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THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHALL MEET IN REGULAR SESSION TO CONSIDER THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA ON MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026 AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, 400 WEST MAIN STREET. ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO VOTE.

Note: To view the monthly agenda, please visit <https://commission.knoxcountyttn.gov/> and for a live stream of the meeting, please visit <https://www.knoxcm.org/#/>

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL (5:00 P.M.):

A. Devotional

Commissioner Terry Hill

B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Commissioner Rhonda Lee

C. Amendments to the Agenda

D. Education Consent Calendar

1. R-26-5-201 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee (CAC) for the provision of Meals at the 2026 Summer Learning Camps at an estimated cost of \$100,000.00.
(Schools)

2. R-26-5-202 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Contract with Professional Environmental Consulting, Incorporated for the provision of Asbestos Monitoring Services up to \$200,000.00 annually for the term of May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027, which may be extended for four (4) additional years.
(Schools)

3. R-26-5-203 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving an agreement with Skilled Services Quality Construction, LLC in the amount of \$262,100.00 for Innovative School Model Phase 4 Projects at Austin-East Magnet High School, Fulton High School, and West Valley Middle School.
(Schools)

4. R-26-5-204 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving grant agreements with the National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) for receipt of grant funding in the total amount of \$35,000.00 for Belle Morris Elementary School, Green Magnet Academy, South-Doyle Middle School, and Spring Hill Elementary School.
(Schools)

5. R-26-5-205 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Regranting Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement with Edward Charles Foundation related to a Johnny Knoxville Charity Fundraiser for South-Doyle High School Athletics and Academics.
(Schools)

6. R-26-5-206 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, authorizing the acceptance of grant funds and donations for the Knox County Schools as shown on the attached list and in the total amount of \$67,442.50.
(Schools)

E. General Government Consent Calendar

7. R-26-5-110 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, confirming the Knox County Mayor’s reappointments of Joseph Mack and Chris Ooten to the Visit Knoxville Board of Directors.
(Terms expire June 30, 2029)
(County Mayor)

8. R-26-5-111 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, confirming the Knox County Mayor's nominations of John Huber, Nancy Barger, and Richard Levenson for reappointment and Sarah Harris for appointment to the Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission. (Terms expire June 30, 2030)
(County Mayor)

9. R-26-5-112 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, accepting the resignation of Katie Overton from the Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission and confirming the Knox County Mayor's nomination of Wala Habiby for appointment to complete the unfulfilled term of Katie Overton on the Planning Commission, which term expires June 30, 2027.
(County Mayor)

10. R-26-5-114 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, accepting the resignation of Chad Culver from the Knox County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and approving the Knox County Mayor's recommendation of Parker Medley for appointment to complete the unfulfilled term of Mr. Culver on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. (Term expires December 31, 2027) **(TO BE ADDED)**
(County Mayor)

11. R-26-5-301 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a construction contract with D.R. Phillips, LLC in the amount of \$361,710.36 for the Knox County Sheriff's Office Tactical Driving Course - Phase 1.
(Sheriff)

12. R-26-5-302 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a donation of a 2000 Chevrolet Pickup to be utilized by the KCSO facilities department.
(Sheriff)

13. R-26-5-401 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Joint Funding Agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey in the amount of \$73,790.00 with \$46,690.00 provided by Knox County and \$27,100.00 provided by the U.S. Geological Survey for the operation of stream gaging stations in Knox County for the period beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.
(Engineering and Public Works)

14. R-26-5-402 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Utility Easement Agreement with the Knoxville Utilities Board (KUB) in the amount of \$3,500.00 for property located at 0 Bridgewater Road for installation of a gas line.
(Engineering and Public Works)
15. R-26-5-404 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving contracts with Dilmar Oil Company, Inc. and Hunter Oil Company, Inc. for industrial lubricant services for the Knox County Fleet Services Center as needed.
(Engineering and Public Works)
16. R-26-5-405 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a contract with Competitive Edge Refurbishing for the provision of waste tire hauling services to collect discarded tires from Knox County Convenience Centers and other facilities as needed.
(Engineering and Public Works)
17. R-26-5-601 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving Amendment Two to a Grant Contract with Tennessee Department of Human Services for the provision of licensed child care agency immunization record audits, which amendment increases the maximum liability of the State under the Grant Contract by \$78,072.50 for a total amount of \$234,217.50 and extends the term to end on September 30, 2027. (No application or local match required)
(Health Department)
18. R-26-5-901 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, amending the Knox County Commission Rules, Rule VI, Section E, "Honorary Resolutions, Proclamations, Discussion Items, Ordinances, and Resolutions," to include a definition of "Presentations" for legislative agendas.
(Rules Committee)
19. R-26-5-902 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a contract renewal with Avertest, LLC dba Averhealth in the amount of \$150,000.00 for FY 2027 (07/01/26-06/30/2027) using FY 2027 excess fees from the Knox County Criminal Court Clerk's Office for the provision of drug and alcohol testing services for Knox County Criminal Court Clerk Services, including General Sessions Criminal Divisions (Div. I- Div. V) and Criminal Court (Div. I- Div. III); Knox County Specialized Courts, including Knox County Mental Health Court, Recovery Court, and Veterans' Treatment Courts; and Knox County Probation Services.
(Criminal Court Clerk)

