

# Knox County Commission

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## **PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR REVIEW**

THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW ITEMS FOR THE MARCH 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, MARCH 18, 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, MARCH 23, 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-26-3-201 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Contract with Marzano Resources for two days of Professional Development Services on April 15 and June 24, 2026 at a cost of \$14,200.00.  
(Schools)

2. R-26-3-202 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving contracts with Bedford, Freeman & Worth Publishing Group, LLC, College Board, International Baccalaureate Organization, Savvas Learning Company, LLC, and the University of Cambridge for the provision of Advanced Academic Programs for the term of April 1, 2026 through September 30, 2026, which may be extended for five (5) additional one-year periods.  
*(Schools)*
3. R-26-3-203 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Contract with United Elevator Services, LLC for the provision of elevators and services up to \$171,071.00 for the term of March 1, 2026 through the last day of the cooperative renewal date.  
*(Schools)*
4. R-26-3-204 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Fund Balance Designation (General Purpose School Fund) in the amount of \$8,610,000.00 for the purchase of newly adopted textbooks and instructional materials for PE, Health and Wellness and Career and Technical Education.  
*(Schools)*
5. R-26-3-205 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving receipt of a Knox County Government Grant for Carter High School in the amount of \$62,700.00, with required matching funds in the amount of \$62,700.00.  
*(Schools)*
6. R-26-3-206 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Letter of Extension to the Grant Agreement with Lawson Family Foundation to extend the Grant Period to April 10, 2026 for Knox County Schools' Project SEARCH Transition-to-Work Program.  
*(Schools)*
7. R-26-3-207 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 \$199,765.46.  
*(Schools)*

**E. General Government Consent Calendar**

8. R-26-3-110 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee confirming the Knox County Mayor's appointment of Cameron Bolin to serve in the seat of an architect on the Knox County Historic Zoning Commission. (Term expires March 1, 2031)  
*(County Mayor)*
9. R-26-3-111 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, accepting the resignation of Nancy Barger (serving in the seat of a member of the Local Planning Commission) from the Knox County Historic Zoning Commission and confirming the Knox County Mayor's appointment of Matthew Anderson to complete the unfulfilled term of Ms. Barger on the Historic Zoning Commission. (Term expires March 1, 2030)  
*(County Mayor)*
10. R-26-3-112 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, accepting the resignation of Daniel Herrera on the Knox County Sheriff's Office Employees' Merit System Board of Directors and appointing \_\_\_\_\_ to serve the unfulfilled term of Mr. Herrera on the Board, which such term to expire September 30, 2028. *(Candidate interviews will be conducted at the Optional Agenda Review Meeting on Monday, March 16, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. in the Main Assembly room)*  
*(Commissioner Oster)*
11. R-26-3-301 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving the Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding between Knoxville Leadership Foundation and the Knox County Sheriff's Office outlining the financial commitment of \$135,000.00 from July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027 for facility utilization and access to inmate clientele at the Roger D. Wilson Detention Facility.  
*(Sheriff)*
12. R-26-3-302 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving the FY2026 Homeland Security Task Force Overtime Cost Reimbursement Agreement not to exceed \$30,000.00 per investigation in overtime expenses incurred by the Knox County Sheriff's Office.  
*(Sheriff)*
13. R-26-3-303 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, accepting a TJX Law Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the purchase of surveillance equipment.  
*(Sheriff)*

14. R-26-3-304 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving Amendment One to a Contract with the Tennessee Department of Human Services for the provision of Title IV-D Child Support Enforcement Services in the amount not to exceed \$281,108.05 with a local match requirement of \$144,813.24 for the period beginning on July 01, 2026 and ending on June 30, 2027.  
*(Sheriff)*
15. R-26-3-401 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving Amendment No. 3 to the Local Agency Project Agreement with the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) for the Knox County ATMS Phase II project to revise Exhibit A with additional PE-NEPA and PE-DESIGN funds.  
*(Engineering and Public Works)*
16. R-26-3-402 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving the issuance of a Jackson Law approval letter to Liberty Tire Recycling, LLC allowing them to proceed with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's (TDEC) Permit by Rule permit approval process.  
*(Engineering and Public Works)*
17. R-26-3-403 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a real property agreement of sale with Connie and Daniel Gard for 4,211 sq. ft. of surplus right of way at 0 and 3304 Lobetti Road in the amount of \$500.00. **(TO BE ADDED)**  
*(Engineering and Public Works)*
18. R-26-3-404 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a construction contract in the amount of \$278,752.00 with Stansell Electric Company, Inc. for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Lovell Road (S.R. 131) and Gilbert Drive. **(TO BE ADDED)**  
*(Engineering and Public Works)*
19. R-26-3-405 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving the necessary right-of-way and temporary construction easement acquisitions on three (3) tracts for the Bakertown Road and Joe Hinton Road realignment project. **(TO BE ADDED)**  
*(Engineering and Public Works)*
20. R-26-3-406 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving the necessary right-of-way acquisitions on three (3) tracts for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Schaad Road and Johnson Road. **(TO BE ADDED)**  
*(Engineering and Public Works)*

