

# Knox County Commission

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## **PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR REVIEW**

THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW ITEMS FOR THE **JUNE** 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, JUNE 24, 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, JUNE 22, 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-26-6-201 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Contract of Employment between the Knox County Board of Education and Dr. Jon Rysewyk as Director of Knox County Schools.  
*(Schools)*

2. R-26-6-202 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a contract with Metro Communications, LLC for the provision of a Distributed Antenna System at a cost up to \$15,000.00 annually for the term of June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2029, which may be extended for two (2) additional one (1) year terms.  
*(Schools)*
3. R-26-6-203 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Memorandum of Understanding with East Tennessee Community Design Center for Design Assistance and Programmatic Site Planning for an Outdoor Classroom at Hardin Valley Academy at a cost of \$1,500.00.  
*(Schools)*
4. R-26-6-204 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a contract with Anixter Inc. for the provision of networking materials at an estimated annual cost of \$1,000,000.00 for the term of October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027, which may be extended for four (4) additional years.  
*(Schools)*
5. R-26-6-205 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a contract with Canon USA Inc. pursuant to the provisions of the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement (State of Tennessee Contract #87016) for the provision of a Print Management Software at a cost of \$500,000.00 for the term of June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2029.  
*(Schools)*
6. R-26-6-206 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Tennessee Department of Education Fiscal Year 2027 Turnaround Action Grant 6 in the amount of \$1,328,728.00 for Austin-East Magnet High School, Northwest Middle School, Vine Middle Magnet School, Sarah Moore Greene Magnet Academy, Green Magnet Academy, and Maynard Elementary School.  
*(Schools)*
7. R-26-6-207 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 \$147,986.85.  
*(Schools)*
8. R-26-6-208 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving Contract No. 26-268 related to School Safety.  
*(Schools)*

## E. General Government Consent Calendar

9. R-26-6-110 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing \_\_\_\_\_ (District 1 seat) to the Knox County Library Advisory Board. (Term expires July 1, 2029)  
*(Commissioner Rawls)*
10. R-26-6-111 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing \_\_\_\_\_ (District 2 seat) to the Knox County Library Advisory Board. (Term expires July 1, 2029)  
*(Commissioner Durrett)*
11. R-26-6-112 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing/reappointing \_\_\_\_\_ (District 5 seat) to the Knox County Library Advisory Board. (Term expires July 1, 2029)  
*(Commissioner Russell)*
12. R-26-6-113 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing \_\_\_\_\_ (District 8 seat) to the Knox County Library Advisory Board. (Term expires July 1, 2029)  
*(Commissioner Thompson)*
13. R-26-6-114 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing/reappointing \_\_\_\_\_ to the Knox County Board of Construction Appeals. (Term expires December 31, 2032)  
*(Engineering and Public Works)*
14. R-26-6-209 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving an agreement with AT&T Enterprises, LLC for the installation of fiber optic cable by AT&T to the Powell Branch Library for the provision of an improved connection to the Knox County Public Library's network and high-speed internet service.  
*(Library)*
15. R-26-6-301 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving the CY 2026 Appalachia High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) overtime reimbursement agreement for the reimbursement of up to \$120,000.00 in overtime expenses incurred by the Knox County Sheriff's Office.  
*(Sheriff)*

16. R-26-6-302 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Knoxville for the administration of the 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) award and authorizing the acceptance of grant funding in an amount up to \$42,765.00 as Knox County's portion of the grant award.  
*(Sheriff)*
17. R-26-6-303 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, authorizing the acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$10,000.00 from Knoxville Wholesale Furniture for the renovation of the K9 kennels.  
*(Sheriff)*
18. R-26-6-304 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving an Overtime Reimbursement Agreement with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Tennessee Dangerous Drugs Task Force for the use of Law Enforcement under the Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program for the reimbursement of up to \$22,155.25 per officer in overtime expenses incurred by the Knox County Sheriff's Office.  
*(Sheriff)*
19. R-26-6-305 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, authorizing the acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$3,078.00 from Three Degrees MMC Chapter 20 for the benefit of the K9 division.  
*(Sheriff)*
20. R-26-6-401 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Contract between Knox County and the Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee (CAC) relative to the CAC AmeriCorps program.  
*(Engineering and Public Works)*
21. R-26-6-403 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving the necessary right-of-way, slope, permanent drainage and temporary construction easement acquisitions on eleven (11) tracts for the construction of a turn lane on Maryville Pike at Tipton Station Road.  
*(Engineering and Public Works)*

