

The McMinn County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on May 11, 2026, at 6:00 pm, in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Curtis.

2. INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Cass.

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Commissioner Slack.

4. ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken by McMinn County Clerk, Melinda King as recorded:

- Chairman Scott Curtis - Present
- Tim King – Present
- Roger Masingale - Present
- Jerry Millsaps – Present
- J. W. McPhail - Present
- Brent Carter -Present
- Tad Simpson - Present
- Charles Slack – Present
- Travis Crisp – Present
- Scott Cass – Present

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Copies of the Minutes of the Regular Session on April 20, 2026, were provided to the McMinn County Commissioners.

MOTION made by Commissioner King, and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to approve the minutes of April 20, 2026, meeting.

Motion carried by voice vote.

6. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FINANCE RESOLUTIONS

None.

7. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

Fund: General Fund #101			Date: 05/07/2026	
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Reserve	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000	26,509.00	
Sheriff's Department	Law Enforcement Supplies	54110-431-CONF		26,509
Explanation: To budget the balance of prior years' gun auction proceeds.				

MOTION made by Commissioner Millsaps and seconded by Commissioner King to approve these budget amendments.

(con't)

- Chairman Scott Curtis – Aye
- Tim King - Aye
- Roger Masingale - Aye
- Brent Carter – Aye
- J. W. McPhail – Aye
- Jerry Millsaps - Aye
- Tad Simpson - Aye
- Charles Slack – Aye
- Travis Crisp - Aye
- Scott Cass – Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote, as recorded:

Mr. Luallen presented the following budget amendments, a copy of which was provided to each Commissioner. These did have School Board approval.

Fund: Federal Projects # 141		Date: 04/28/2026		
Early Childhood Education	Teachers	73400-116	1,500.00	
Early Childhood Education	Educational Assistants	73400-163		8,000.00
Early Childhood Education	Social Security	73400-201	2,900.00	
Early Childhood Education	Pensions	73400-204	2,500.00	
Early Childhood Education	Life Insurance	73400-206	16.48	
Early Childhood Education	Employer Medicare	73400-212	800.00	
Early Childhood Education	Retirement-Hybrid Stabilization	73400-217	283.52	
Explanation: To amend the budget for FY 2025-26 Voluntary Pre-K budget to match ePlan.				

Fund: General Purpose School Fund # 141		Date: 04/27/2026		
Revenue	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000	58,500.00	
Regular Education Program	Certified Substitute Teachers	71100-195	38,000.00	
Regular Education Program	Non-Certified Substitute Teachers	71100-198	47,000.00	
Special Education Program	Certified Substitute Teachers	71200-195	1,500.00	
Special Education Program	Non-Certified Substitute Teachers	71200-198	11,000.00	
Career & Technical Education Pro	Certified Substitute Teachers	71300-195	1,300.00	
Career & Technical Education Pro	Non-Certified Substitute Teachers	71300-198	9,000.00	
Regular Education Program	Contracts for Sub Teachers Certified	71100-369		44,000.00
Regular Education Program	Contracts for Sub Teachers Non-Cert	71100-370		72,000.00
Alternative Instruction Program	Contracts for Sub Teachers Certified	71150-369	3,700.00	
Alternative Instruction Program	Contracts for Sub Teachers Non-Cert	71150-370		800.00
Special Education Program	Contracts for Sub Teachers Certified	71200-369	3,000.00	
Special Education Program	Contracts for Sub Teachers Non-Cert	71200-370		12,500.00
Career & Technical Ed. Program	Contracts for Sub Teachers Certified	71300-369		16,000.00
Career & Technical Ed. Program	Contracts for Sub Teachers Non-Cert	71300-370		6,200.00
Health Services	Medical Personnel	72120-131		300.00
Other Student Support	Guidance Personnel	72130-123		15,000.00
Other Student Support	Other Salaries & Wages	72130-189		400.00
Regular Education Program Support	Librarians(s)	72210-129		6,000.00
Regular Education Program Support	Education Assistants (Library)	72210-163		4,900.00
Regular Education Program Support	Contracts for Sub Teachers Certified	72210-369	3,000.00	
Regular Education Program Support	Contracts for Sub Teachers Non-Certified	72210-370	3,500.00	
Office of the Principle	Principles	72410-104		1,400.00
Explanation: To move funds from Unassigned Fund Balance to revise the budget for StaffEZ for remainder of FY 25-26.				

(con't)

FUND: General Purpose School Fund # 141:		DATE: 04/27/2026		
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Other Sources(non-revenue)	Transfer In	49800	1,000,000.00	
Reserve	Undesignated Fund Balance	39000		1,000,000.00
Explanation: To move funds from Transfer In to Undesignated Fund Balance in General Purpose School.				
Reserve	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000	1,724,495.00	
Regular Education Program	Regular Instruction Equipment	71100-722		1,724,495.00
Explanation: To move funds from unassigned fund balance to purchase Apple MacBook Neos and Apple iPads for FY 25-26. N\$1,000,000.00 comes from the transfer of funds from the Federal Projects Reserve.				

