

JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
222 West Main Street  
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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSION  
WILL MEET  
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026  
AT 7:00 P.M.

THE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE  
UPPER COURTOOM  
OF THE  
JOHNSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
222 WEST MAIN STREET  
MOUNTAIN CITY, TENNESSEE.

**Johnson County Government**

Larry Potter, County Mayor  
222 West Main Street  
Mountain City, TN 37683



Thursday, May 21, 2026

To: Commissioners of Johnson County Tennessee

Eugene Campbell, Lester Dunn, Jerry Gentry, Tracy Greer, Jerry Grindstaff, Huey Long, James Lowe, Megan McEwen, Gina Meade, Kody Norris, Cody Osborne, Freddy Phipps, Tommy Poore, Brian Taylor and Rick Wallace.

**JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSION WILL MEET THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026, at 7:00 PM. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE UPPER COURTROOM AT THE JOHNSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 222 WEST MAIN STREET IN MOUNTAIN CITY, TN.**

**AGENDA:**

1. Opening Prayer
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Call to Order
5. Public Comments
6. Acceptance of April Minutes
7. Committee Reports
8. Approve Notaries
9. Approve Budget Amendments
10. Presentation Charter of Freedom.- Dan Parsons
11. Ed Vanover Road-Jeff Wagner/Ryan Carroll
12. Appointment of Planning Commission Board member Joe Simcox.-Mayor Potter
13. Approval the following board members for another 4 year term to the Johnson County Board of Health. -Mayor Potter
14. Approve the application for \$50,000 from the Tennessee State Health Department's Healthier State Grant and authorize Mayor Larry Potter to sign all pertaining documents.-Mayor Potter
15. Autopsy cost Contract ETSU. -Mayor Potter
16. Discussion to of Hangar Lot Leases at the Johnson County Airport-Liz Edgar/ Andrew Serota, Esq. /Ryan Carroll
17. Any other matters which may duly come before the commission for official action.

BE REMEMBERED that a Regular Session of the County Board of Commissioners of Johnson County was held in the Town of Mountain City, Tennessee, this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026 at 7:00 P.M., presiding Chairman of the County Commission, Freddy Phipps, Clifton Worley, Sheriff, Tammie C. Fenner, County Clerk and a quorum of County Commissioners to wit: Eugene Campbell, Lester Dunn, Jerry Gentry, Huey Long, Jimmy Lowe, Megan McEwen, Gina Meade, Kody Norris, Cody Osborne, Freddy Phipps, Tommy Poore, Brian Taylor & Rick Wallace.(Absent – Tracy Greer & Jerry Grindstaff).

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- VFW gave an update on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festivities planned for the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of America this summer.
- Karen Miller gave an update on FLOCK.
- Cynthia Davis gave an update on Long Term Recovery.
- David Lawrence spoke to the Commission.

### **ACCEPT THE MINUTES FOR MARCH 2026**

Motion was made by Cody Osborne, seconded by Jimmy Lowe to approve the March Commission Minutes. Upon Show of Hands Vote, all yes, (Motion Carried).

### **APPROVE QUARTERLY REPORTS**

Motion was made by Kody Norris, seconded by Rick Wallace to approve these quarterly reports.

Upon Show of Hands Vote all yes, (Motion Carried).

Accounts & Budgets – Filed  
Airport Advisory – Filed  
Community Center – Filed  
Emergency Management – Filed  
Health Department – Filed  
Library – Filed  
Safety -Filed  
Schools – Filed  
Senior Center – Filed  
Sheriff's Department – Filed  
Solid Waste -- Filed  
Tourism -- Filed  
Title VI – Filed  
Trustee – Filed  
Veteran's Service – Filed

**APPROVE THE PRESENTED APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC AT LARGE.**

**APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Motion was made by Gina Meade, seconded by Huey Long to approve these Budget Amendments. Upon Roll Call Vote, all Yes, (Motion Carried).

**APPROVE RE-APPOINTMENTS AND ONE NEW APPOINTMENT TO THE EQUALIZATION BOARD**

Motion was made by Tommy Poore, seconded by Jimmy Lowe to approve the re-appointments of Ruth Thomas and Rick Thomason and the new appointment of John Holloway to the Equalization Board. Upon Show of Hands Vote, all yes, (Motion Carried).

Matthew Lewis reported that our Tax Re-appraisal has been confirmed by the state.

**APPROVE RESOLUTION HONORING THE J.C.H.S. GRADUATING CLASS OF 2026**

Motion was made by Megan McEwen, seconded by Cody Osborne to approve this Resolution honoring this year's graduation class. Upon Show of Hands Vote, all yes, (Motion Carried).

