

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

The Van Buren County Commission met in a Regular Meeting on October 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Van Buren County Administrative Facility & Justice Center. The following action was taken as recorded in Minute Book, "V".

Call to Order

Sheriff Michael Brock called the Meeting to Order.

Roll Call

Members present: Jeff Blair, Michael Chandler, Jordan Delong, Gage Farmer, Joey Grissom, Terry Hickey, Seth Pettit, Bradi Roberts, and Rip VanWinkle. Terry Hodges was absent.

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

Prayer

Bradi Roberts led us in prayer.

Pledge

Chairman Terry Hickey led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve/Disapprove: Minutes from Committee A Meeting on Monday, October 5, 2026.

Commissioner Michael Chandler made a motion, seconded by Jeff Blair to approve the minutes from Committee A Meeting on Monday, October 5, 2026.

Upon roll call: Jeff Blair, Michael Chandler, Jordan Delong, Gage Farmer, Joey Grissom, Terry Hickey, Seth Pettit, and Bradi Roberts voted yes. Commissioner Rip VanWinkle abstained. 8-yes votes. 1-abstained. Motion passed.

After the vote, Commissioner Jeff Blair noted a correction needed to be made to the previous Committee A minutes regarding "the motion to temporarily rescind Resolution 501" Commissioner Rip VanWinkle stated, "I feel like the minutes need to be corrected before they are approved or approved with the correction being stated." Mr. Blair noted that the committee lacks the independent authority to vote to rescind a resolution. After much discussion on this matter, Michael Chandler made a motion, seconded by Jeff Blair, to rescind his motion to approve those minutes.

Action by the full commission

Jeff Blair made a motion, seconded by Rip VanWinkle, to temporarily rescind Resolution 501.

Upon roll call: Jeff Blair, Michael Chandler, Jordan Delong, Gage Farmer, Joey Grissom, Terry Hickey, Seth Pettit, Bradi Roberts, and Rip VanWinkle voted yes. Motion carried.

Approval to adopt the Jackson Law

Mayor Barry Austin discussed in the Committee A Meeting the Jackson Law and how it could help Van Buren County in the regulation of landfills if any ever decided to locate inside the county. It would help provide oversight and stability for companies wishing to locate and place a landfill within our county. Commissioner Jeff Blair made a motion, seconded by Gage Farmer to adopt the Jackson Law.

Upon roll call: Jeff Blair, Michael Chandler, Jordan Delong, Gage Farmer, Joey Grissom, Terry Hickey, Seth Pettit, Bradi Roberts, and Rip VanWinkle voted yes. No changes to any yes vote. Motion carried.

Committee A Minutes as following:

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

Committee A met in a Regular Meeting on October 5, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at the Van Buren County Administrative Facility & Justice Center. The following actions were taken as recorded in these minutes to forward to the full County Commission.

Call to Order

Commissioner Terry Hickey called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Members present: Jeff Blair, Michael Chandler, Gage Farmer, Terry Hickey, and Joey Grissom. Also present: County Mayor Barry Austin, Commissioners Michael Chandler, Rip VanWinkle.

Elect Chairman

Commissioner Hickey opened the floor for nomination of Committee A Chairman.

Commissioner Gage Farmer Nominated Commissioner Joey Grissom to serve as chairman, with a second from Commissioner Mike Chandler. Roll Call vote held with all committee members voting yes except Joey Grissom, motion carried. Commissioner Joey Grissom elected as Chairman.

Elect Vice Chairman

Chairman Joey Grissom opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman. Commissioner Terry Hickey nominated Commissioner Jeff Blair to serve as Vice Chairman seconded by Commissioner Mike Chandler. Roll call vote all committee members voting yes except Jeff Blair, motion carries. Commissioner Jeff Blair elected as Vice Chairman.

Discussion of Resolution 501

Discussion was held about Resolution 501 which endorsed the use of visual surveillance devices to enhance law enforcement in Van Buren County. Sheriff Michael Brock briefly discussed the benefit to the use of these devices but stated that at this time his office would not be pursuing the use after the input of the local citizens and unforeseen legislature decisions at the state and federal levels. A motion was made by Commissioner Terry Hickey to temporarily rescind Resolution 501 and it was seconded by Commissioner Gage Farmer.

Roll call vote was held with all committee members voting yes except Michael Chandler who abstained. Motion carries. In order for this resolution to be used it will need to be presented and voted upon to be reinstated.