21. R-26-3-407 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 engineering of the widening of 2.76 miles of S Northshore Drive for a cost of \$565,745.00, with \$554,430.10 (98%) provided by TDOT and \$11,314.90 (2%) provided by Knox County.  
**To Be Added** (TO BE ADDED)  
*(Engineering and Public Works)*
22. R-26-3-408 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Proposal for Professional Services for Stormwater Manual Development in the amount of \$152,420.00 with WSP USA Inc.  
**To Be Added** (TO BE ADDED)  
*(Engineering and Public Works)*
23. R-26-3-601 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a grant contract in the amount not to exceed \$1,755,213.10 with the Tennessee Department of Health for the provision of Parents as Teachers, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and Evidence Based Home Visiting Program Services for the period beginning July 1, 2026 and ending on June 30, 2027. (No application or local match required)  
*(Health Department)*
24. R-26-3-701 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, accepting donations in the total amount of \$5,622.00 and seven (7) barrels of non-perishable food items and approving the donation of the same to the Love Kitchen.  
*(Parks and Recreation)*
25. R-26-3-702 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving an Easement Agreement with Walker Enterprises, LLC to grant to Walker Enterprises the necessary right-of-way and easements on six (6) tracts for the Mont Richer, Unit 3 project.  
*(Parks and Recreation)*
26. R-26-3-703 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, authorizing the acceptance of a donation to Knox County Parks and Recreation from Jake Mynatt, President of Halls Community Park, Inc., for the installation of French drains around the batting cages at Gibbs Ruritan Park.  
*(Parks and Recreation)*

27. R-26-3-704 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, authorizing the acceptance of a donation of a memorial plaque from the Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., District IV, to Knox County Parks and Recreation.  
*(Parks and Recreation)*
28. R-26-3-705 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Contract with TinyMobileRobots and a Lease Agreement with First Western Equipment Finance for Robotic Line Marking Solutions for Knox County sports fields.  
*(Parks and Recreation)*
29. R-26-3-706 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a revised Memorandum of Understanding with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) for the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$20,000.00 and \$89,580.00 as an in-kind donation for the provision of youth sports activities and programming. (No local match required)  
*(Parks and Recreation)*
30. R-26-3-801 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, requesting the unclaimed balance of accounts remitted to the State Treasurer under the Unclaimed Property Act for the report year ending June 30, 2023.  
*(Finance)*
31. R-26-3-901 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving an Extension of Contract No. 21-799 with Pugh & Company, PC for professional auditing services for the Fiscal Year 2026 independent audit of the accounts of Knox County in the amount of \$380,500.00.  
*(Audit Committee)*
32. R-26-3-902 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 in the annual amount of \$268,891.32 with a 3% increase realized annually for the next ten (10) years with two (2) 5-year additional options for renewal.  
*(Public Building Authority)*

33. R-26-3-903 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving the amendment and restatement of the Knox County Employee Disability Benefit Plan to eliminate the 90-day waiting period for disability benefits; remove the requirement that a participant exhaust accrued leave prior to disability approval and instead provide for payment of all accrued leave upon approval of disability benefits; and require that a participant be on approved leave and not actively working within two (2) weeks of applying for disability benefits and during the pendency of the disability review process.  
*(Retirement Board)*
34. R-26-3-904 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving Amendment Four to a Grant Contract with the **To Be Added** Tennessee Department of Human Services related to IV-D Magistrate services for the Knox County Juvenile Court, which amendment increases the maximum liability of the State under the Contract by \$429,064.02, increases the local match requirement by \$221,032.98, and extends the term of the Contract to end June 30, 2027. **(TO BE ADDED)**  
*(Juvenile Court)*