22. R-26-6-404 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a contract with APAC-Atlantic, Inc. for the provision of hot mix hauling and placement services for Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028.  
*(Engineering and Public Works)*
23. R-26-6-405 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a contract with Rogers Group, Inc. for the provision of hot mix hauling and placement services for Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028.  
*(Engineering and Public Works)*
24. R-26-6-406 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a contract with APAC-Atlantic, Inc. for the provision of hot mix hauling and placement services for narrow (under 15' wide) County roads for Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028.  
*(Engineering and Public Works)*
25. R-26-6-407 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving contracts with Meridian Waste Tennessee, LLC and Waste Services of Tennessee, LLC d/b/a Republic Services to provide roll-off hauling services.  
*(Engineering and Public Works)*
26. R-26-6-408 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a contract with PRI of East Tennessee, Inc. for the provision of hot mix hauling and placement services for narrow (under 15' wide) County roads for Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028.  
*(Engineering and Public Works)*
27. R-26-6-501 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, authorizing the acceptance of a grant award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Economic Development Initiative (EDI) – Community Project Funding (CPF) for Fiscal Year 2026 in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 to fund veterans housing. (No local match required)  
*(Community Development)*
28. R-26-6-502 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving 1) a Substantial Amendment to Knox County's previously approved 2021 Annual Action Plan and HOME-ARP Allocation Plan; and 2) a Substantial Amendment to Knox County's previously approved 2024 Annual Action Plan.  
*(Community Development)*

29. R-26-6-503 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving seven (7) contracts with A-1 Certified Service, Inc.; DPN Builders; First Place Finish, Inc.; Guaranteed Services, LLC; Handi Access Inc.; Stanley Homes, LLC; and Krug & Sons, Inc. for contractor services in the Knox County Home Rehabilitation (KCHR) Program. (Federally funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Department of Energy)  
*(Community Development)*
30. R-26-6-504 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Grant Contract with the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) for \$389,100.00 in pass-through grant funds provided under the State Homeland Security Program of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for the purchase of equipment and the provision of training for first responders in Knox County and the fifteen (15) surrounding counties within Tennessee Homeland Security District 2. (No local match required)  
*(Community Development)*
31. R-26-6-505 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a grant contract with the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) for pass-through funding from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in the amount of \$21,000.00 for off-site emergency planning and response activities. (No local match required)  
*(Community Development)*
32. R-26-6-506 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Limited Right of Entry agreement with Local Church Knoxville to allow parking of passenger vehicles on the property located at 405 Dante Road, Knoxville, Tennessee 37918.  
*(Community Development)*
33. R-26-6-507 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving two (2) Agreements in 2021 HOME Investment Partnerships – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Program funds with the following service providers for homelessness assistance and supportive services: Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee in the amount of \$125,000.00 and Community Mediation Center in the amount of \$35,000.00. (Federally funded through HUD HOME-ARP Program funds) (No local match required)  
*(Community Development)*

34. R-26-6-508 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving six (6) Agreements in 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funds with the following service providers for various activities and programs: Catholic Charities of East Tennessee, Inc. (Samaritan Place Emergency Shelter) in the amount of \$15,000, Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee (Homeward Bound Program) in the amount of \$108,182.90, The Salvation Army (Joy Baker Center) in the amount of \$15,000, The University of Tennessee (HMIS) in the amount of \$20,000, Neighborhood Housing, Inc. (Operation Backyard) in the amount of \$100,000, and Volunteer Ministry Center, Inc. (CHAMP Program) in the amount of \$20,000. (Federally funded through HUD CDBG program funds) (No local match required) *(Community Development)*
35. R-26-6-601 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving Amendment Three 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 \$52,140.17 for a total amount of \$781,239.63 and extends the term to end on December 31, 2027. (No application or local match required) *(Health Department)*
36. R-26-6-602 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving Amendment Nine to the Knox County Indigent Care Program Agreement, which amendment provides for revisions to the Reimbursement for Services section of the agreement for Fiscal Year 2027. *(Health Department)*
37. R-26-6-603 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Professional Services Contract with River Valley Health for the provision of Indigent Primary Care Services in the amount not to exceed \$1,001,989.00 per contract year for the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2028 with the option to extend three (3) additional years, one (1) year at a time. *(Health Department)*
38. R-26-6-604 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving Modification Number 2 to the Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the acceptance of funding in the amount of \$300,017.00 for Knox County Air Quality Management's ongoing Air Pollution Control Program. (No application or local match required) *(Health Department)*

39. R-26-6-605 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a grant contract in the amount not to exceed \$39,593.00 with the United Way of Greater Nashville for the provision of nonmedical Case Management and Food Bank Home Delivered Meal services for the period beginning April 1, 2026 and ending March 31, 2027. (No application or local match required)  
*(Health Department)*
40. R-26-6-606 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a grant contract in the amount not to exceed \$137,668.31 with the Tennessee Department of Health for the provision of Ryan White Part B Services for the period beginning April 1, 2026 and ending March 31, 2027. (No local match required)  
*(Health Department)*
41. R-26-6-701 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Utility Easement Agreement with Knoxville Utilities Board (KUB) to grant KUB the necessary easements on one tract for underground and above-ground utilities at 5428 Strawberry Plains Pike (Forks of the River Park) at a cost of \$55,216.00. **(DEFERRED FROM MAY AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)**  
*(Parks and Recreation)*
42. R-26-6-801 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a formal Longevity Policy.  
*(Finance)*
43. R-26-6-802 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving Extension III to the Defined Services Contract among Knox County, the City of Knoxville, and Helen Ross McNabb Center, Inc. for services related to the Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center.  
*(Finance)*
44. R-26-6-803 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.  
*(Finance)*