Discussion of the Jackson Law

Mayor Barry Austin discussed the Jackson Law and how it could help Van Buren County in the regulation of landfills if any ever decided to locate inside the county. It would help provide oversight and stability for companies wishing to locate and place a landfill within our county.

Commissioner Jeff Blair made the motion to recommend that the Jackson Law be sent to the full commission for adoption, seconded by Commissioner Mike Chandler.

Roll call vote held with all committee members voting yes, motion carries.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Sheriff Michael Brock brought a policy revision of the personnel policy regarding overtime pay rate pertaining to approved grant funded traffic enforcement and special events. This is funded thru grant money from the Tennessee Highway Safety Office.

Sheriff Brock also held a discussion about the funds the prior commission appropriated for Resolution 501 in the amount of \$10,000. He asked if we could consider appropriating approximately \$31,000 additional for a total of \$41,000 to be able to hire another deputy. He was advised that the committees would have to see what kind of money we had in the budget and it would be visited at a later date.

Comments from the general public:

Citizen Matt Ward thanked the committee for their recommendation on Resolution 501.

Adjourn:

Commissioner Gage Farmer made the motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Terry Hickey.

Approval of Committee A minutes by the full commission.

Commission Chairman Terry Hickey brought to the floor a motion to approve the Committee A minutes as amended. The motion was moved by Commissioner Rip VanWinkle and seconded by Commissioner Jeff Blair.

Upon roll call: Jeff Blair, Michael Chandler, Jordan Delong, Gage Farmer, Joey Grissom, Terry Hickey, Seth Pettit, Bradi Roberts, and Rip VanWinkle voted yes. No changes to any yes vote. Motion carried.

Approve/Disapprove: Minutes from Committee C Meeting on Monday, October 5, 2026.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE C OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF VAN BUREN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Committee C met in a Regular Meeting on October 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Van Buren County Administrative Facility & Justice Center. The following actions were taken as recorded in these minutes to forward to the full County Commission.

Call to Order

Commissioner Terry Hickey called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Members present: Jeff Blair, Rip VanWinkle, Gage Farmer, Terry Hickey, and Joey Grissom.

Members absent: Jordan Delong

Also present: County Mayor Barry Austin, Commissioners Michael Chandler and Seth Pettit, County Financial Officer Heather Woodlee, Director of Schools Katina Simmons, and Highway Department Supervisor Randy Oakes.

Elect Chairman

Commissioner Hickey opened the floor for nomination of Committee A Chairman.

Commissioner Jeff Blair nominated Commissioner Gage Farmer to serve as chairman.

Commissioner Joey Grissom nominated Commissioner Rip VanWinkle to serve as chairman.

Commissioner VanWinkle asked to withdraw his name for consideration and that all nominations cease with Commissioner Gage Farmer being elected by acclamation. Seconded by Commissioner Terry Hickey.

Roll call vote held with all committee members voting yes except Gage Farmer who abstained, motion carried. Commissioner Gage Farmer elected as chairman,

Elect Vice Chairman

Chairman Gage Farmer opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Rip VanWinkle nominated Commissioner Jeff Blair to be elected as Vice Chairman and that all nominations cease and he be elected by acclamation, seconded by Commissioner Mike Chandler.

Roll call vote held all committee members voting yes except Jeff Blair who abstained, motion carries. Commissioner Jeff Blair elected as Vice Chairman.

81 Law Briefing

Mr. Steve Reeder from the Tennessee Comptroller's office provided Committee C a general briefing of 81 Law government. He covered the benefits that it can bring by using a centralized accounting unit. The State has statutes under TCA-521-101 through TCA-521-130 that outlines 81 government. He discussed that it would bring another department that would oversee a centralized budget and purchasing for the county mayor's office, the school system, and the county highway department. He went over several pros and cons with ultimately stating that it is up to the county commission but that the Comptroller's office would recommend it due to it is a more streamlined process in managing county funds.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Sheriff Michael Brock brought a budget amendment to move \$48,264.01 from the general fund to 54110-790 other equipment for the SRO. Commissioner Terry Hickey made the motion that we accept and present it to the full commission for vote, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Blair. All committee members voted yes, motion carried and will be presented to the full commission.

Sheriff Michael Brock brought a budget amendment to move \$7,000.00 from 49800 to 54110-316 contributions that covers Christmas bonuses for the sheriff's department employees at Christmas. This money comes from an incentive for the using the services of phone service provider for inmates. Commissioner Rip VanWinkle made the motion that we accept and present it to the full commission for vote seconded by Commissioner Joey Grissom, all committee members voted yes, Motion carried and will be presented to the full commission.