#### **F. Honorary Resolutions**

35. R-26-3-101 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, honoring Sterling "Sterl the Pearl" Henton for his dedication to the community, passionate leadership, and unending Volunteer Spirit.  
*(Commissioner Jay)*
36. R-26-3-102 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, honoring Central High School girls basketball team for winning the District Championship.  
*(Commissioner Durrett)*
37. R-26-3-103 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, honoring the 250th Anniversary of the U.S. Postal Service.  
*(Commissioner Lee)*
38. R-26-3-104 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, honoring and celebrating the life and legacy of former Knox **To Be Added** County Commissioner Diane Jordan. **(TO BE ADDED)**  
*(Commissioners Rawls, Durrett, Oster and Hill)*

39. R-26-3-105 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, honoring the members of the Class of 2026 Junior Commission  
**To Be Added** Civics Education Program upon their program completion. **(TO BE ADDED)**  
*(Full Commission)*

#### **G. Presentations**

40. Presentation: Rural Metro. **(TO BE ADDED)**  
*(Commissioner Oster)*  
**To Be Added**

#### **H. Public Forum - Agenda Items Only**

#### **I. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

#### **J. Drives and Roads**

41. Consideration of the Acceptance of New County Roads:
- A) Eclipse Lane located in The Ridge at Neals Landing Unit 1, District 8.
  - B) Illumination Lane located in The Ridge at Neals Landing Units 1 & 2, District 8.
  - C) Limelight Lane located in The Ridge at Neals Landing Unit 1, District 8.
  - D) Neals Landing Road located in The Ridge at Neals Landing Unit 2, District 8.
  - E) Limelight Lane located in The Ridge at Neals Landing Unit 3, District 8.
  - F) Vista View Lane located in The Ridge at Neals Landing Unit 3, District 8.
- (Engineering and Public Works)*

#### **K. Line Item Transfers**

42. Line Item Transfers.  
*(Finance)*

#### **L. Budget Amendments**

#### **M. Notary Public Applications**

#### **N. Spread of Record**

- 43. Spread of Record the Order of the Knox County Mayor reappointing Mark Dixon to the Board of Commissioners of the Knox Chapman Utility District.  
*(County Mayor)*
- 44. Spread of Record the grant application to the State of Tennessee, Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Criminal Justice Programs for funding a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Witness Coordinator Position submitted by the Knox County District Attorney's Office.  
*(District Attorney)*
- 45. Spread of Record the election of Ashley Ramos to represent the Knox County Mayor's Office Seat A, Sara Crosby to represent the Knox County Sheriff's Office Seat B, and Michael Mays representing constitutional/fee offices Seat C on the Health Insurance Appeal Board to fulfill terms beginning March 1, 2026, and ending February 28, 2030.  
*(Benefits)*

**O. General Government Resolutions (non-consent)**

**P. Ordinances on First Reading**

- 46. O-26-3-101 Consideration of an Ordinance of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, repealing Section 58-1 of the Knox County Code regarding Vehicle Registration Fees. (Ord. No. O-03-5-101, adopted 6-23-03; Ord. No. O-04-5-101(A), adopted 6-28-04; Ord. No. 09-2-101, adopted 3-23-09; Ord. No. O-19-8-101, adopted 9-23-19; and Ord. No. O-19-9-101, adopted 10-28-19) **(FIRST READING) (DEFERRED FROM AUGUST 2025 AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR) (REQUIRES 2/3 VOTE)**  
*(Commissioner Jay and County Mayor)*

**Q. Ordinances on Second Reading**

- 47. O-26-2-101 Consideration of an Ordinance of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, to repeal Knox County Code Sections 18-141 and 18-142 relative to the operation of the East Tennessee Regional Juvenile Service Center and adopting new Sections 18-141 and 18-142 to place the control and supervision of the Juvenile Service Center under the Knox County Juvenile Court Judge and to create an Advisory Board. **(SECOND READING)**  
*(Juvenile Service Center Board of Directors)*

**R. Public Forum - Open Topics**

**S. Other Business**

48. Proclamation for Day of Hope in Knox County. **(TO BE ADDED)**  
*(Commissioner Frazier)*

**To Be Added**

**T. Adjournment**