**\*\*Dan Parsons presented the pictures of "Chart of Freedom" that will be displayed at Ralph Stout Park along with the other Memorials.\*\***

**APPROVE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE STATE TO DENY ANY FURTHER REPAIRS TO BRIDGE LOCATED AT 8151 HWY 67 W.**

Motion was made by Cody Osborne, seconded by Lester Dunn to approve this recommendation from the state concerning this Bridge. Upon Show of Hands Vote, all yes, (Motion Carried).

**County Attorney, Ryan Carroll gave an update on a recent Public Records Request.**

**APPROVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JOHNSON COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE REMNANT DEFENDANT OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

Motion was made by Jerry Gentry, seconded by Jimmy Lowe to approve this Opioid Settlement Resolution. Upon Roll Call Vote, all yes, (Motion Carried).

**APPLY FOR FIDDLERS' CONVENTION GRANT FOR \$5,000 – COUNTY'S MATCH WILL BE \$1,000**

Motion was made by Jimmy Lowe, seconded by Huey Long to approve applying for this Grant. Upon Roll Call Vote, 12 yes and 1 Pass, (Motion Carried).

**County Mayor gave an update on Helene Recovery Efforts and an overall update on County's financial status.**

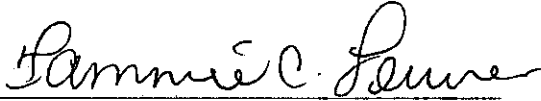
**ADJOURN**

Motion was made by Jimmy Lowe, seconded by Jerry Gentry to adjourn this meeting. Upon Show of Hands Vote, all yes, (Motion Carried).



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Freddy Phipps, Chairman  
Johnson County Commission\



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Tammie C. Fenner, County Clerk

## office mayor

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**From:** Rose, Terence - FS, TN <terence.j.rose@usda.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2026 3:40 PM  
**To:** mayor  
**Cc:** office mayor  
**Subject:** Ed Vanover Road

Mayor Potter,

I hope you're doing well. I'm reaching out regarding Ed Vanover Road following several calls we have received from landowners in the area. The concerns raised have centered on access, particularly in relation to the proposed discontinuation of the road at Mr. Eggers' property.

As you know, Ed Vanover Road is not a Forest Service system road, and the Forest Service does not have jurisdiction or maintenance authority over it. Because of this, we are directing landowners to coordinate directly with the county regarding any decisions or actions associated with access, maintenance, or the proposed discontinuation. I understand the county may be seeking a letter from the Forest Service concerning this road. Since this is a public county road, continued access along this route is important for our land management activities. However, the Forest Service would not be able to participate in any maintenance work or associated costs we can only legally expend funds and work on NFS designated roads.

Given the level of public interest, I want to ensure we are aligned in communicating accurate information. I also wanted to connect with you to better understand the county's position and any planned next steps. If it would be helpful, I would be glad to discuss the matter further or meet on-site to review the situation.

Thank you for your time, and I appreciate your continued partnership as we work through these concerns.