Mayor Austin brought up that lodging tax on short term rentals in Van Buren County is currently set at 7% but that the state allows you to charge 8%. He discussed that if we can charge the extra 1% we could appropriate that 1% to be used on tourism development in Van Buren County. Commissioner VanWinkle did mention that if we decide to follow through that the private act be revisited to dedicate that 1% to be used for tourism development.

Mayor Austin also discussed the option of the commission implementing a permit fee for all new residential and commercial construction in Van Buren County and how this could help bring in additional revenue for the county and not put any additional burden on the current consult with County Attorney Howard Upchurch and Mr. Tommy Lee with the Upper Cumberland Development District for guidance.

Comments from the general public:

None

Adjourn:

Commissioner Joey Grissom made the motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Terry Hickey.

Committee C Chairman Gage Farmer brought forward action that needs to be taken by the Full Commission from the Committee C Meeting on October 5, 2026.

Budget Amendment, SRO's in the amount of \$48,264.01, Fund 101

Sheriff Michael Brock presented a budget amendment to Committee C for approval, requesting to transfer \$48,264.01 from the general fund to line item 54110-790 (Other Equipment) for the School Resource Officers (SRO). Commissioner Gage Farmer made a motion, seconded by Jeff Blair to approve as read.

Upon roll call: Jeff Blair, Michael Chandler, Jordan Delong, Gage Farmer, Joey Grissom, Terry Hickey, Seth Pettit, Bradi Roberts, and Rip VanWinkle voted yes. Motion carried. **Budget amendment as following:**

2026-2027

General Fund

101 General Fund

Sheriff's Office

			Total	\$ 48,264.01	\$ 48,264.01
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This is the Grant money from the State of TN for the SRO positions. Any moneys not spent are to be returned to the state at the end of the fiscal year.

This amount was sent back to the state out of the 2026/2027 budget. It was the left over money from the 2025/2026 budget. This request is to replace that money in this years budget as it was paid back to the state for the unused money from last fiscal year.

Budget amendment, Sheriff Department in the amount of \$7,000.00, Fund 101

Sheriff Michael Brock brought a budget amendment before Committee C requesting to move \$7,000.00 from 49800 to 54110-316 contributions that covers Christmas bonuses for the sheriff's department employees at Christmas. This money comes from an incentive for using the services of phone service provider for inmates. Commissioner Gage Farmer made a motion, seconded by Rip VanWinkle to approve as read.

Upon roll call: Jeff Blair, Michael Chandler, Jordan Delong, Gage Farmer, Joey Grissom, Terry Hickey, Seth Pettit, Bradi Roberts, and Rip VanWinkle voted yes. Motion carried. **Budget amendment as following:**

Approval of Committee C Meeting

The correction to the Committee C Minutes was noted by Chairman Gage Farmer, clarifying that Commissioner Terry Hickey seconded the vote for Vice Chairman, rather than Commissioner Mike Chandler.

Van Buren Co. Executive		General Fund		Sheriff's Office	
2026-2027	BUDGET AMENDMENT	101 General Fund			
Function	Obj.	Description	Explanation	Debit	Credit
49800 54110	316	Transfer In Contributions		\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
			Total	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00

I have requested this contribution from a company we use in the Jail for our phone service. They will be sending us a check for this amount and we will use it to give each of our employees a \$200 gift card and to buy door prizes.

Commissioner Gage Farmer made a motion, seconded by Jeff Blair to approve Committee C minutes with the correction mentioned.

Upon roll call: Jeff Blair, Michael Chandler, Jordan Delong, Gage Farmer, Joey Grissom, Terry Hickey, Seth Pettit, Bradi Roberts, and Rip VanWinkle voted yes. Motion carried.

Approve/Disapprove: Minutes from Committee B Meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2026.
October 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Mayor Barry Austin called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Present – Bradi Roberts, Terry Hodges, Rip VanWinkle, Seth Pettit.

Absent: Jordan Delong

Elect Chairman: Terry Hodges nominated Bradi Roberts. All in favor. New Chairman of Committee B is Bradi Roberts.

Elect Vice Chairman: Bradi Roberts nominated Seth Pettit. All in favor. New Vice Chairman of Committee B is Seth Pettit.

