by Michael Woodlee to accept this Opioid Settlement as presented.

New

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General Fund
Fund 101

Function	Obj.	Description	Explanation	Debit	Credit
39000 51100 cost center	309 bbrg	UNASSIGNED contracts with gov.	broad band grant grant	\$ 25,937.79	\$ 25,937.79
			Total	\$ 25,937.79	\$ 25,937.79

Upon roll call: Michael Woodlee, Tommy Frady, Kenny Smith, Dusty Madewell, Terry Hodges, Terry Hickey, Tabitha Denney, Jordan Delong, Michael Chandler and Cale Crain voted yes. Motion passed. **Opioid Settlement as presented:**

National Opioid Settlement: Purdue Pharma L.P.
Rubris Reference Number: CL-1738367

***TO LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:
THIS NOTICE CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT A NEW
NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT.***

PURDUE PHARMA L.P. & SACKLER FAMILY SETTLEMENT OVERVIEW

A proposed nationwide settlement agreement has been reached with Purdue (and certain of its affiliates) and the Sackler family concerning alleged misconduct related to opioids.

The proposed settlement is being implemented in connection with Purdue's bankruptcy proceedings, and consists of, among other things, a settlement of Purdue's claims against the Sacklers and certain other parties (referred to as the "Estate Settlement"), and a settlement of direct claims against the Sacklers held by States, local governments and other creditors (the "Direct Settlement", and together with the Estate Settlement, the "Settlement"). The Settlement contemplates that the Sacklers will be paying an aggregate of \$6.5 billion in 16 payments over 15 years, including \$1.5 billion on the settlement's Effective Date (expected to be in 2026), though some amounts are subject to discounted prepayments. These amounts are in addition to amounts available from the Purdue estate including amounts available on the Effective Date (expected to be around \$900 million) and amounts that may be paid in the future.

The Settlement also contains injunctive relief governing opioid dispensing practices and requires the successor-in-interest of Purdue Pharma L.P. to implement safeguards to prevent diversion of prescription opioids, and also restrict certain Sacklers from directly or indirectly engaging in the manufacturing or sale of opioids, as detailed in the Settlement.

The proposed settlement has two key participation steps now that **all eligible states and territories elected to participate in the Direct Settlement.**

First, eligible subdivisions within each participating state decide whether to participate in the Direct Settlement. The Direct Settlement is documented in the Governmental Entity and Shareholder Direct Settlement Agreement, which is commonly referred to as the "GESA". The more subdivisions that participate, the more funds flow to that state and its subdivisions. Any subdivision that does not participate cannot directly share in any of the Direct Settlement funds, even if the subdivision's state is settling and other participating subdivisions are sharing in settlement funds.

YOU MUST PARTICIPATE IN THE DIRECT SETTLEMENT BY RETURNING YOUR PARTICIPATION FORM IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE BENEFITS OF THE SETTLEMENT.

Second, concurrently with the solicitation of eligible subdivisions to participate in the Direct Settlement, votes will be solicited for approval of Purdue Pharma L.P.'s bankruptcy plan, which plan will provide distributions in respect of the Estate Settlement. **NOT ALL SUBDIVISIONS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT WILL RECEIVE PACKAGES TO VOTE ON THE PLAN.**

Please note that this is NOT a solicitation or a request for subdivisions to submit votes on the Purdue bankruptcy plan. This settlement package only pertains to a decision to participate in the Direct Settlement with the Sacklers.

If you receive a package to vote on the plan you should follow the applicable instructions for voting. PLEASE NOTE THAT VOTING ON THE PLAN IS SEPARATE FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE DIRECT SETTLEMENT. IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO VOTE ON THE PLAN IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE BENEFITS OF THE SETTLEMENT.

WHO IS RUBRIS INC. AND WHAT IS THE IMPLEMENTATION ADMINISTRATOR?

The Direct Settlement provides that an Implementation Administrator will provide notice and manage the collection of participation forms. Rubris Inc. is the Implementation Administrator for the Direct Settlement and was also retained for the prior national opioid settlements.

WHY IS YOUR SUBDIVISION RECEIVING THIS NOTICE?

Your state has elected to participate in the Settlement, and therefore your subdivision may participate in the Direct Settlement. This notice is also being sent directly to counsel for such subdivisions if the Implementation Administrator has their information.

If you are represented by an attorney with respect to opioid claims, please contact them. Subdivisions can participate in the Settlement whether or not they filed a lawsuit or are represented.

WHERE CAN YOU FIND MORE INFORMATION?

Detailed information about the Settlement, including each settlement agreement, may be found at: <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/purdue-sacklers-settlements/>. This website will be updated to include information about how the Settlement is being implemented in most states and how funds will be allocated within your state.