FUND: 141 General Purpose School		SUB FUND: 182 Summer Learning Camps		Date: 05/07/2026	
State Revenue	Other State Educations Funds	46590	511,453.60		
Regular Instruction Program	Teachers	71100-207			193,000.00
Regular Instruction Program	Educational Assistants	71100-217			69,440.00
Regular Instruction Program	Social Security	71100-336			16,271.28
Regular Instruction Program	State Retirement	71100-599			14,5912.41
Regular Instruction Program	Employer Medicare	71150-116			3,805.38
Regular Instruction Program	Retirement-Hybrid Stabilization	71150-207			10,000.00
Health Services	Medical Personnel	72120-131			20,520.00
Health Services	Social Security	72120-201			1,272.24
Health Services	State Retirement	72120-204			1,303.02
Health Services	Employer Medicare	72120-212			297.54
Support Services/ Reg Instruction Program	Other Salaries & Wages	72210-189			52,200.00
Support Services/ Reg Instruction Program	Social Security	72210-201			3,236.40
Support Services/ Reg Instruction Program	State Retirement	72210-204			2,962.35
Support Services/ Reg Instruction Program	Employer Medicare	72210-212			756.90
Support Services/ Reg Instruction Program	Ret-Hybrid Stabilization	72210-217			1,044.00

Office of the Principle	Secretary(s)	72410-161			20,160.00
Office of the Principle	Social Security	72410-201			1,249.92
Office of the Principle	State Retirement	72410-204			1,056.38
Office of the Principle	Employer Medicare	72410-212			292.32
Operation of Plant	Custodial Personnel	72610-166			12,000.00
Operation of Plant	Social Security	72610-201			744.00
Operation of Plant	State Retirement	72610-204			628.80
Operation of Plant	Employer Medicare	72610-212			174.00

Explanation: To enter the budget for the Summer Learning Camps for FY 2025-2026, page 1 of 2.

FUND: 141 General Purpose School		SUB FUND: 182 Summer Learning Camps		Date: 05/07/26	
Transportation	Bus Drivers	72710-146			53,760.00
Transportation	Social Security	72710-201			3,333.12
Transportation	State Retirement	72710-204			2,241.79
Transportation	Employer Medicare	72710-214			779.52
Transportation	Gasoline	72710-425			20,473.23

EXPLANATION: To amend the budget for the Summer Camps for FY 25-26 (page 2 of 2)

MOTION made by Commissioner Masingale and seconded by Commissioner Slack to approve these budget amendments.

Chairman Scott Curtis – Aye  
 Tim King – Aye

(con't)

Roger Masingale - Aye  
Brent Carter – Aye  
J. W. McPhail – Aye  
Jerry Millsaps - Aye  
Tad Simpson - Aye  
Charles Slack – Aye  
Travis Crisp - Aye  
Scott Cass – Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote, as recorded:

8. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

9. RESOLUTIONS

A. A Resolution to Approve an Extension of the Ambulance Service Contract with American Medical Response (AMR).

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 26-031. This did have Emergency Services Committee approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-031

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN EXTENSION OF THE AMBULANCE SERVICE CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE (AMR)

WHEREAS, AMR is McMinn County's contracted ambulance service provider for both emergency and non-emergency calls; and

WHEREAS, the contract automatically renews for a five-year period, unless either party provides a 120-day notice; and

WHEREAS, both parties agreed to a six-month extension of the current contract by Resolution 25-081, which moved the termination date to September 9, 2026, and the notification of termination date to May 12, 2026; and

WHEREAS, AMR neither received nor requested a subsidy to provide the service during the six-month contract extension; and

WHEREAS, both parties also agreed to the 6-month extension, with an amendment to include the following items:

- A. All references to Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulances shall be interpreted as the definition of ALS truck as defined by the State of Tennessee.
- B. AMR shall provide five (5) ALS trucks, of which the fifth truck may operate on a twelve (12) hour flex schedule with at least one quick response vehicle available as needed.
- C. Approval for AMR to charge market rates (Attached) as authorized by Section 10 (c) ii of the contract

WHEREAS, at the end of the current extension, both parties now wish to enter into a one-year agreement under the same conditions and amendments of the six-month extension with the new agreement expiring June 30, 2027 and a notice of termination date of January 1, 2027; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS THE 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2026, that this

(Res. # 26-031 con't)

Commission does hereby approve a one-year extension to the contract with American Medical Response which will expire June 30, 2026, and FURTHERMORE, grants authority to the county mayor to execute any and all documents to fulfill the intent of this resolution.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Melinda King)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Millsaps and seconded by Commissioner Slack to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote

B. A Resolution to Approve Purchase of 2019 Caterpillar D6 Xl Dozer for the McMinn County Sanitary Landfill.

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 26-032. This did have Landfill Committee approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-032

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF 2019 CATERPILLAR D6 XL DOZER  
FOR THE McMINN COUNTY SANITARY LANDFILL

WHEREAS, the cost to repair the County's current 2008 John Deere 850J dozer, which has 25,468 operating hours, is not cost effective; and

