

# Knox County Commission

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## NOTICE

TO: MEMBERS OF THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION  
ALL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES  
NEWS MEDIA

FROM: COMMISSIONER GINA OSTER, MADAM CHAIR

MADAM CHAIR OF THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION SHALL CONFIRM RECEIPT OF ITEMS AND SET THE FINAL **MAY** AGENDA OF THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION AT 1:30 P.M. ON **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 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, honoring the life and legacy of Matt Hinkin. **(DEFERRED FROM APRIL AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)**  
*(Commissioner Thompson)*
2. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, honoring the 50th Anniversary of Knoxville Community Media.  
*(Commissioner Oster)*

### B. Presentations

### C. Drives and Roads

3. Consideration of the closure of a portion of the Wye Way Lane terminus located north of River Oak Drive, Commission District 9. **(DEFERRED FROM APRIL AT REQUEST OF ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS)** *(Previously Deferred from January to April by Majority Vote of Commission)*  
*(Commissioner Fox)*

### D. Line Item Transfers

4. Line Item Transfers.  
*(Finance)*

### E. Budget Amendments

5. Budget Amendments.  
*(Finance)*

### F. Spread of Record

6. Spread of Record the Order of the Knox County Mayor reappointing John Griess to the First Utility District Board of Commissioners.  
*(County Mayor)*
7. 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)*
8. 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)*
9. Spread of Record the grant application to Lowe's Corporate for funding submitted by Knox County Grants and Community Development.  
*(Community Development)*

## G. Education Resolutions

10. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee (CAC) for provision of Meals at 2026 Summer Learning Camps at an estimated cost of \$100,000.00.  
*(Schools)*
11. 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)*
12. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Contract 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)*
13. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving Grants Agreements with the National Environmental Education Foundation and 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)*
14. 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)*
15. 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)*

## H. General Government Resolutions

16. Consideration of a Resolution 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)*
17. Consideration of a Resolution confirming the Knox County Mayor's nominations of John Huber, Nancy Barger, and Richard Levenson for reappointment and \_\_\_\_\_ for appointment to the Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission. (Terms expire June 30, 2030)  
*(County Mayor)*
18. Consideration of a Resolution accepting the resignation of Katie Overton from the Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission and confirming the Knox County Mayor's nomination of \_\_\_\_\_ for appointment to complete the unfulfilled term of Katie Overton on the Planning Commission. (Term expires June 30, 2027)  
*(County Mayor)*
19. 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:  
\_\_\_\_\_ (citizen of Knox County appointed by Mayor), Ashley Ellis, MSN, FNP-BC (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 Commissioner Oster)*
20. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a contract between \_\_\_\_\_ and Knox County for the Knox County Sheriff's Office Tactical Driving Course - Phase 1.  
*(Sheriff)*
21. 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)*

22. 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)*
23. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee approving an easement agreement with the Knoxville Utilities Board (KUB) in the amount of \$3,500 for property located at 0 Bridgewater Road for installation of a gas line.  
*(Engineering and Public Works)*
24. 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.  
*(Engineering and Public Works)*
25. 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 lubricants services for the Knox County Fleet Services Center as needed.  
*(Engineering and Public Works)*
26. 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)*
27. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Grant Contract Amendment Two between the State of Tennessee, Department of Human Services, and the Government of Knox County dba Knox County Health Department for the provision of increasing funds to support Immunization Audit Services. This 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 of local match required)  
*(Health Department)*

28. 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)*
29. Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving county financial support in the amount of \$150,000.00 for FY 2027 (07/01/26-06/30/2027) for approving the term-contract renewal with Avertest, LLC dba Averhealth 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)*
30. 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. **(DEFERRED FROM NOVEMBER 2025 AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)** *(Previously Deferred from September to November 2025 at Request of Sponsor)*  
*(Commissioner Frazier)*

## **I. Ordinances on First Reading**

31. Consideration of an Ordinance of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, 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. **(FIRST READING)**  
*(Commissioner Rawls)*

32. 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) (DEFERRED FROM APRIL AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)**  
*(Commissioner Fox)*

## **J. Ordinances on Second 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) **(SECOND READING)**  
*(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) **(SECOND READING)**  
*(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) **(SECOND READING)**  
*(Commissioner Fox)*

36. 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) (DEFERRED FROM NOVEMBER 2025 AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)** *(Previously Deferred from September to November at Request of Sponsor)*  
*(Commissioner Frazier)*

#### **K. Other Business**

37. Discussion: March Madness. **(DEFERRED FROM APRIL AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)**  
*(Commissioner Fox)*