You are encouraged to review the terms of the settlement agreements and discuss the terms and benefits with your counsel, your Attorney General's Office, and other contacts within your state.

Your subdivision will need to decide whether to participate in the proposed Settlement, and subdivisions are encouraged to work through this process before the **September 30, 2025** deadline.

HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT?

The Settlement requires that you take affirmative steps to "opt in" to the Settlement.

In the next few weeks, you will receive documentation and instructions from the Implementation Administrator. In order to participate in the settlement, a subdivision must sign and return the required documentation.

Please add the following email addresses to your "safe" list so emails do not go to spam / junk folders: dse_na3@docusign.net and opioidsparticipation@rubris.com. Please monitor your email for the Participation Form and instructions.

All required documentation must be signed and returned on or before **September 30, 2025**.

Amendment of budget Resolution 499 for Fiscal Year 2025/2026, Local Purpose Tax

In the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget the Resolution 499 appropriated \$182,000.00 but the detailed budget had expenditures which exceeded the amount at \$185,360.00. The discrepancy is due to the Trustee's Commission of \$3,360.00. (This amount was left out) The Local Purpose Tax is requiring an amendment. Tabitha Denney made a motion, seconded by Michael Woodlee to approve this amendment as presented.

Upon roll call: Michael Woodlee, Tommy Frady, Kenny Smith, Dusty Madewell, Terry Hodges, Terry Hickey, Tabitha Denney, Jordan Delong, Michael Chandler and Cale Crain voted yes. Motion passed. **Letter and Amended Resolution 499 to the budget as following:**



JASON E. MUMPOWER
Comptroller

July 15, 2025

Honorable Mr. David Sullivan, Mayor
and Honorable Board of Commissioners
Van Buren County
121 Taft Drive
Spencer, TN 38585

Dear Mayor Sullivan and Board of Commissioners:

This letter acknowledges receipt of a certified copy of the fiscal year 2026 budget.

We have reviewed the budget and have determined that projected revenues and other available funds are sufficient to meet anticipated expenditures. Our review of the budget is based solely on the information we have received. With regard to programs included in the budget such as education, roads, and corrections, we have not attempted to determine that the local government has complied with specific program statutes or guidelines, or with any financing requirements prescribed by any state or federal agency. Please note local officials are required to ensure the budget remains balanced throughout the fiscal year and that all maintenance of effort requirements are met – our office has not reviewed or approved any maintenance of effort programs in this budget. Budget amendments must be uploaded to our online portal for formal acknowledgement after they are approved by the local governing body (tncot.cc/budget-submission).

This letter constitutes approval, by this office, for the County's fiscal year 2026 budget as adopted by the County Commission.

Budget Considerations

During our review of the budget we identified the following items for your attention.

Budget Operations - Van Buren County School System

During our review of the budget we noted that your most recent audit had several budget related findings:

1. ***Amendments and Spending Authority - General Purpose School Fund:*** Several budget amendments were posted in the General Purpose School Fund, these were approved by the board of education; however, the amendments were not presented for approval by the County Commission. To establish legal spending authority, the budget must be amended before the expenditure is made by both the County Commission and board of education.

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1. **Expenditures Not Appropriated:** Expenditures exceeded total appropriations approved by the County Commission in the Central Cafeteria Fund. All expenditures should be authorized in the original budget or an amendment to that budget or in a supplemental appropriation. The governing body needs to take steps to ensure that expenditures are closely monitored, and spending authority is provided by the adoption of budget amendments **prior to** any expenditures being made that were not included in the initial budget.
2. **Expenditures Not Appropriated:** Expenditures exceeded total appropriations approved by the State Department of Education in the Instruction - Career and Technical Education Program and the Support Services - Operation of Plant major appropriations categories of the School Federal Projects Fund.
3. **School Federal Projects Fund:** We noted that the County's most recent audit has a finding because the School Federal Projects Fund ended the fiscal year with a cash overdraft. The cash overdraft resulted from the issuance of checks exceeding cash on deposit with the county trustee. Expenditures should only be made when there is cash available. Because there is often a delay in the receipt of grant reimbursements, the governing body needs to take steps to ensure this fund has cash available to make disbursements during the timeframe when the County is waiting for cash from federal grant reimbursements. Overseeing cash inflows and outflows is essential to cash management.

Budget amendments should be posted to the accounting records only after approval by the County Commission. Expenditures should be held within appropriations approved by the County Commission. The governing body needs to take steps to ensure that expenditures are closely monitored, and spending authority is provided by the adoption of budget amendments **prior to** any expenditures being made that were not included in the initial budget. Future audits should reflect that the finding has been resolved for your local government to be eligible to receive the annual budget certificate: tncol.ca/budgetcertificates.

