

Knox County Commission

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR REVIEW

THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW ITEMS FOR THE **SEPTEMBER** LEGISLATIVE AGENDA TO DETERMINE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

MADAM CHAIR WILL POST TO THE COMMISSION FORUM ALL ITEMS CONSIDERED TO BE NON-CONSENT. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL POST ANY ADDITIONAL ITEMS THEY WANT PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA ***NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026 AT 12:00 NOON***. ANY ITEMS NOT POSTED ON THE FORUM WILL BE CONSIDERED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA MEETING ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2026.

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

A. Devotional

B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

C. Amendments to the Agenda

D. Education Consent Calendar

1. R-26-9-201 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a License Agreement with Knoxville Expo Center, LLC for use of exhibit hall space for the 2027 Knox County Schools Nutrition Food Show on February 11, 2027 at an estimated cost of \$9,402.00.
(Schools)
2. R-26-9-202 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Letter of Engagement with Pugh & Company, P.C. to examine Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS) Fiscal Year 2025 census data at a cost not to exceed \$7,500.00.
(Schools)

3. R-26-9-203 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Guided Inquiry Design® District Partnership Agreement with BLV Consulting, LLC to establish the partnership structure and terms of the Knox County Schools' partnership license at a cost of \$3,000.00 through August 14, 2027, which may be extended for four (4) additional years.
(Schools)
4. R-26-9-204 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Ford Next Generation Learning for Phase 5, Year 3 of the Ford Next Generation Learning Roadmap to assist high schools with developing pathways to industry certifications and degree credentials at a cost of \$52,660.00.
(Schools)
5. R-26-9-205 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a contract with Alcoholism Services of Knoxville, Inc. Midway Rehabilitation Center for the provision of drug and alcohol testing services at an annual cost up to \$17,000.00 for the term of September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027, which may be extended for four (4) additional years.
(Schools)
6. R-26-9-206 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving contracts with Gallaher and Associates, Inc., Massey Construction, Inc., and SafeT Systems, Inc. for the provision of Fire Alarm Monitoring and Related Services at an annual cost up to \$100,000.00 for the term of September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2029, which may be extended for six (6) additional years.
(Schools)
7. R-26-9-207 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a contract with American Fidelity Assurance Company for the provision of Section 125 Administration for the term of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2029, which may be extended for an additional two (2) years.
(Schools)
8. R-26-9-208 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving an Increase to the Design Contract with Thomas Caldwell, Architect in the amount of \$63,940.00 for costs related to additional work on the Gibbs High School Partial Roof Replacement.
(Schools)
9. R-26-9-209 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Fund Balance Designation (General Purpose School Fund) in the amount of \$480,000.00 for the purchase of Maintenance and Operations Department vehicles.
(Schools)

10. R-26-9-210 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Tennessee Department of Education Fiscal Year 2027 Voluntary Pre-K (VPK) Grant in the amount of \$2,216,087.92 with required in-kind matching funds of \$1,932,000.00.
(Schools)
11. R-26-9-211 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Tennessee Department of Education U.S. Department of Agriculture Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Grant in the total amount of \$383,050.00 for multiple Knox County Schools.
(Schools)
12. R-26-9-212 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving an Elementary School Dental Program Agreement with Elgin Children's Foundation for the term of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 and an Elgin Children's Foundation Grant up to \$8,000.00 for student transportation costs associated with the program.
(Schools)
13. R-26-9-213 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Change Order to the design contract with Design Innovation Architects, Inc. for the Innovative School Model Project at Fulton High School at a cost of \$19,993.05.
(Schools)
14. R-26-9-214 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 \$5,289.70.
(Schools)

E. General Government Consent Calendar

15. R-26-9-110 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, accepting the resignation of Krystal Gibson from the Knox County Ethics Committee and appointing _____ to complete the unfulfilled term of Ms. Gibson on the Ethics Committee, which term expires on October 31, 2027. *(Candidate interviews will be conducted at the Optional Agenda Review meeting on Monday, September 21, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. in the Main Assembly room)*
(Commissioner Hill)
16. R-26-9-111 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing/reappointing _____ (District 1 seat) to the Knox County Board of Zoning Appeals. (Term expires September 30, 2028) *(Candidate interviews will be conducted at the Optional Agenda Review meeting on Monday, September 21, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. in the Main Assembly room)*
(Commissioner Rawls)