Discuss the need for A/C Unit at the Ag. Building: Came to a decision to call companies for further Investigation/Inspection to see what is needed to be repaired or replaced. Going to discuss findings at the next Committee B meeting.

Discuss 911 Interlocal Agreement: Came to an agreement to discuss this further after the 911 board meeting November 16th.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Comments from the General Public: None

Adjourn: Motion made by Rip VanWinkle to adjourn, seconded by Terry Hodges. All approved by voice vote. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Committee B Chairman Bradi Roberts presented the minutes from the October 13, 2026, meeting for review, which included a discussion regarding the need for a new air conditioning unit at the Agriculture Building. The County Mayor noted that two quotes had been received. Following discussion, the matter was referred back to Committee B to make a final selection and bring a recommendation back to the Full Commission for a vote.

Approval of the minutes from the Committee B meeting on October 13, 2026

Commissioner Bradi Roberts made a motion to approve the Committee B minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rip VanWinkle.

Upon roll call: Jeff Blair, Michael Chandler, Jordan Delong, Gage Farmer, Joey Grissom, Terry Hickey, Seth Pettit, Bradi Roberts, and Rip VanWinkle voted yes. Motion carried.

Appoint Van Buren County Beer Board.

Mayor Barry Austin brought forward recommendations for approval for the Van Buren County Beer Board. **Recommendations and terms as following:**

Gage Farmer terms 9/2028
Terry Hodges 9/2028
Rip VanWinkle 9/2028
David Chandler 9/2027
Terry Blue 9/2027

Commissioner Joey Grissom made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Blair, to approve as presented.

Upon roll call: Jeff Blair, Michael Chandler, Jordan Delong, Joey Grissom, Terry Hickey, Seth Pettit, and Bradi Roberts voted yes. Commissioners Rip VanWinkle and Gage Farmer abstained. 7-yes votes. 2-abstained. No changes to any yes vote. Motion carried.

Approve/Disapprove: Resolution from the District Attorney's Office.

District Attorney Matt Colvard was present at the meeting to request approval for a resolution authorizing a \$12.50 charge by the clerk of every court in Van Buren County having jurisdiction over State misdemeanors and felonies, for the purposes authorized and set out in T.C.A. § 40-3-106. After discussion on this matter, Michael Chandler made a motion, seconded by Seth Pettit to approve to pass.

Upon roll call: Jeff Blair, Michael Chandler, Jordan Delong, Gage Farmer, Joey Grissom, Terry Hickey, Seth Pettit, Bradi Roberts, and Rip VanWinkle voted yes. Motion carried. **Resolution as following:**

Resolution #

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10/26

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A TWELVE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENT CHARGE BY THE CLERK OF EVERY COURT IN VAN BUREN COUNTY HAVING JURISDICTION OF STATE MISDEMEANORS AND FELONIES FOR THE PURPOSES AUTHORIZED AND SET OUT IN T.C.A. § 40-3-106

WHEREAS, upon adoption of an appropriate resolution by a county legislative body, T.C.A. § 40-3-106 makes it the duty of the clerk of every court in that county having jurisdiction of state misdemeanors and felonies to include in every misdemeanor and felony cost bill, a charge of twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) that must be remitted to the county government, except in counties that are part of a multiple county judicial district as defined in T.C.A. § 16-2-506, in which case this charge must be remitted to the office of the executive director of the district attorneys general conference for the purpose of providing supplemental funding for the office of the district attorney general within that judicial district. Any unencumbered moneys and any unexpended balance of such funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year do not revert to the state general fund but must be carried forward for the purpose for which they were originally intended; and

WHEREAS, under T.C.A. § 40-3-106 the aforesaid clerks may only charge the twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) upon adoption of a resolution by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the county legislative body of such county; and

WHEREAS the county legislative body in Van Buren County, Tennessee finds that implementation and collection of the foregoing charge is in the best interests of the county.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Van Buren County, Tennessee, meeting in Regular session at Spencer, Tennessee, on this 19th day of October, 2026, that:

SECTION 1. The clerk of every court in Van Buren County having jurisdiction of state misdemeanors and felonies shall include in every misdemeanor and felony cost bill, a charge of twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) that must be remitted to the county government, except in counties that are part of a multiple county judicial district as defined in T.C.A. § 16-2-506, in which case this charge must be remitted to the office of the executive director of the district attorneys general conference for the purpose of providing supplemental funding for the office of the district attorney general in this judicial district. Any unencumbered moneys and any unexpended balance of such funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year do not revert to the state general fund but must be carried forward for the purpose for which they were originally intended;