Local Purpose Tax Fund

In our budget review we noted that the budget resolution appropriated \$182,000, but the detailed budget had expenditures which exceeded this amount at \$185,360. The discrepancy is due to the Trustee's Commission of \$3,360. If the County plans to exceed the appropriated amounts in the initial budget resolution, the Local Purpose Tax Fund will require an amendment.

Best Practice – Central Accounting, Budgeting and Purchasing

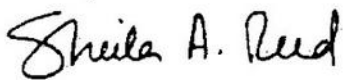
Van Buren County does not have a central system of accounting, budgeting, and purchasing. Sound business practices dictate that a central system would significantly improve internal controls over these processes. The absence of a central system has been a management decision by the county commission resulting in decentralization and some duplication of effort. We strongly believe that the adoption of a central system is a best practice that would significantly improve accountability and the

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quality of services provided to the citizens of Van Buren County. Therefore, we recommend the adoption of the County Financial Management System of 1981 or a private act, which would provide for a central system of accounting, budgeting, and purchasing covering all county departments.

If you should have questions or need assistance, please refer to our online resources or feel free to contact your financial analyst, Meghan Denson, at 615.747.5379 or Meghan.Denson@col.in.gov.

Sincerely,



Sheila Reed, Director
Division of Local Government Finance



Meghan Denson, Senior Analyst
Division of Local Government Finance

SR:md

cc:
Ms. Heather Woodlee, Finance Director, Van Buren County
Ms. Katina Myers, Director of Schools

**A RESOLUTION MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS FUNDS,
DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, OFFICES AND AGENCIES OF VAN BUREN
COUNTY, TENNESSEE FOR THE YEAR
BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026
Resolution# 499**

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Van Buren County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on the day of , that the amounts hereafter set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various funds, departments, institutions, offices and agencies of Van Buren County, Tennessee. The amounts hereafter set out are appropriated for the capital outlay, and for meeting the payment of principal and interest on the County debt maturing during the year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, according to the following schedule:

GENERAL FUND

*County Commission	31,250
*Board of Equalization.....	1,500
*Beer Board.....	1,500
*County Mayor.....	220,823
*County Attorney	10,500
*Election Commission.....	140,621
*Register of Deeds.....	110,892
*Planning Board.....	3,250
*County Buildings.....	495,406
 *Property Assessor's Office.	157,901
*County Trustee.	152,893
*County Clerk	152,995

*Circuit Court.....	162,866
*General Sessions.....	50,800
*Chancery Court.....	118,194
*Juvenile Court.....	10,000
*Judicial Commissioners.....	7,275
*Sheriff's Dept.....	810,122
*Jail	1,010,630
*Fire Prevention	28,000
* County Coroner	15,000
* Emergency Management.....	2,000
*Other Public Safety 911.....	100,000
* Local Health Center.....	1,775
*Other Local Health.....	24,510
*Libraries.....	35,203
*Agriculture Extension Srvs.....	86,415
*Soil Conservation	88,607
*Veterans Services.....	13,930
* Other Charges.....	396,842
*Employee Benefits.....	100,000
*Other General Government.(MISC).....	25,000
*Litter and Trash Collection.....	44,200
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	4,610,900.00

SOLID WASTE/SANITATION FUND

*Public Health and Welfare Waste Pick.....97,238
*Convenience Centers.....480,543
*Landfill Operation9,500.00
TOTAL SOLID WASTE587,281.00

DEBT SERVICE FUND

*Capital Outlay.....382,000.00
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE.....include trustee com.

COURTHOUSE & JAIL MAINTENANCE

*County Buildings.....39,765.00

AMBULANCE SERVICE

*Ambulance/Emergency Services.....990,263.00

LOCAL PURPOSE TAX

*Fire Prevention and Control.....185360.00

DRUG FUND

*Drug Enforcement.....1,150.00

HIGHWAY/PUBLIC WORKS

Administration.....240,996*
Highway and Bridge Maintenance.....1,620,200
Operation and Maintenance.....527,000
Quarry Operations.....13,800
Other Charges.....141,000
Employee Benefits.....117,830
Capital Outlay.....1,322,800

Total Highways...3,983,626

CHILD NUTRITION FUND

Central Cafeteria.....827,900

TOTAL CHILD NUTRITION ...827,900

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND

Regular Instruction Program	4,613,500
* Special Instruction Program	701,500*
Attendance.....	111,400
Health Services.....	327,700
Other Student Support.....	448,500
Regular Instruction Program	354,000
Special Education Program..	374,800
Vocational Education Program.....	7,780.00
Vocational Education Program	516,600
Technology.....	377,000
Board of Education	210,800
Office of Director of Schools	161,600
Office of the Principal	515,500
Fiscal Services.....	232,000
Operation of Plant.....	804,000
Maintenance of Plant.....	150,500
Transportation	652,100
Community Services.....	256,400
Early Childhood Education	337,400