17. R-26-9-112 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing/reappointing _____ (District 3 seat) to the Knox County Board of Zoning Appeals. (Term expires September 30, 2028) *(Candidate interviews will be conducted at the Optional Agenda Review meeting on Monday, September 21, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. in the Main Assembly room)*
(Commissioner Huckaby)
18. R-26-9-113 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing _____ (District 5 seat) to the Knox County Board of Zoning Appeals. (Term expires September 30, 2028) *(Candidate interviews will be conducted at the Optional Agenda Review meeting on Monday, September 21, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. in the Main Assembly room)*
(Commissioner Russell)
19. R-26-9-114 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing/reappointing _____ (District 7 seat) to the Knox County Board of Zoning Appeals. (Term expires September 30, 2028) *(Candidate interviews will be conducted at the Optional Agenda Review meeting on Monday, September 21, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. in the Main Assembly room)*
(Commissioner Beeler)
20. R-26-9-115 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing/reappointing _____ (District 9 seat) to the Knox County Board of Zoning Appeals. (Term expires September 30, 2028) *(Candidate interviews will be conducted at the Optional Agenda Review meeting on Monday, September 21, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. in the Main Assembly room)*
(Commissioner Fox)
21. R-26-9-116 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing/reappointing _____ to the Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Board of Directors. (Term expires September 30, 2029) *(Candidate interviews will be conducted at the Optional Agenda Review meeting on Monday, September 21, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. in the Main Assembly room)*
(Commissioner Hill)
22. R-26-9-301 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving the Amendment to Agreement with Starr Equipment Co., Inc. for the provision of kitchen equipment, repair of kitchen equipment and supplies.
(Sheriff)
23. R-26-9-402 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving an engineering design contract with Ensaf Inc. in the amount of \$225,125.00 for the design of the proposed roundabout and realignment of the Everett Road and Yarnell Road intersection.
(Engineering and Public Works)

24. R-26-9-403 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a contract with SA Recycling, LLC for the provision of scrap metal services.
(Engineering and Public Works)
25. R-26-9-404 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a contract with Volunteer Erosion Control, LLC for the provision of Surface Stabilization and Sediment Control Services.
(Engineering and Public Works)
26. R-26-9-405 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a supplement in the amount of \$38,245.00 to the existing professional services contract with Gresham Smith for additional work to extend the scope of improvements on the Hardin Valley Phase 1 Project.
(Engineering and Public Works)
27. R-26-9-406 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a supplement in the amount of \$12,000.00 to the existing professional services contract with Gresham Smith for additional work to extend the scope of improvements on the Gibbs Pedestrian Bridge Project.
(Engineering and Public Works)
28. R-26-9-407 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving contracts for the provision of Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Services with Waste Management, Inc. at a rate of \$31.00 per ton at the Chestnut Ridge Landfill; Santek Environmental, LLC d/b/a Republic Services at a rate of \$32.87 per ton at the Loudon County Matlock Bend Landfill; and Waste Connections of Tennessee, Inc. at a rate of \$35.00 per ton at the Prosser Road Transfer Station.
(Engineering and Public Works)
29. R-26-9-408 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Grant Contract with Knoxville Knox County Planning in the amount of \$85,000.00 with a local match in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the provision of transportation planning and coordination activities related to the Knox-Blount Greenway Connector Study.
(Engineering and Public Works)
30. R-26-9-501 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving budget amendments to two (2) Agreements with Knox County Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$865,218.41 and the Public Building Authority (PBA) in the amount of \$17,603,474.89, funded through the U.S. Department of the Treasury's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). (No Local Match Required)
(DEFERRED FROM AUGUST AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)
(Community Development)

31. R-26-9-502 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Knox County Emergency Communications District in the amount of \$119,050.00 for emergency call processing and dispatch services for fire and rescue emergency response within Knox County.
(Community Development)
32. R-26-9-503 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Notice of Award for the acceptance of \$273,554.00 in grant funds from the United States Department of Labor (DOL) through the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP). (No local match required)
(Community Development)
33. R-26-9-601 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a grant contract in the amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 with the Tennessee Department of Health for the provision of Electronic Lab Order and Lab Results Interface for the period beginning July 1, 2026 and ending November 30, 2027. (No application or local match required)
(Health Department)
34. R-26-9-602 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, authorizing approval of a Notice of Award for the acceptance of funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the provision of the Overdose Data to Action local program to increase the original award amount by \$224,361.00 for a total amount of \$1,544,866.00. (No application or local match required)
(Health Department)
35. R-26-9-603 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving Amendment Four to a Grant Contract with the Tennessee Department of Health for the provision of STI prevention services, which Amendment increases the maximum liability of the State under the Contract by \$123,624.99 for a total amount of \$904,864.62. (No application or local match required)
(Health Department)
36. R-26-9-604 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a grant contract in the amount not to exceed \$93,720.00 with the Tennessee Department of Health for the provision of Viral Hepatitis Program Services for the period beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027. (No application or local match required)
(Health Department)
37. R-26-9-605 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Letter of Agreement for a Direct Appropriation Grant in the amount of \$206,100.00 with the Tennessee Department of Health for the provision of the State HIV Surveillance and Prevention Program for Knox County. (No application or local match required)
(Health Department)