WHEREAS, Landfill Supervisor Charlie Donaldson has obtained a quote from Stowers CAT for the purchase of a newer pre-owned 2019 Caterpillar D6 XL dozer; and

WHEREAS, the purchase price of the 2019 Caterpillar D6 XL dozer is \$320,000; and

WHEREAS, the Caterpillar D6 XL dozer has 4,065 operating hours and includes an existing powertrain and hydraulic system warranty through July 1, 2026, along with an additional one-year extended warranty on the powertrain and hydraulic systems through July 1, 2027; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS 11th DAY OF MAY, 2026, that the Commission hereby approves the purchase of the 2019 Caterpillar D6 XL dozer for the amount of \$320,000; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Mayor and County Attorney are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to fulfill the intent of this Resolution.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Melinda King)  
County Clerk

(Res. # 26-032 con't)

MOTION made by Commissioner King and seconded by Commissioner Carter to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

C. A Resolution Approve Landfill Surplus Property.

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 26-033. This did have Landfill Committee approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-033

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE LANDFILL SURPLUS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, McMinn County has authority to declare items as surplus that are no longer deemed necessary or adequate to properly perform the duties of county government as prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Donaldson, Landfill Supervisor, requests to declare the following Landfill items as surplus property: 2008 John Deere 850J bulldozer, 25,468 hours, Serial #T8050JX170435

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS THE 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2026, that this Commission does hereby approve the above equipment as surplus property as recommended by Charlie Donaldson.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Melinda King)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Cass and seconded by Commissioner Crisp to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

D. A Resolution Honor McMinn County Sheriff's Office Employees During National Law Enforcement Week.

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 26-034.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-034

A RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE MCMINN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE EMPLOYEES  
DURING NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEK

WHEREAS, National Corrections Officer Week and National Law Enforcement Week are held annually each May, to honor present, past, and fallen law enforcement officers across America for their service and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, along with law enforcement nationwide, we honor the men and women of the McMinn County Sheriff's Office, including the patrol, investigative, corrections, court, school resource officers, and support division staff members; and

(Res. # 26-034 con't)

WHEREAS, these deputies and staff perform the unique duties of a Sheriff's Office, including law enforcement, attending the operations of the courts, serving the process of the courts, and operating a jail; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the McMinn County Sheriff's Office are the best trained, most professional, and most public service-minded of any other administration in their distinguished history; and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of Sheriff Joe Guy, we honor and commend these professionals for the work they do, for "standing in the gap" for the safety and welfare of our citizens, executing their duties with professionalism and compassion, and for setting a high standard of service for other law enforcement agencies in our region.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2026, that this commission approves this resolution in honor of our law enforcement professionals.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Melinda King)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner King and seconded by Commissioner Simpson to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

#### 10. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

None.

#### 11. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, COUNTY OFFICIALS, COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Curtis—Budget Committee met prior to this and recommended for approval of the School Board line items and discussed the next meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Simpson—Emergency Services met prior to this meeting and extended the AMR contract for 1 year.

Commissioner McPhail—Landfill Committee met and voted to purchase a used bulldozer and surplus one.

#### 12. COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY MAYOR

County Mayor—The Health Department, many of y'all notice Elizabeth Street is blocked off. That's probably one of our first kind of hiccups you really hit when the GIS maps had that water line initially on our side of the road.

Well, when they went to hook up, it wasn't theirs. It had moved to the other side of the road. So quite an expense to work on.

( con't)

First thing we're going to have to bore under, but working with Athens Public Works, they have allowed us to do a cut there. And I guess also with probably the new fire department that's going to go across the street, they're going to allow those to kind of jointly tie.

But I do want to thank the AUB that actually did work with us to kind of line up what was going to be a private contractor job that AUB kind of stepped up. So they were going to help you do that.

So that's why Elizabeth Street has the detour around it right now.

But other than that, project is, knock on wood, still ahead of schedule, had a schedule.

County Mayor—T-hanger building has been ordered. They couldn't order that early on until everything got, there's some Buy American certifications that have to be done, but that's what we're waiting on there. Hopefully we have that project behind us.

County Mayor—On your desk, you should also have a letter from my officer, Joy, about the post-legislative conference coming up. So, if anything changes on y'all's behalf, please let us know so we can take care of that.

County Mayor--Congratulations to everyone. And maybe, as I told Tad earlier, George Washington said, I go back to the higher calling of a citizen. I know you'll finish up strong, but we sure appreciate the dedication that you've always shown the citizens of McMinn County.

### 13. APPROVAL OF NOTARY APPLICATIONS

Notaries to be elected May 11, 2026

TIFFANY L BARNES  
LAUREN COPELAND  
CHRYSTAL GAYLE ERVIN  
EMILY FAITH FRAZIER

RANDALL D KEY  
ANGELA D MCNABB  
MADISON M POUPORE  
REGINA A. UNDERWOOD

MOTION made by Commissioner McPhail, and seconded by Commissioner Carter, to approve these notary applications.

Motion carried by voice vote.

### 14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

None.

There being no other business, Chairman Curtis declared the Commission meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

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MELINDA KING  
McMinn County Clerk

Attest:

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Deputy Clerk (date)