

Knox County Commission

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THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHALL MEET IN REGULAR SESSION TO CONSIDER THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA ON MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 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 Larsen Jay

B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Commissioner Shane Jackson

C. Amendments to the Agenda

D. Education Consent Calendar

1. R-26-8-201 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a contract with Public Consulting Group LLC for an Alternative Schools Redesign at an estimated cost of \$110,000.00 for the term of August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027, which may be extended for four (4) additional years.
(Schools)

2. R-26-8-202 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a contract with Hatching Results, Inc. for Secondary School Counseling Support at an estimated cost of \$63,000.00 for the term of August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027, which may be extended for four (4) additional years.
(Schools)
3. R-26-8-203 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a contract with Powerschool Group, LLC for Technology Solutions, Products, and Services at a cost up to \$250,000.00 for the term of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, with two (2) additional one (1) year options to renew.
(Schools)
4. R-26-8-204 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Consulting Agreement with Jessica Swanson Consulting, LLC for the provision of technical assistance on best practices in the systems and structures of Knox County Schools' Federal Programs Department and the allocation of resources to schools at a cost of \$22,500.00.
(Schools)
5. R-26-8-205 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving ACT Test Terms and Conditions with ACT Education Corporation for the administration of the PreACT for 8th, 9th, and 10th grade students during the 2026-2027 school year at a cost of \$17.50 per student.
(Schools)
6. R-26-8-206 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Professional Services Agreement with Teach for America for the Ignite Tutoring Program at Amherst, Bonny Kate, Dogwood, New Hopewell, Lonsdale, and Norwood Elementary Schools and Vine Middle School at a cost of \$25,000.00 for the term of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, which may be extended for four (4) additional years.
(Schools)

7. R-26-8-207 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a K12 Terms of Service Agreement with Scoir, Inc. for a subscription to a career readiness software platform for career exploration, discovery, and guidance management at all KCS middle schools and the KCS Virtual School at a cost of \$31,677.60 for July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
(Schools)
8. R-26-8-208 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving Contract No. 26-451 related to School Safety.
(Schools)
9. R-26-8-209 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Tennessee Department of Education Fiscal Year 2027 Preschool Access for All Network Grant in the amount of \$60,000.00.
(Schools)
10. R-26-8-210 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving the Tennessee Department of Education Fiscal Year 2027 Turnaround Program Grants in the total amount of \$250,000.00 for Green Magnet Academy and Northwest Middle School.
(Schools)
11. R-26-8-211 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 \$40,273.00.
(Schools)

E. General Government Consent Calendar

12. R-26-8-110 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, confirming the Knox County Mayor's reappointment of Rob Quillin as the Hearing Officer for violations associated with the Ordinance regulating Sexually Oriented Businesses within Knox County.
(County Mayor)

13. R-26-8-111 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing Patrick Core to the Knox County Board of Construction Appeals. (Term expires December 31, 2032)
(DEFERRED FROM JULY AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)
(Previously Deferred from June to July at Request of Sponsor)
(Engineering and Public Works)
14. R-26-8-212 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, authorizing the acceptance of a grant award in the amount of \$20,000.00 from the National Endowment for the Arts in support of the 2027 Children's Festival of Reading. (Requires a 1:1 match)
(Library)
15. R-26-8-401 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Knoxville Utilities Board (KUB) to provide reimbursement to Knox County for the resurfacing of approximately 1047' of Oakvale Drive, 1996' of River Oak Drive, and 800' of Wye Way Lane.
(Engineering and Public Works)
16. R-26-8-402 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving contracts with APAC-Atlantic, Inc., PRI Pavement Restorations, Inc., and Rogers Group, Inc. for the provision of Hot Mix Materials.
(Engineering and Public Works)
17. R-26-8-403 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a grant contract from the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) Litter Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2027 for an amount up to \$170,900.00. (No local match required)
(Engineering and Public Works)
18. R-26-8-404 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Budget Supplement Agreement not to exceed \$30,250.00 to the existing professional services contract with Ardurra (formerly Cannon & Cannon) for additional work to extend the scope of improvements on the Coward Mill Phase II project.
(Engineering and Public Works)
19. R-26-8-405 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a construction contract with Whaley Construction, LLC in the amount of \$2,844,120.38 for construction of the Gibbs Pedestrian Bridge Project.
(Engineering and Public Works)

