
Joint **Budget & Law Enforcement/Public Safety Committee Meeting**
February 2, 2026 @ 4:30 pm

The Budget & Law Enforcement Committees met in Joint Session in the Executive Conference Room of the Administrative Complex on February 2, 2026, at 4:30 pm. Budget Committee members present were Chairman, Chas Morton; Betsy Hester, Guy Carden, Paul Webb and Mayor Rogers Anderson. Law Enforcement/Public Safety (LEPS) Committee members present were Commissioners Tom Tunncliffe, Pete Stressor, Bill Petty and Greg Sanford. Commissioner Matt Williams was unable to attend.

Also present for the meeting were: School Superintendent, Jason Golden; School Finance Officer, Rachael Farmer; School Operations Officer, Brian King; Sheriff Jeff Hughes; Juvenile Services Director, Zannie Martin; County Health Director, Cathy Montgomery; Risk Management Director, Jim Ruhl; Human Resources Director, Clair Cochran; Parks & Recreation Director, Gordon Hampton; Animal Services Director, Ondrea Johnson; EMS Director, Michael Wallace; Commissioners Herbert, Torres, Sturgeon, Hayes and Richards, as well as other interested and concerned individuals.

Chairman Morton called the Budget Committee to order and Chairman Tunncliffe called the Law Enforcement Committee to order.

There were no members of the public signed up for citizens communication.

Committee members reviewed the following resolutions and took the following action:

Resolution No. 2-26-7, Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$17,850,000 General Obligation Bonds of Williamson County, Tennessee – Budget Director, Phoebe Reilly stated that this is the resolution authorizing a Public Notice to issue bonds to be published in the paper.

Commissioner Hester moved, seconded by Commissioner Webb to recommend approval by the Budget Committee. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote, 5-0.

Commissioner Stresser moved, seconded by Commissioner Sanford to recommend approval by the LEPS Committee. Motion failed by unanimous voice 0-4.

Resolution No. 2-26-8, Resolution Authorizing the Issuance, Sale and Payment of Not to Exceed \$17,850,000 of General Obligation Bonds of Williamson County, Tennessee, and Providing for the Levy of Taxes for the Payment of Debt Service on the Bonds – Commissioner Hester moved, seconded by Commissioner Carden to recommend approval by the Budget Committee. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote, 5-0.

Commissioner Petty moved, seconded by Commissioner Stresser to recommend approval by the LEPS Committee. Motion failed by unanimous voice vote, 0-4.

Resolution No. 2-26-19, Resolution Creating A Williamson County Fire Rescue Task Force To Study Current And Future Fire Protection Needs In Williamson County – Chairman Morton noted this item was not on the posted agenda on the county's website. Commissioner Webb moved to add the resolution to the agenda for consideration; seconded by Commissioner Carden. Motion passed by vote of 5-0.

Budget Committee: Commissioner Carden moved, seconded by Commissioner Webb to recommend approval of the resolution by the Budget Committee. After discussion, Commissioner Webb made a motion to defer until the September 2026 County Commission meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

LEPS Committee: Commissioner Sanford moved, seconded by Commissioner Stresser to recommend approval of the resolution by the LEPS Committee. After discussion, Commissioner Tunncliffe made a motion to defer this resolution to September. Commissioner Sanford seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

At 5:10 pm, there was a brief recess for the LEPS Committee to adjourn.

Upon reconvening, Commissioner Hester moved to approve the Budget Committee meeting minutes of January 5, 2026. Commissioner Carden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote, 5-0.

Committee members reviewed the proposed guidelines for preparation of the 2026-27 (attached).

Commissioner Hester moved, seconded by Commissioner Carden to recommend approval of the proposed guidelines, as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote, 5-0.

Committee members reviewed the following resolutions and took the following action:

Resolution No. 2-26-2, Resolution of the Williamson County Board of Commissioners' Approval of an Intent to Fund of Up To \$15,000,000 and First Draw of \$12,000,000 for the Sports Fields LED Lighting Upgrade - Commissioner Hester moved to recommend approval; seconded by Commissioner Carden.

Discussion was held regarding the status of current revenue collections within the current fiscal year budget. After further discussion, the motion failed, 0-5.

Resolution No. 2-26-3, Resolution of the Williamson County Board of Commissioners' Approval of an Intent to Fund of Up To \$6,000,000 and First Draw of \$4,000,000 for the Renovation of Grassland Middle School - Superintendent Golden reported that this is year 2 of a 3-year capital project for the school. Commissioner Hester moved, seconded by Commissioner Carden to recommend approval. Motion passed, 4-1, with Mayor Anderson voting no.

Resolution No. 2-26-4, Resolution of the Williamson County Board of Commissioners' Approval an Intent to Fund of Up to \$3,600,000 and First Draw of \$1,800,000 for the Renovation of Hillsboro K-8 - Superintendent Golden reported that this project is also in year 2 of a 3-year capital project for the school. Commissioner Hester moved, seconded by Commissioner Carden to recommend approval. Motion passed, 4-1, with Mayor Anderson voting no.

Resolution No. 2-26-5, Resolution Accepting Donations on Behalf of the Williamson County General Sessions DUI Recovery Court and Appropriating and Amending the 2025-26 Williamson County General Sessions Court Budget by \$26,000 – Revenues to Come From Donations - Commissioner Hester moved, seconded by Commissioner Carden to recommend approval. Danielle Gomez, DUI Court Coordinator stated that these funds are all coming from donations. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote, 5-0.