38. R-26-9-801 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a contract with Bass, Berry & Sims, PLC for the provision of Bond Counsel Services.
(Finance)
39. R-26-9-802 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving an Easement Deed for the donation of a permanent drainage easement, permanent slope easement, and temporary construction easement to the City of Knoxville for parcel 059-005.
(Procurement)
40. R-26-9-901 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a contract with Pinnacle Bank for Flexible Spending Account (FSA), Health Savings Account (HSA), and Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) administration.
(Benefits)
41. R-26-9-902 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Sub-Easement Agreement between Knox County and Peace Communications, LLC to continue leasing space in the Summer Place Facility.
(Public Building Authority)
42. R-26-9-903 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 remove any provision that requires the Knox County Commission to consider a use on review.
(Commissioner Durrett)
43. R-26-9-904 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a contract with QuynhTech Strategies, LLC in the amount of \$150,000.00 for Pre-Implementation and Readiness Assessment for the Court Technology Modernization Project.
(Criminal Court Clerk)
44. R-26-9-905 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving an Independent Contractor Agreement with Dr. William Oliver to provide forensic pathology services for the Knox County Regional Forensic Center in the amount not to exceed \$84,000.00 for the term beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.
(Forensic Center)
45. RLA-18866 Motion and vote of the Knox County Commission to override the Knox County Mayor's veto of R-26-8-905 pursuant to the Knox County Charter, Section 2.10.
(Commissioner Hill)

F. Honorary Resolutions

46. R-26-9-101 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, honoring Commissioner Gina Oster for her service on the Knox County Commission.
(Full Commission)
47. R-26-9-102 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, honoring Commissioner Rhonda Lee for her service on the Knox County Commission.
(Full Commission)
48. R-26-9-103 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, honoring Commissioner Larsen Jay for his service on the Knox County Commission.
(Full Commission)
49. R-26-9-104 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, honoring Commissioner Kim Frazier for her service on the Knox County Commission.
(Full Commission)
50. R-26-9-105 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, honoring the Dolly Parton Children's Imagination Library.
(Commissioner Jackson)
51. R-26-9-106 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, recognizing Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month and honoring local organizations working to increase education and awareness in our community on cancer risks.
(Commissioner Huckaby)

G. Presentations

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

H. Public Forum - Agenda Items Only

I. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

J. Drives and Roads

53. Consideration of the acceptance of Bull Elk Lane and Tom Higdon Lane, located north of Coward Mill Road, Commission District 6.
(Engineering and Public Works)

54. Consideration of the acceptance of an additional 420' of Tipton Lane, located off E Beaver Creek Drive, Commission District 7.
(Engineering and Public Works)
55. Consideration of the closure of a portion of the Wye Way Lane terminus located north of River Oak Drive, Commission District 9. **(DEFERRED FROM JUNE AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)** *(Previously Deferred from January to April by Majority Vote of Commission, April to May and May to June at Request of Engineering and Public Works)*
(Commissioner Fox)

K. Line Item Transfers

56. Line Item Transfers - Total amount of \$1,940,852.00.
(Finance)

L. Budget Amendments

57. Budget Amendments — Total amount of \$9,342,265.95.
(Finance)

M. Notary Public Applications

N. Spread of Record

58. Spread of Record the Knox County Mayor's appointment of James Dee to serve on the Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Board of Directors.
(Term expires September 30, 2029)
(County Mayor)
59. Spread of Record the grant application to the Department of the Tennessee Emergency Management Authority (TEMA) for funding submitted by Knox County Grants and Community Development.
(Community Development)
60. Spread of Record for the Grant Application to the USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant submitted by Knox County Engineering and Public Works Department.
(Engineering and Public Works)
61. Spread of Record Karns Senior Center \$30,000.00 grant application with TN Department of Aging and Disability.
(Senior and Veterans Services)
62. Spread of Record Corryton Senior Center grant application to TN Department of Aging and Disability for \$50,000.00 for capital improvements.
(Senior and Veterans Services)

63. Spread of Record Senior Services grant application with TN Department of Aging and Disability for \$26,000.00 for capital improvements.
(Senior and Veterans Services)
64. Spread of Record Halls Senior Center grant application with TN Department of Aging and Disability for \$13,000.00 building improvements and equipment.
(Senior and Veterans Services)
65. 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)

O. General Government Resolutions (non-consent)

66. R-26-9-401 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Hardin Valley Business and Community Alliance for the landscape maintenance of the following three constructed or plans to construct traffic roundabouts at the following intersections: 1) Marietta Church Road and Hardin Valley Road; 2) Hardin Valley Road and Hickory Creek Road; and 3) Steele Road and Sam Lee Road. **(WITHDRAW AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)**
(Engineering and Public Works)
Withdraw
67. R-26-9-906 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, to rescind the FY 27 pay increase for Knox County Commissioners. **(WITHDRAW AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)**
(County Mayor)
Withdraw

P. Ordinances on First Reading

68. O-26-9-101 Consideration of an Ordinance of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, amending the Knox County Code, Chapter 2, Article II, “County Commission,” by adding a new Section 2-32, requiring that any increase to the compensation of County Commissioners and Knox County Board of Education members be equal to the percentage increase set by the state for other County Officials pursuant to TCA §8-24-102(d). (Knox County Code, Chapter 2, Article II, establishing Section 2-32, previously reserved). **(FIRST READING) (TO BE ADDED)**
(County Mayor and Commissioner Huckaby)
To Be Added

Q. Ordinances on Second Reading

R. Public Forum - Open Topics

S. Other Business

T. Adjournment