20. R-26-8-406 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a State Aid Contract with the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) for the resurfacing of Guinn Road from Oak Ridge Highway to Solway Road for an estimated project cost of \$929,844.30 with \$911,247.41 (98%) being provided by TDOT and \$18,596.89 (2%) being provided by Knox County.
(Engineering and Public Works)
21. R-26-8-407 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving the Professional Service Agreement with Johnson, Miriam, & Thompson (JMT) for right of way acquisition services for intersection improvements at Maryville Pike and Tipton Station Road in the amount of \$108,000.00.
(Engineering and Public Works)
22. R-26-8-501 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, authorizing the acceptance of donations for Operation Hero's Hill as shown on the attached list and in the total amount of \$52,570.98.
(Community Development)
23. R-26-8-503 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Grant Agreement with Points of Light Foundation, d/b/a Points of Light, in the amount of \$100,000.00 through the Lowe's Community Impact Grant Program to support Operation Hero's Hill. (No local match required)
(Community Development)
24. R-26-8-601 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving an Assistance Amendment with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for Knox County Air Quality Management's PM2.5 Multipollutant Monitoring-IRA program for the provision of extending the term end date from July 31, 2026 to July 31, 2027 with no change to the initial award amount of \$80,000.00. (No application or local match required)
(Health Department)
25. R-26-8-602 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a grant contract in the amount not to exceed \$426,800.00 with the Tennessee Department of Health for the provision of immunization services for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2030. (No application or local match required)
(Health Department)

26. R-26-8-603 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a grant contract in the amount not to exceed \$852,000.00 with the Tennessee Department of Health for the provision of Tuberculosis Control and Prevention Services for the period beginning July 1, 2026 and ending on June 30, 2027. (No application or local match required)
(Health Department)
27. R-26-8-701 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, authorizing the acceptance of donations for Knox County
To Be Added Parks and Recreation as shown on the attached list and in the total amount of \$70,463.00. **(TO BE ADDED)**
(Parks and Recreation)
28. R-26-8-801 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a transfer of approximately 3.1 acres located at 11020 Solway School Road, Knoxville, TN 37931, and known as the Fairview Technology Center, to the Industrial Development Board of the County of Knox. **(DEFERRED FROM JULY AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)** *(Previously Deferred from June to July by Majority Vote of Commission)*
(Finance)
29. R-26-8-802 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, designating/committing and appropriating funds in the amount of \$4,396,415.48 from Fiscal Year 2026 to Fiscal Year 2027 for various funds and departments.
(Finance)
30. R-26-8-805 Consideration of a Resolution approving a Service Agreement with Trane for preventative maintenance and repair services for Sheriff's
To Be Added facilities. **(TO BE ADDED)**
(Procurement)
31. R-26-8-806 Consideration of a Resolution approving a Service Agreement with Trane for preventative maintenance and repair services for Library
To Be Added facilities. **(TO BE ADDED)**
(Procurement)

32. R-26-8-903 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Memorandum of Understanding among the City of Knoxville, Knox County, The Sports Authority of the County of Knox and City of Knoxville, and the Knoxville Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc., dba Visit Knoxville, exploring the potential redevelopment and improvement of Knoxville Municipal Golf Course.
(County Mayor and Finance)
33. R-26-8-907 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving an agreement with Microsoft for the provision of Microsoft products and services.
(Information Technology)
34. R-26-8-908 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving receipt of a donation of approximately \$7,000.00 from Food City Stores for coffee service at six (6) Knox County Senior Centers for the period beginning September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027. (Valued at \$7,000). (No match required)
(Senior and Veterans Services)
35. R-26-8-909 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a contract with EyeMed Vision Care, LLC for the provision of Employee Vision Benefit Services.
(Benefits)
36. R-26-8-910 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving the Second Amendment to the Administrative Services Agreement with BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, Inc. for the administration of employee medical insurance benefits under the Knox County Government Health Care Plan.
(Benefits)

F. Honorary Resolutions

37. R-26-8-101 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, honoring Grace Christian Academy for its TSSAA State
To Be Added Championship win in High School Boys Soccer. **(TO BE ADDED)**
(Commissioner Hill)

G. Presentations

38. Presentation from Second Harvest Food Bank. **(DEFER TO
SEPTEMBER AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)** *(Previously Deferred
from July to August at Request of Sponsor)*
Defer to *(Commissioner Thompson)*
September

H. Public Forum - Agenda Items Only

I. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

J. Drives and Roads

39. Consideration of the closure of a portion of excess Beaver Ridge Road Right of Way, which is the result of the road relocation in 2008, and the closure of a portion of the 6600 block of Ball Camp Pike.
(Commissioner Hill)