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# 2026 Road List

DRAKES CREEK RD	0A335	HWY 421 S	0.06 MILE UP	1.78	40	20	16	BST	2	SA	RESURFACED 0.50 06/05/12
DRY BRANCH RD	0A271	TAYLORS VALLEY RD	SUGAR CREEK RD	1.23	40	18	16	ASP	2	SA	RESURFACED BST TO ASP 10/23/13
DRY HILL RD	01076	BIG DRY RUN RD	N DUGGER RD	3.07	40	12	18	BST	3		RESURFACED ASP 06-14-17 (0.20)
DRY STONE BRANCH RD	02691	DIVIDE ROAD	ACKERSON CREEK	2.13	40	20	16	ASP	2	SA	STATE AID-RESURFACED 09/14/15 (1.37)
DUG HILL RD	02615	CRACKERS NECK RD	LUMPKIN BRANCH RD	2.28	50	22	20	BST	2	SA	RESURFACED BST 1.20 (06-05-19)
DUGGER CEMETERY LN	A494	0A402 SUGAR GROVE CHURCH	DEAD END	0.20	40	16	10	ASP	3		
DUGGER HOLLOW RD	0A042	HWY 67 W	PINE ORCHARD RD	0.86	40	20	18	BST	2	SA	HOTMIX (0.02) 10-14-21
DUNN LN	0A319	FALL BRANCH RD	DEAD END	0.47	20	18	16	ASP	2		RESURFACED BST TO ASP 10/21/13
DWAYNE LANE	2694	JOHNSON HOLLOW RD	DEAD END	0.05	20	20	18	ASP	2		FORMALLY W A LANE
EAGLE NEST LANE		DIVIDE ROAD	DEAD END	0.20	50	24	20	ASP	1		Resurfaced 0.05 on 12/04/14
EARL HOWARD RD	A463	OWL HOLLOW RD	S TO DEAD END	0.30	30	14	12	BST	3		
EARL MAY RD	0A349	BULLDOG RD	SW DEAD END	0.34	24	16	14	BST	2		RESURFACED BST 0.34 (10-30-18) hotmix 0.10
EASTRIDGE LN	A277	SHINGLETOWN RD	DEAD END	0.30	30	16	14	ASP	2		RESURFACED 07-11-17 (0.30)
EASTRIDGE RD	0A277	SHINGLETOWN RD	DEER RUN RD	0.93	24	14	12	BST	3		RESURFACED BST (0.93) 08-26-24
ED MAIN RD	0A338	MAIN RD	DEAD END	0.27	24	12	10	BST	3		
ED VANOVER RD	A537	HWY 167 FORGE CREEK RD	DEAD END	1.00	20	20	18	BST	3		CHANGED TO BST 10/2004
ED WILSON LN	A471	SHINGLETOWN	DEAD END	0.28	40	14	8	ASP	4		RESURFACED BST TO ASP 11/28/12
EDGAR EGGERS LANE	0A352	RAGAN RD	DEAD END	0.40	20	10	8	GR	4		EDGAR EGGERS RD 4/1994
EDSEL McQUEEN LN	0A428	HWY 91	DEAD END	0.15	24	18	16	CLD M	2		Resurfaced May-06 upper end only
EGGERS BRANCH RD	0A348	BULLDOG RD	DEAD END	1.37	40	20	16	BST	2		
ELBERT GREER LN	0A300	McEWEN RD	DEAD END	0.10	40	20	16	BST	3		RESURFACED GRAVEL TO BST (0.10) 06-14-23
ELDRIDGE LN	0A081	PLEASANT VALLEY RD	DEAD END	0.24	24	18	16	ASP	2		RESURFACED 0.24 11/21/13
ELLER RD	0A130	DIVIDE ROAD	DEAD END	0.85	28	16	12	BST/ASP	3		HOTMIX 0.36 (09-25-19)/RESURFACED 0.42 (10-19)
ERBY JOHNSON LN	0A445	JOHNSON HOLLOW RD	DEAD END	0.36	24	16	14	CLD M	4		SURFACED SEPT-2005
FALL BRANCH RD	A299	FORGE RD	ANTIOCH RD	3.61	40	18	16	BST	2	SA	STATE-AID RESURFACE BST 07-31-17 (3.53)
FENNER LN	A479	HARBIN HILL RD	NE TO DEAD END	0.20	30	14	12	BST	2		
FERN HILL DRIVE		JUNE APPLE LANE	DEAD END	0.30	50	24	20	ASP	1		RESURFACED 06/05/12
FIRE DEPT RD		HWY 421 N	DEAD END	0.08	40	24	18	ASP	1		Part of Old Hwy 421 (Resurfaced 7/07)
FIRE TOWER RD	0A373	HWY 167 ROAN CREEK RD	DEAD END	1.10	28	14	12	CLD M	3		RESURFACED AUG-2005
FLAT LN	A502	VAUGHTS GAP RD	E TO DEAD END	0.20	20	12	10	BST	3		McDONALS
FLEET GARLAND LN	A529	HWY 91	DEAD END	0.13	20	10	8	CLD M	4		Resurfaced May-06
FLETCHER LN	0A187	HWY 91	DEAD END	0.19	20	16	14	CLD M	2		Resurfaced May-06
FOREST POINT RD	A493	DEER RIDGE COURT	DEAD END	0.07	50	24	22	ASP	1		
FOREST WOOD LN	A522	HWY 167 FORGE CREEK RD	DEAD END	0.50	40	24	22	BST	2		RAY DOWELL LN
FORESTER HOLLOW LN	0A008	CRACKERS NECK RD	DEAD END	0.76	20	10	8	BST	3		
FORGE CREEK CIRCLE		HWY 167	HWY 167	0.80	40	16	14	BST	2	SA	RESURFACED BST (0.80) 07-25-23
FORGE RD	0A297	HWY 167 FORGE CREEK RD	HWY 167 FORGE CREEK	2.20	40	26	20	BST	2		
FOX HOLLOW RD	0A259	FURNACE CREEK RD	RED BRUSH RD	1.12	28	16	14	BST	2		
FRANK SHUPE LN	0A050	PINE ORCHARD RD	DEAD END	0.18	28	14	10	CLD M	3		RESURFACED SEPT.-2005
FRED MAY RD	0A330	BULLDOG RD	DEAD END	0.27	24	16	14	ASP	2		RESURFACE BST 0.27 (06-05-19)
FRED PRICE RD	0A315	ANTIOCH RD	DEAD END	0.44	24	16	14	BST	2		
FRED WALLACE RD	0A330	HWY 421 S	DEAD END	0.87	24	16	14	ASP	2		FRED WALLACE RD 4/1994
FURNACE CREEK RD	0A254	DIVIDE ROAD	RED BRUSH RD	1.22	28	18	16	BST	2		