45. R-26-6-804 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Utility Easement with the First Utility District of Knox County, Tennessee (FUD) across 10960 Concord Park Dr., CLT Map 153 Parcel 063, to upgrade the current pump station.  
*(Procurement)*
46. R-26-6-901 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving updates to Knox County Information Technology security management and acceptable use policies.  
*(Information Technology)*
47. R-26-6-902 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving the Third Amendment to the Dark Fiber Optic Lease Agreement with the Knoxville Utilities Board (KUB) for the purchase of additional fiber optic cabling to support network infrastructure.  
*(Information Technology)*
48. R-26-6-903 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)*
49. R-26-6-904 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving and authorizing a Moratorium on Data Centers in Knox County.  
*(Commissioners Fox, Jackson, Russell and Lee)*
50. R-26-6-905 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 amend the qualifications of members of the Merit System Board of Directors. **(DEFERRED FROM MAY AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)** *(Previously Deferred from September to November 2025 and November 2025 to May 2026 at Request of Sponsor)*  
*(Commissioner Frazier)*
51. Motion and vote of the Commission to change the deferral date of Ordinance O-26-3-101 to repeal Section 58-1 of the Knox County Code regarding Vehicle Registration Fees to the July 2026 agenda instead of the August 2026 agenda.  
*(Commissioner Jay)*

## F. Honorary Resolutions

52. R-26-6-101 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, honoring the 70th Anniversary of Knoxville-Knox County Planning. **(DEFERRED FROM APRIL AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)**  
*(County Mayor and Commissioner Oster)*

## G. Presentations

53. Presentation by Property Assessor, Phil Ballard.  
*(Commissioner Lee)*
54. Presentation by University of Tennessee for National Dairy Month.  
*(Commissioner Thompson)*

## H. Public Forum - Agenda Items Only

## I. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

## J. Drives and Roads

55. Consideration of the Acceptance of New County Roads:  
A) Eloise May Lane, located in Cotswold Park, District 3.  
*(Engineering and Public Works)*
56. Consideration of the closure of a portion of the Wye Way Lane terminus located north of River Oak Drive, Commission District 9. **(DEFER TO SEPTEMBER 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)*  
**Defer to September**  
*(Commissioner Fox)*

## K. Line Item Transfers

57. Line Item Transfers - Total amount of \$116,950.00.  
*(Finance)*

## L. Budget Amendments

58. Budget Amendments. **(WITHDRAW AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)**  
*(Finance)*

**Withdraw**

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

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

59. Spread of Record the Grant Application to the Newman's Own Foundation, for funding the Nutrition Education Activity Training program (N.E.A.T.), submitted by the Knox County Health Department.  
*(Health Department)*
60. Spread of Record the grant application to the State of Tennessee's Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) for Litter Grant Program funding for Fiscal Year 2027 in the amount of \$170,900.00, with no local match required, submitted by Knox County Engineering and Public Works.  
*(Engineering and Public Works)*
61. Spread of Record Travel for the 2026 NACo Legislative Conference, the 2026 TCSA County Government Day, Governmental Affairs Committee and the 2026 TCSA Spring Legislative Conference.  
*(Commissioners Rawls, Durrett, Oster, Jackson, Russell, Hill, Lee, Thompson, and Jay)*
62. Spread of Record the Knox County Mayor's Order reappointing Mike Arms to the Lenoir City Utilities Board of Directors. **(TO BE ADDED)**  
**To Be Added** *(County Mayor)*

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

63. R-26-6-115 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving the appointment/reappointment of \_\_\_\_\_,  
**Defer to July** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to serve as Directors of The Industrial Development Board of the County of Knox, and The Health, Educational and Housing Facility Board of the County of Knox. (Terms expire July 15, 2032) **(DEFER TO JULY AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)**  
*(The Industrial Development Board)*

64. R-26-6-402 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. **(DEFER TO JULY AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)** *(Previously Deferred from May to June at Request of Sponsor)*  
*(Engineering and Public Works)*
- Defer to July**
65. R-26-6-906 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, recognizing the United States Constitution during the Nation's 250th Anniversary. **(WITHDRAW AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)** *(Previously Deferred from January to June at Request of Sponsor)*  
*(Commissioner Lee)*
- Withdraw**

## P. Ordinances on First Reading

## Q. Ordinances on Second Reading

66. O-25-8-101 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 MAY AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)** *(Previously Deferred from September to November 2025 and November 2025 to May 2026 at Request of Sponsor)*  
*(Commissioner Frazier)*

## R. Public Forum - Open Topics

## S. Other Business

67. Proclamation recognizing the United States Constitution.  
*(Commissioners Durrett, Rawls, Oster, Russell, Lee, Fox and Frazier)*

68.

**Withdraw**

Discussion: March Madness. **(WITHDRAW AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)** *(Previously Deferred from April to May and May to June at Request of Sponsor)*  
*(Commissioner Fox)*

**T. Adjournment**