K. Line Item Transfers

40. Line Item Transfers - Total amount of \$15,452,957.79.
(Finance)

L. Budget Amendments

41. Budget Amendments - Total amount of \$743,759.38.
(Finance)

M. Notary Public Applications

N. Spread of Record

42. Spread of Record the grant application to the State of Tennessee Department of Disability and Aging for funding submitted by Knox County Senior Services.
(Senior and Veterans Services)
43. Spread of Record the Knox County Mayor's Order appointing Jim Wright to the Board of Commissioners of the Hallsdale-Powell Utility District. *(County Mayor)*

44. Spread of Record the grant application to the Department of Health and Human Services – Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for funding submitted by Knox County Grants and Community Development.
(Community Development)
45. Spread of Record Travel for the 2026 National Association of Counties (NACO) Legislative Conference.
(Commissioner Durrett)

O. General Government Resolutions (non-consent)

46. R-26-8-502 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving scope of work and budget amendments to two (2) Memorandums of Understanding with Knox County departments for internal Knox County projects funded through the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). (No Local Match Required) **(DEFER TO SEPTEMBER AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)**
(Community Development)
- Defer to
September**
47. R-26-8-803 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, regarding the issuance of not to exceed One Hundred Fifty-Five Million Dollars (\$155,000,000) General Obligation Bonds of Knox County, Tennessee. **(DEFERRED FROM JULY AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)**
(County Mayor and Finance)
48. R-26-8-804 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds of Knox County, Tennessee in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$155,000,000, in one or more series; making provision for the issuance, sale and payment of said bonds, establishing the terms thereof and the disposition of proceeds therefrom; and providing for the levy of taxes for the payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the bonds. **(DEFERRED FROM JULY AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)**
(County Mayor and Finance)
49. R-26-8-901 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, authorizing a Fifth Amendment to Development Agreement between Knox County and BNA Associates, LLC and Americana Knoxville, LLC relating to the Andrew Johnson Building.
(County Mayor and Finance)

50. R-26-8-902 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving the North Waterfront Redevelopment Plan prepared by Knoxville's Community Development Corporation.
(County Mayor and Finance)
51. R-26-8-904 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Ground Lease with Strong Stock Farm, LLC for lease of approximately 120 acres on a portion of property located at 8217 Rutledge Pike.
(County Mayor, Finance and Commissioners Oster, Jay and Frazier)
52. R-26-8-905 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, delegating to the Industrial Development Board of the County of Knox the authority to negotiate, accept and/or waive Payments in Lieu of Taxes in connection with a project proposed by DWF John Sevier, LLC and finding that such payments or the waiver thereof are deemed to be in furtherance of the public purposes of the board as defined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-53-305. **(DEFERRED FROM JULY BY MAJORITY VOTE OF COMMISSION)**
(County Mayor)
53. R-26-8-906 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, establishing a Pedestrian Beverage Zone Pilot Program and designating Belltown Commons as the initial Pedestrian Beverage Zone.
(DEFERRED FROM JULY AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)
(Commissioner Hill)
54. R-26-8-911 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, accepting the new certified tax rate based on the reappraisal and establishing an official tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.
(Property Assessor)

P. Ordinances on First Reading

55. O-26-8-102 **Emergency Ordinance** Consideration of an Emergency Ordinance of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, amending the Knox County Code, Chapter 42, "Law Enforcement," to add a new Article III for the purpose of establishing limitations on the deployment of surveillance technology within Knox County while preserving legitimate law enforcement and emergency response capabilities. (Knox County Code, Chapter 42, establishing Article III, previously reserved) **(EMERGENCY ORDINANCE)**
(Commissioners Thompson and Jay)
56. O-26-8-103 **Withdraw** Consideration of an Ordinance of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, creating the Knox County Code, Chapter 50, Article I, Sec. 50-4, prohibiting an amplified Islamic Call to Worship. **(FIRST READING) (WITHDRAW AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)**
(Commissioner Fox)

Q. Ordinances on Second Reading

57. O-26-7-102 **2nd Reading** Consideration of an Ordinance of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, amending the Knox County Code, Chapter 53, "Real Property," 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) **(SECOND READING)**
(Commissioner Rawls)
58. O-26-7-103 **2nd Reading** Consideration of an Ordinance of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, amending the Knox County Code, Chapter 2, Article VIII, Division 4, Section 2-548, "Adoption of Consolidated Budget, Tax Rates, and Appropriations Resolution; Effect of Failure to Adopt," to require the Budget to be adopted in Two Readings. (Ord. No. O-90-9-122, adopted 9-10-90) **(SECOND READING)**
(Commissioners Jackson and Thompson)

R. Public Forum - Open Topics

S. Other Business

T. Adjournment