20. R-26-5-905 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a grant contract in the amount not to exceed **To Be Added** \$330,000.00 with the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for the continued operation of the Knox Recovery Court and Knox County Veterans Treatment Court for the period beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027. (No local match required) **(TO BE ADDED)**
(General Sessions & Criminal Court Judges)
21. R-26-5-906 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Grant Contract with the State of Tennessee, **To Be Added** Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Criminal Justice Programs, in the amount not to exceed \$65,000.00 for the purpose of funding a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Witness Coordinator Position for the Knox County District Attorney's Office for the period beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027. (Requires a match of \$13,000.00 to be provided by the State of Tennessee)
(TO BE ADDED)
(District Attorney General)

F. Honorary Resolutions

22. R-26-5-101 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, honoring the life and legacy of Matt Hinkin. **(DEFERRED FROM APRIL AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)**
(Commissioner Thompson)
23. R-26-5-102 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, honoring the 50th Anniversary of Knoxville Community Media.
(Commissioner Oster)

G. Presentations

H. Public Forum - Agenda Items Only

I. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

J. Drives and Roads

24. Consideration of the closure of a portion of the Wye Way Lane terminus located north of River Oak Drive, Commission District 9. **(DEFER TO JUNE AT REQUEST OF ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS)**
(Previously Deferred from January to April by Majority Vote of Commission and April to May at Request of Engineering and Public Works)
(Commissioner Fox)
- Defer to
June**

K. Line Item Transfers

25. Line Item Transfers. **(WITHDRAW AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)**
(Finance)
- Withdraw**

L. Budget Amendments

26. Budget Amendments. **(WITHDRAW AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)**
(Finance)
- Withdraw**

M. Notary Public Applications

N. Spread of Record

27. Spread of Record the Order of the Knox County Mayor reappointing John Griess to the First Utility District Board of Commissioners.
(County Mayor)
28. Spread of Record the Grant Application to the Tennessee Opioid Abatement Trust Fund, For Opioid Abatement Council Community Grants Cycle 3 Funding, for Organizations Located in Tennessee to implement opioid abatement remediation strategies for Tennesseans, submitted by the Knox County Health Department.
(Health Department)
29. Spread of Record the grant application to the Tennessee Opioid Abatement Council (OAC) for funding submitted by Knox County Grants and Community Development.
(Community Development)
30. Spread of Record the grant application to Lowe's Corporate for funding submitted by Knox County Grants and Community Development.
(Community Development)

O. General Government Resolutions (non-consent)

31. R-26-5-113 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, confirming the appointments of seven (7) members to the East Tennessee Regional Juvenile Service Center Advisory Board, as follows: Michael Smith (citizen of Knox County appointed by Mayor), Ashley Ellis (Health Department representative appointed by Mayor), April Snell (professional expert in juvenile mental health appointed by Juvenile Court Judge), Teresa Parker (professional expert in juvenile social services appointed by Juvenile Court Judge), Katheryn Ogle (professional expert in juvenile legal systems appointed by Juvenile Court Judge), Adam Moncier (citizen of Knox County appointed by Juvenile Court Judge), and _____ (Knox County Commissioner appointed by Commission Chair).
(County Mayor, Juvenile Court Judge and Commissioners Oster and Jay)
32. R-26-5-403 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a permanent utility easement for the First Utility District Concord Marina Waterline Extension. **(DEFER TO JUNE AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)**
(Engineering and Public Works)
- Defer to June**
33. R-26-5-701 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Utility Easement Agreement with Knoxville Utilities Board (KUB) to grant KUB the necessary easements on one tract for underground and above-ground utilities at 5428 Strawberry Plains Pike (Forks of the River Park) at a cost of \$55,216.00. **(TO BE ADDED)**
(Parks and Recreation)
- To Be Added**
34. R-26-5-903 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving an amendment to the Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Rules and Regulations, Subsection 3.1.b.6. Structure and Qualifications, to provide for members of the Merit System Board to be eligible to serve if he/she has not previously been employed by the Sheriff's Office within the five (5) years instead of ten (10) years preceding his/her appointment and to remove the requirement that a person is not eligible to serve on the Merit System Board if any member of the person's family is or becomes employed by the Knoxville Police Department. **(DEFER TO JUNE AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)** *(Previously Deferred from September to November 2025 and November 2025 to May 2026 at Request of Sponsor)*
(Commissioner Frazier)
- Defer to June**