Resolution No. 2-26-6, Resolution Appropriating and Amending the 2025-26 County Clerk's Budget by \$100,000 for Additional Postage – Revenues to Come From Unappropriated County General Funds - Commissioner Hester moved, seconded by Commissioner Carden to recommend approval. County Clerk, Jeff Whidby reported that a \$3 fee is collected for mail in orders for renewals and that approximately 78,000 mail requests have been received to-date of the 111,000 license plates issued. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote, 5-0.

Resolution No. 2-26-9, Resolution Authorizing the Issuance, Sale and Payment of County District School Refunding Bonds of Williamson County, Tennessee and Providing for the Levy of Taxes for the Payment of Debt Service on the Bonds - Commissioner Hester moved, seconded by Commissioner Carden to recommend approval. Director, Phoebe Reilly reported that this is a refunding bond request from 2015 bond issue. In combination with the next resolution bond refunding request, approximately \$100,000 in savings per year is anticipated for the next nine (9) years. She stated that financial consultant Sam Crewse is present to answer any questions. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote, 5-0.

Resolution No. 2-26-10, Resolution Authorizing the Issuance, Sale and Payment of General Obligation Refunding Bonds of Williamson County, Tennessee and Providing for the Levy of Taxes for the Payment of Debt Service on the Bonds - Commissioner Hester moved, seconded by Commissioner Carden to recommend approval. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote, 5-0.

Resolution No. 2-26-11, Resolution Accepting a Donation from Friends of Williamson County Animal Center and Appropriating and Amending the 2025-26 Animal Center Budget by \$17,000 – Revenues to Come From Donations - Commissioner Hester moved, seconded by Commissioner Carden to recommend approval. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote, 4-0, with Mayor Anderson out

Resolution No. 2-26-12, Resolution Declaring Certain Williamson County Owned Property and Equipment Surplus Property and Authorizing the Sale of the Property and Equipment at Auction - Commissioner Hester moved, seconded by Commissioner Carden to recommend approval. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote, 5-0.

Resolution No. 2-26-13, Resolution to Surplus and Approve the Conveyance of Various Law Enforcement Related Equipment to Hickman County, Tennessee and Authorizing the Williamson County Mayor to Execute all Documentation Needed to Complete the Conveyance - Commissioner Hester moved, seconded by Commissioner Carden to recommend approval. Sheriff Hughes stated that this equipment is no longer needed by the department and the Hickman County Sheriff's Office is willing to accept it, as is. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote, 5-0.

Resolution No. 2-26-14, Resolution Authorizing the Williamson County Mayor to Enter into a Lease Agreement with Boop Vets on Behalf of the Williamson County Animal Center - Commissioner Hester moved, seconded by Commissioner Carden to recommend approval. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote, 5-0.

Resolution No. 2-26-15, Resolution Establishing Compensation for a Part-Time Juvenile Court Magistrate Position - Commissioner Hester moved, seconded by Commissioner Carden to recommend approval. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote, 5-0.

Resolution No. 2-26-16, Resolution Authorizing Williamson County to Change Investment Companies for Williamson County's Length of Service Awards Program that is Administered by the Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Service - Commissioner Hester moved, seconded by Commissioner Carden to recommend approval. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote, 5-0.

Resolution No. 2-26-17, Resolution Authorizing the Williamson County Mayor to Execute a License Agreement with Beamon Toyota to Grant Naming Rights Concerning the County's NEVCO LED Aquatic Video/Timing Board - Commissioner Hester moved, seconded by Commissioner Carden to recommend approval. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote, 5-0.

Resolution No. 2-26-18, Resolution Authorizing the Williamson County Mayor to Grant an Easement to Middle Tennessee Electric for the Provision of Electric Services for the Expansion of Columbia Avenue - Commissioner Hester moved, seconded by Commissioner Carden to recommend approval. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote, 5-0.

Resolution No. 2-26-21, Resolution Authorizing Williamson County to Acquire a Rescue/Tactical Armored Vehicle Conditioned on Using the Equipment for a Public Purpose and in Accordance with Applicable Law - Commissioner Hester moved, seconded by Commissioner Carden to recommend approval. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote, 5-0.

Resolution No. 2-26-22, Resolution Authorizing the Williamson County Board of Commissioners to Initiate a Request for Proposals (RFP) and Retain an Independent Consulting Firm to Advise the County Commission Regarding Potential Transactions Involving Williamson Health – Legal Counsel, Jeff Moseley reported that this resolution is substantially the same as Resolution 1-26-1 that was tabled in January; therefore a motion is needed to take the resolution from the table and must pass by majority vote.

Commissioner Hester moved, seconded by Commissioner Carden to recommend approval. Motion failed, 1-4, with Commissioner Morton voting yes; Commissioners Hester, Webb, Carden and Mayor Anderson voting no.

Resolution No. 2-26-23, Resolution Authorizing the County Mayor to Execute a Contract Between the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation and Williamson County for a Trash Collecting Grant for Fiscal Year 2025-26 - Commissioner Hester moved, seconded by Commissioner Carden to recommend approval. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote, 5-0.

Late Filed Resolution No 2-26-24, Resolution Appropriating And Amending The 2025-2026 Library Budget By \$85,276.16 – Revenues To Come From Donations And Contributions - Commissioner Hester moved, seconded by Commissioner Carden to recommend approval. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote, 5-0.

Late Filed Resolution No. 2-26-25, Resolution Authorizing The County Mayor To Enter Into A 2025-2027 Contractual Agreement With The State Of Tennessee For Educational Policy And Increasing The 2025-26 Health Department Budget By \$25,000 - Commissioner Hester moved, seconded by Commissioner Carden to recommend approval. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote, 5-0.