Outlook

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## Health Dept Board of Health Membership list

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**From** Caroline Chinouth <Caroline.Chinouth@tn.gov>

**Date** Thu 5/7/2026 11:30 AM

**To** mayor <mayor@johnsoncountyttn.gov>

**Cc** office mayor <office.mayor@johnsoncountyttn.gov>; Johnson Leadership <Johnson.Leadership@tn.gov>; angela.r.stout@tn.gov <angela.r.stout@tn.gov>

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JC Board of Health Members 2026.doc;

Hello Mayor,

During our Board of Health meeting on March 20, 2026, we discussed needing to get an updated Board membership list in front of the county commission for approval for another 4-year term. I did confirm that Dr. Brad Andersen has moved out of state and will not be able to continue serving as a representative of the dental community on our Board. He did recommend Dr. Collin Czajka who has taken over his old practice in Mountain City. I emailed, left voice messages and texts for Dr. Czajka since the end of March and have not been able to connect.

I would recommend just getting the attached list of current Board Members, minus Dr. Andersen, in front of the commission for approval at the next opportunity, and then if we find a dental professional who would like to serve we can obtain additional commission approval at that time.

Thank you for your help and support of the Health Department and please let me know if you have any questions about seeking approval of the current Board.

Caroline



Department of  
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**JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
2026**

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**Board of Health Members Last  
Approved by County Commission  
April 2022 for Four (4)-Year  
Term per T.C.A. 68-2-601**

**Johnson County Government**

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May 15, 2026

Commissioners,

Please see the attached back page of the three-year contract from ETSU for Johnson County's annual autopsy costs.

Our cost for the year ending in 2026 was \$41,580.00. Please look closely at the scheduled price increases for each year.

Because we are currently in the budget process, I have refused to sign the contract at this time. We will need to monitor this situation and discuss how to proceed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larry Potter", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Larry Potter

County Mayor

Johnson County, Tennessee

EXHIBIT A  
 PAYMENT SCHEDULE  
 JOHNSON COUNTY

July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027		
Service Description	Monthly Amount	Annual Amount
Medical Examiner	\$469.00	\$5,628
Forensic Services	\$4,282.08	\$51,385
Total Payment	\$4,751.08	\$57,013

July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2028		
Service Description	Monthly Amount	Annual Amount
Medical Examiner	\$966.08	\$11,593
Forensic Services	\$5,112.83	\$61,354
Total Payment	\$6,078.91	\$72,947

July 1, 2028 – June 30, 2029		
Service Description	Monthly Amount	Annual Amount
Medical Examiner	\$1,492.92	\$17,915
Forensic Services	\$6,104.75	\$73,257
Total Payment	\$7,597.67	\$91,172

\$221,132

# CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250<sup>TH</sup> BY EXPLORING JOHNSON COUNTY



## JOHNSON COUNTY

## AMERICA 250

### EXPERIENCE INDEPENDENCE DAY

Join us for a full day of patriotism, community, and hometown celebration as we mark 250 years of America right here in Johnson County.

America 250 Art Exhibit

VFW Poker Run on Bicycles

VFW First Responder Tug-of-War

VFW Freedom Mud Run

Patriotic Cantata by Johnson County  
Community Choir

VFW Annual 4th of July Parade

VFW Family Fun Zone

Fireworks!

### DISCOVER TN250 EXPERIENCES ALL YEAR LONG

5/23 | Museum of Butler Homecoming

7/11 | Mountain City Sunflower Festival

8/21-22 | Old Butler Days

9/5 | 3rd Annual Rib Fest

9/19 | "War Bonds" at Heritage Hall

10/2-3 | Mountain City Fiddlers' Convention

10/9-10 | Shady Valley Cranberry Festival

11/11 | Veteran's Day Celebration



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