35. R-26-5-904 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, requesting the Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission to recommend amendments to the Knox County Zoning Ordinance to define and add specific requirements for Data Centers and Data Center Accessory Uses.
(Commissioners Fox, Russell, Lee & Thompson)

P. Ordinances on First Reading

36. O-26-5-101 Consideration of an Ordinance of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, amending the Knox County Code, Chapter 53, "Real Property,"
1st Reading to add a new Article II entitled "Housing," for the purpose of prohibiting housing market manipulation by large institutional investors; restricting the purchase of single-family homes for rental purposes by certain business entities; establishing enforcement mechanisms; and for other purposes. (Knox County Code, Chapter 53, establishing Article II, previously reserved) **(FIRST READING)**
(Commissioner Rawls)

Q. Ordinances on Second Reading

37. O-26-4-101 Consideration of an Ordinance of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, amending the Knox County Code, Chapter 2, Article VIII, Division 4, regarding Receipt and Disbursement of County Funds and Budget Procedures for Defined Service Contracts. (Establishing Section 2-558, previously reserved) **(SECOND READING)**
2nd Reading
(Commissioners Russell, Fox and Lee)
38. O-26-4-102 Consideration of an Ordinance of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, amending the Knox County Code, Chapter 58, Article III, Section 58-92 regarding Disbursement of County Funds levied through the Hotel Occupancy Tax. (Ord. No. O-91-11-101, adopted 1-27-92 and Ord. No. O-02-6-102, adopted 7-22-02) **(SECOND READING)**
2nd Reading
(Commissioners Russell, Fox and Lee)
39. O-26-4-103 Consideration of an Ordinance of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, creating Section 2-885 of Article XI of Chapter 2 of the Knox County Code, entitled "Recognition of Right to Self-Defense on Knox County Owned Property". (Establishing Section 2-885 of the Knox County Code, previously reserved) **(SECOND READING)**
2nd Reading
(Commissioners Fox and Lee)

40. O-25-8-101 Consideration of an Ordinance of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, amending the Knox County Code, Chapter 42, Article II, Division 2, Section 42-53, "Merit System Board of Directors", to revise in Subsection (C) the qualifications for members of the Merit System Board to be eligible to serve if he/she has not previously been employed by the Sheriff's Office within the five (5) years instead of ten (10) years preceding his/her appointment and to remove the requirement that a person is not eligible to serve on the Merit System Board if any member of the person's family is or becomes employed by the Knoxville Police Department. (Ord. No. O-90-9-111, adopted 9-10-90; Ord. No. O-91-8-114, adopted 11-25-91; Ord. No. O-95-4-101, adopted 4-24-95; Ord. No. O-19-1-101, adopted 2-25-19; and Ord. No. O-22-6-103, adopted 7-25-22) **(SECOND READING) (DEFER TO JUNE AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)**
(Previously Deferred from September to November 2025 and November 2025 to May 2026 at Request of Sponsor)
(Commissioner Frazier)

R. Public Forum - Open Topics

S. Other Business

41. Proclamation for Peripheral Neuropathy Awareness Week. **(TO BE ADDED)**
To Be Added *(Commissioner Lee)*
42. Proclamation for Nuclear Family Month. **(TO BE ADDED)**
(Commissioners Fox, Russell and Lee)
To Be Added
43. Discussion: March Madness. **(DEFER TO JUNE AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)** *(Previously Deferred from April to May at Request of Sponsor)*
(Commissioner Fox)

T. Adjournment