SECTION 2. All costs collected by Van Buren County government pursuant to this Resolution must be used for providing support services for the purpose of promoting public safety at the sole discretion of the district attorney general for the 31st judicial district;

SECTION 3. Van Buren County may supplement the funds of the district attorney general system to promote public safety. The costs collected by Van Buren County under this Resolution are supplemental and in addition to any funds received under T.C.A. § 40-3-106 or under title 8, chapter 7 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, relative to district attorneys general;

SECTION 4. In every misdemeanor and felony prosecution in which restitution is ordered or the privilege tax for the criminal injuries compensation fund established by T.C.A. § 40-24-107 is also levied, the cost imposed by this Resolution does not have priority over collection of that restitution or privilege tax; and

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval, the public welfare requiring it.

ADOPTED this 19th day of October, 2026 by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Van Buren County legislative body.

APPROVED:



Barry Clinton
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Riggsby
County Clerk

County Mayor Barry Austin presented recommendations to replace David Cook and fill an absentee vacancy with Commissioners Jeff Blair and Rip Van Winkle, prompting questions from Commissioners Michael Chandler and Joey Grissom regarding citizen seats and the necessity of changing existing members. Mayor Austin cited state statutory guidelines regarding four-year terms and recommendations against public safety officials serving due to conflicts of interest, concluding the discussion by committing to review the Interlocal Agreement that Van Buren County has with the City of Spencer and to revisit this next month.

Approve/Disapprove: Vendor list for the Van Buren County Board of Education.

Director of Schools Katina Simmons was present at the meeting requesting approval for the vendor list for the Board of Education. Jordan Delong made a motion, seconded by Jeff Blair, to approve the vendor list.

Upon roll call: Jeff Blair, Michael Chandler, Jordan DeLong, Gage Farmer, Joey Grissom, Terry Hickey, Seth Pettit, Bradi Roberts, and Rip VanWinkle voted yes. Motion carried. **Vendor List as following:**

September 24, 2026

To the Members of the Van Buren County Commission, please find attached the current, approved vendor list utilized by the Van Buren County Board of Education for your official review.

As part of our commitment to fiscal responsibility, and intergovernmental cooperation, we are sharing this comprehensive directory of our contracted partners. This list represents vendors who have undergone our standard vetting, competitive bidding, or qualifications processes to provide goods to our school system. We provide this list to the County Commission to ensure:

- Procurement Alignment: Fostering awareness of contracted pricing and shared purchasing opportunities.
- Economic Transparency: Maintaining a clear record of public fund utilization with certified businesses.
- Audit Readiness: Supporting consistent county-wide documentation and compliance standards.

We appreciate your continued partnership and support in funding and maintaining our county's public education system. If you have any questions regarding specific vendors, bidding processes, or procurement policies, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Katina Simmons
Director of Schools

Renee' Guy
Purchasing/Accounts Payable

American Book Company
P.O. Box 2638
Woodstock, GA 30188

Amplify Education, INC.
P.O. Box 392294
Pittsburgh, PA 15251-9294

Apple Inc.
Po Box 281877
Atlanta, GA 30384

Apple Independence Mobility, LLC
PO Box 130
Cookeville, TN 38503

Apptegy
2201 Brookwood Drive, STE 115
Little Rock, AR 72202

B & H Photo-Video
P.O. Box 28072
New York, NY 10087

B.E. Publishing
P.O. Box 8558
Warwick, RI 02888

Barnes & Noble Bookseller
PO Box 951610
Dallas, TX 75395-1610

BirdBrain Technologies LLC
7501 Penn Ave., Suite 201
Pittsburgh, PA 15208

Bound Tree Medical LLC
23537 Network Place
Chicago, IL 60673-1235

BrainPOP LLC
PO Box 28119
New York, NY 10087-8119

Brookes Publishing
Po Box 10624
Baltimore, MD 21285

Brookmeade Hardware & Supply Co.
1810-A Air Lane Drive
Nashville, TN 37210

Brooks Billing Service, Inc.
Po Box 40938
1823 4th Ave. North
Nashville, TN 37204

