

Knox County Commission

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NOTICE

TO: MEMBERS OF THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION
ALL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES
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FROM: COMMISSIONER GINA OSTER, MADAM CHAIR

MADAM CHAIR OF THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION SHALL CONFIRM RECEIPT OF ITEMS AND SET THE FINAL APRIL AGENDA OF THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION AT 1:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026 VIA EMAIL AND TELEPHONE CONFERENCE WITH THE COMMISSION OFFICE.

PLEASE SUBMIT ANY REQUESTED AGENDA CHANGES, ADDITIONS, QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS TO THE COMMISSION OFFICE.

AGENDA

A. Honorary Resolutions

1. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, recognizing Internal Audit Awareness Month in Knox County.
(County Mayor and Commissioner Jay)
2. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, honoring the life and legacy of Charlie Severance.
(Commissioner Frazier)
3. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, honoring the life and legacy of Matt Hinkin.
(Commissioner Thompson)

B. Presentations

4. Presentation: Bridge to Safety by Mike Hammond, Criminal Court Clerk. **(DEFERRED FROM FEBRUARY AT REQUEST OF CRIMINAL COURT CLERK, MIKE HAMMOND)**
(Commissioners Lee and Oster)

C. Drives and Roads

5. Consideration of the Acceptance of New County Roads:
 - A) Carolina Cherry Lane located in The Reserve at Penrose Farm, District 4.
 - B) Penrose Farm Lane located in The Reserve at Penrose Farm, District 4.
 - C) Berry Basket Drive located in Strawberry Hills Phase 1, District 8.
 - D) Spring Berry Lane located in Strawberry Hills Phase 1, District 8.
 - E) Orchard Harvest Lane located in Strawberry Hills Phase 1, District 8.*(Engineering and Public Works)*
6. Consideration of the closure of a portion of the Wye Way Lane terminus located north of River Oak Drive, Commission District 9. **(DEFERRED FROM JANUARY BY MAJORITY VOTE OF COMMISSION)**
(Commissioner Fox)

D. Line Item Transfers

7. Line Item Transfers.
(Finance)

E. Budget Amendments

8. Budget Amendments.
(Finance)

F. Spread of Record

9. Spread of Record the Grant Application to the State of Tennessee, Department of Health, for funding Ryan White Part B Program Services, submitted by the Knox County Health Department.
(Health Department)
10. Spread of Record the grant application to the United States Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA) for funding submitted by Knox County Grants and Community Development.
(Community Development)

11. Spread of Record the election of Marcie Thomas to represent the Circuit Court Clerk's Office and Kasey Stone to represent the Criminal Court Clerk's Office on the Employee Insurance Benefits Committee to complete unfulfilled terms effective immediately through December 31, 2029.
(Benefits)

G. Education Resolutions

12. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Grant Agreement with Morgan Wallen Foundation for receipt of grant funding in the amount of \$1,200,000.00 for Gibbs High School to upgrade the current Gibbs High School baseball field into a versatile, state-of-the-art multi-use athletic field; and in conjunction with the multi-use field project, approval of Gibbs High School constructing a softball hitting and pitching facility on the school's campus.
(Schools)

H. General Government Resolutions

13. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing/reappointing _____, _____ and _____ as members and appointing _____, _____, _____ and _____ as alternates on the Knox County Board of Equalization. (Terms expire April 30, 2028) *(Candidate interviews will be conducted at the Optional Agenda Review Meeting on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. in the Main Assembly room)*
(Commissioner Oster)
14. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a contract with TN Gas, LLC for the provision of cylinder collection services to collect discarded cylinders from Knox County Convenience Centers.
(Engineering and Public Works)
15. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving Supplement No. 4 to the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) Railroad Agreement No. 0989 between CSXT, TDOT, Knox County, and the City of Knoxville for road work associated with Alcoa Highway and Toppside Road, at no cost to Knox County.
(Engineering and Public Works)
16. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving Amendment No. 2 of the Construction Agreement between Knox County and CSXT in the amount of \$194,907.00 for additional work related to the Coward Mill Road Phase 2 Roadway Improvement Project.
(Engineering and Public Works)

17. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving the acquisition of remaining necessary right-of-way, temporary construction easements, and slope easements on four (4) tracts required to complete the Bakertown Road Widening and Realignment project.
(Engineering and Public Works)
18. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving the acquisition of right-of-way on one tract for the construction of a left-turn lane on SB Old Callahan Drive at Clinton Hwy.
(Engineering and Public Works)
19. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a design contract with Ardurra in the amount of \$103,100.00 for the Cedar Bluff/Dutchtown Sinkholes Excavation project.
(Engineering and Public Works)
20. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving the acquisition of necessary right-of-way on four (4) tracts for the E Beaver Creek Turn Lane and Traffic Signal project.
(Engineering and Public Works)
21. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a construction contract with Whaley Construction, LLC in the amount of \$1,644,433.00 for construction of the E Beaver Creek Turn Lane and Traffic Signal project.
(Engineering and Public Works)
22. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving an Agreement for the Opioid Settlement Program abatement funds for remediation strategies addressing opioid substance misuse with Helen Ross McNabb Center, Inc. in the amount of \$250,000.00. (No Local Match Required)
(Community Development)
23. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, 1) authorizing the acceptance of federal funds in the estimated amount of \$1,102,177.00 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and \$477,177.00 for the Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) program for the period beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 and 2) approving Knox County's 2026 Annual Action Plan to identify activities Knox County will undertake during the program year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 using federal funds granted to Knox County by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to address priority needs in housing and community services in furtherance of the CDBG and HOME Programs. (No Local Match Required)
(Community Development)

24. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving an Addendum to Contract No. 21-743 with Fifth Asset, Inc. D/B/A Debtbook for an additional Contract Management Module, which Addendum provides for the term of the agreement to be through June 30, 2028.
(Finance)
25. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving the Specific Performance Real Estate Sales Contracts for delinquent tax surplus properties sold via online and live auctions.
(Procurement)
26. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving an Agreement of Sale in the amount of \$1,000.00 with Aaron Wise for delinquent tax surplus property at 1321 Craig Road.
(Procurement)
27. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving an Agreement of Sale in the amount of \$1,000.00 with Nancy Cochran for delinquent tax surplus property at 10457 Bruner Hill Way.
(Procurement)
28. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving Amendment Three to contract #77160 between the State of Tennessee Department of Children's Services and Knox County Juvenile Court in the amount of \$733,568.00. Related to The McNabb Center's subcontract for the "Innerchange" program that provides prevention services to the youth and families of Knox County Juvenile Court. Grant term is for July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027. (No local match required)
(Juvenile Court)
29. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Governmental Grant Contract with the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for the Tennessee Certified Mental Health Court Program for Fiscal Year 26/27 in the amount of \$236,000.00. The Grant Contract runs (1) calendar year beginning July 1, 2026 to expire June 30, 2027.
(General Sessions and Criminal Court Judges)
30. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, amending the Knox County Commission Rules, Rule I, Section N, "Agenda," to include a draft language submission deadline for agenda items sponsored by a Commissioner.
(Rules Committee)

31. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, designating the Knox County Sheriff's Victims Assistance Fund to receive the Victims Assistance Assessment monies to support the Knox County Bridge To Safety Program. **(DEFERRED FROM FEBRUARY AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)**
(Commissioner Oster)
32. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, affirming local discretion consistent with proposed state law and responding to School Board Legislative Priority #6. **(DEFERRED FROM JANUARY AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)**
(Commissioner Lee)

I. Ordinances on First Reading

33. 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) **(FIRST READING)**
(DEFERRED FROM OCTOBER 2025 BY MAJORITY VOTE OF COMMISSION)
(Commissioners Fox and Russell)
34. 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) **(FIRST READING)**
(DEFERRED FROM OCTOBER 2025 BY MAJORITY VOTE OF COMMISSION)
(Commissioners Fox and Russell)
35. 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) **(FIRST READING)**
(DEFERRED FROM FEBRUARY BY MAJORITY VOTE OF COMMISSION)
(Commissioner Fox)
36. Consideration of an Ordinance of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, creating Art. III of Chapter 26 of the Knox County Code, entitled "Data Centers," to define, add specific requirements, and provide limitations for Data Centers and Data Center Accessory Uses. **(FIRST READING)**
(Commissioner Fox)

J. Ordinances on Second Reading

K. Other Business

37. Discussion: March Madness.
(*Commissioner Fox*)