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Regular Capital Outlay.....410,500
Debt Service.....138,000

TOTAL GENERAL PURPOSE .. 11,701,580.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS.....23,309,825.00

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there are also hereby appropriated certain portions of the commission and fees for collecting taxes and licenses and for administering other funds which the Trustee, County Clerk, Circuit Court Clerk, Clerk & Master, Register and the Sheriff and their officially authorized deputies and assistants may severally be entitled to receive under State laws heretofore or hereafter enacted. Expenditures out of commissions and/or fees collected by the Trustee, County Clerk, Circuit Court Clerk, Clerk & Master, Register and the Sheriff may be made for such purposes and in such amounts as may be authorized by existing law or by valid order of any court having power to make such appropriations. Any such excess commissions and/or fees collected over and above the expenditures duly and conclusively authorized shall be paid over to the Trustee and converted into the General Fund as provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any fee officials, as enumerated in Section 8-22-101, T.C.A., operate under provisions of Section 8-22-104 T.C.A., provisions of the preceding paragraph shall not apply to those particular officials.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved as provided in Section 5-9-407 T.C.A. One copy of each amendment shall be filed with the County Clerk, one copy with the Chairman of the Budget Committee, one copy with each divisional or departmental head concerned. The reason (s) for each transfer shall be clearly stated; however, this section shall in no case whatsoever be construed as authorizing transfer from one fund to another, but shall apply solely to transfer within a certain fund.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any appropriations made by this resolution which cover the same purpose for which a specific appropriation is made by statute is made in lieu of but not in addition to said statutory appropriation. The salary, wages, or remuneration of each officer, employee or agent of the County shall not be in excess of the amounts authorized by this resolution. Provided, however, that appropriations for such salaries, wages, or other remuneration hereby authorized shall in no case be construed as permitting expenditures for an office, agency, institution, division or department of the County in excess of the appropriation made herein for such appropriation shall constitute the limit to the expenditures of any office, agency, institution, division or department for the year ending June 30, 2026. The aggregate expenditures for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation. Said appropriating resolution shall be submitted to and approved by the State Director of Local Finance after its adoption as provided by Section 0-201-406. T.C.A.

SECTION 6. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Mayor and County Clerk are hereby authorized to borrow money on revenue anticipation notes, provided such notes are first approved by the Director of Local Finance, to pay for the expenses herein authorized until the taxes and other revenue for the year 2025-2026 have been collected. The proceeds of loans for each individual fund shall not exceed 60% of the appropriations of each individual fund and shall be used only to pay the expenses and other requirements of the fund for which the loan is made. The loan shall be paid out of revenue from the fund for which money is borrowed. The notes evidencing the loans authorized under this section shall be issued under the applicable sections of Title 9, Chapter 21 Tennessee Code Annotated. Said notes shall be signed by the County Mayor, and countersigned by the County Clerk and shall mature and be paid in full without renewal no later than June 30, 2026.

SECTION 7. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the delinquent County Property taxes for the year 2024, and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2025 shall be apportioned to the various County Funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2024. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year June 30, 2026.

SECTION 9. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict with any provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 10. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the interest earnings be placed in the County General Fund from funds other than bond proceeds.

SECTION 11. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the budget for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education.

SECTION 12. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2025.

PASSED THIS ____ of _____ 2025.

David Sullivan, County Mayor

Attest:

Lisa Rigsby, County Clerk

Sheriff Michael Brock address the Full Commission

Sheriff Michael Brock was present at the meeting to formally recognize Cameron Clendenon for an outstanding job as a Deputy for Van Buren County. Sheriff Michael Brock stated, "Deputy Cameron Clendenon is a true asset to the Sheriff's Department and to the Citizens of Van Buren County."

Comments from the General Public

Leo Sochocki a Citizen from Van Buren County was present to address the Full Commission regarding local talk about forming a Metro-Government. After much discussion on this matter, Mr. Sochocki would like to see in the future if this is something the County is going to try to pursue that the Commission would consider forming an Exploratory Committee to gather more information of the Pros and Cons of forming a Metro-Government. Also Meetings to be set up with this Exploratory Committee, the County, the City, MTAS and CTAS to find out more information and knowledge to see if this is something feasible that needs to be pursued.

Adjournment

Michael Woodlee made a motion, seconded by Terry Hodges to adjourn. All agreed by voice vote. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Chairman Cale Crain

County Clerk Lisa Rigsby