Bsn Sports, LLC
P.O. Box 841393
Dallas, TX 75284-1393

Cannon Industrial Products, Inc.
Po Box 291344
Nashville, TN 37229

Care Solace, Inc.
P.O. Box 14190
Palm Desert, CA 92255-4190

CareerSafe
1005 University Drive East
College Station, TX 77840

Carwile Mechanical Contractors, Inc.
433 E. 15th Street
Cookeville, TN 38501

Cdw-G
75 Remittance Dr., Ste 1515
Chicago, IL 60675

Central Restaurant Products
P.O. Box 78070
Indianapolis, IN 46278

CEV
1020 SE Loop 289
Lubbock, TX 79404

Charles Stone Heating & Cooling
Stone Service Corporation
PO Box 49293
Cookeville, TN 38506

Cintas First Aid and Safety
P.O. Box 631025
Cincinnati, Ohio 45263-1025

Dell Marketing L.P.
C/O Dell USA L.P.
P.O. Box 534118
Atlanta, GA 30353-4118

Howard Technology Solutions
Po Box 11407
Birmingham, AL 35246

Kelsan, Inc.
P.O. Box 639235
Cincinnati, OH 45263

Lakeshore Learning
PO Box 840250
Los Angeles, CA 90084-0250

Local Government Corp.
714 Armstrong Lane
Columbia, TN 38401

Mid-South Bus Center, Inc.
3512 Bill Smith Drive
Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Mid-South Equipment Co.
1609 Church Road
Chattanooga, TN 37421

Play With A Purpose
Nw 5634
Po Box 1450
Minneapolis, MN 55485-5634

Rogers Petroleum INC.
P.O. Box 1714
1634 West First North Street
Morristown, TN 37814

School Outfitters
PO Box 779193
Chicago, IL 60677-9193

School Specialty, LLC
PO Box 825640
Philadelphia, PA 19182-5640

Sharp Business Systems of Tennessee
Dept. CH 14288
Palatine, IL 60055-4288

Shiffler Equipment Sales, Inc.
PO Box 77020
Cleveland, OH 44194-0015

Skyward Accounting Dept.
2601 Skyward Drive
Stevens Point, WI 54482

Tennessee Book Company
P.O. Box 277351
Atlanta, GA 30384-7351

Tn Skyward Users Group
% Jenifer Van Dyke
7536 Glastonbury Road
Knoxville, TN 37931

TNTP, Inc
PO Box 412809
Boston, MA 02241-2809

Approve/Disapprove: Notary Public for Cynthia Whetsel, Amelia Mooneyham and Philip Stewart.

Jordan Delong made a motion, seconded by Gage Farmer, to approve all three notaries as presented.

Upon roll call: Jeff Blair, Michael Chandler, Jordan Delong, Gage Farmer, Joey Grissom, Terry Hickey, Seth Pettit, Bradi Roberts, and Rip VanWinkle voted yes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Approval of Minutes from the August 17, 2026 Meeting

Commissioner Rip VanWinkle made a motion, seconded by Jeff Blair, to approve the minutes as sent.

Upon roll call: Jeff Blair, Michael Chandler, Jordan Delong, Gage Farmer, Joey Grissom, Terry Hickey, Seth Pettit, Bradi Roberts, and Rip VanWinkle voted yes. Motion carried.

New Business

Appointments to the Van Buren County Library Board, 3 year terms

County Mayor Barry Austin requested approval to appoint Susanna Zick and Abby Bouldin to the Library Board for terms running from November 2026 until November 2029. Commissioner Rip Van Winkle moved to approve, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Joey Grissom.

Upon roll call: Jeff Blair, Michael Chandler, Jordan Delong, Gage Farmer, Joey Grissom, Terry Hickey, Seth Pettit, Bradi Roberts, and Rip VanWinkle voted yes. Motion carried.

Reappointment of the EMA Director and Deputy Director

Commissioner Joey Grissom requested the reappointment of the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director and Deputy Director to ensure the county maintains official emergency support during incidents. Following this, County Mayor Barry Austin brought to the floor approval to reappoint Joey Grissom and William Maxwell as the EMA Directors. Commissioner Rip VanWinkle moved to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Jeff Blair.

Upon roll call: Jeff Blair, Michael Chandler, Jordan Delong, Gage Farmer, Terry Hickey, Seth Pettit, Bradi Roberts, and Rip VanWinkle voted yes. Joey Grissom abstained. 7-yes votes. 1-abstained. Motion carried.

Comments from the General Public

None

Adjournment

Commissioner Rip Van Winkle moved to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Gage Farmer. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Chairman Terry Hickey

County Clerk Lisa Rigsby