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# MINUTES

## MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Board of Commissioners for Monroe County, Tennessee was begun and held at the Monroe County Courthouse in Madisonville, Tennessee, on October 28, 2025 at **5:00 P.M.** Present and presiding was Chairman Paulette Summey. The following Commissioners were present and answered roll call.

### 1<sup>st</sup> DISTRICT

Adam Reynolds  
Donald Seiler  
Travis Wade

### 2<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT

Brian Harrill  
William Cross  
David Winters

### 3<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT

Danny Everhart  
Kraig Miller  
Roger Thomas

### 4<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT

Paulette Summey

ALSO PRESENT, were Mayor Mitch Ingram, County Clerk Larry C. Sloan, Finance Director Gail Sensibaugh and County Attorney Reed Dixon. The board of Commission was officially opened by Captain Jane Mason. The invocation was given by Commissioner Winters. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Cross.

#### **10/28-1 Commissioners Minutes for September 23, 2025**

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Wade, that these minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.  
**Aye 10**

#### **10/28-2 Notary Public Applications** It was moved by Commissioner Winters, Seconded by Commissioner Seiler, the following notary public applications be approved as presented. Motion Carried **Aye 10**

**Misty Rapking                      Jared Clay Watkins                      Karie Cilino**  
**Amber Dawn Brannon**

#### **10/28-3 Trustee Monthly Report** It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, Seconded by Commissioner Miller that these reports be approved as presented. **Aye 10**

#### **10/28-4 Finance Monthly Reports** It was moved by Commissioner Winters, seconded by Commissioner Seiler, that these reports be approved as presented. **Aye 10**

## RESOLUTION NO. 1028-26

### A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A SOLID WASTE VEHICLE AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND PLACE THE ITEMS FOR SALE ON GOVDEALS

**WHEREAS**, Monroe County has the 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**, the Monroe County Solid Waste Department desires to declare a 2017 Dodge Ram 2500 (with 84,358) miles due to a bad transmission and parts being unavailable) VIN # 3C6UR5HJ6HG612591 as surplus property; and

**WHEREAS**, Solid Waste Director, Brandon West, requests approval to declare this vehicle surplus and place it on the GovDeals website for bid.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Monroe County Commission of Monroe County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of October 2025, that this Commission hereby approves the disposal of the noted vehicle and any other items which may have been inadvertently omitted and declared surplus by agreed collective consent of the respective department head, Director of Finance and the County Commission.

**PASSED** this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of October 2025

\_\_\_\_\_  
Paulette Summey, Chairperson

**ATTEST:**

MOTION BEING Resinded "

\_\_\_\_\_  
Larry C. Sloan, County Clerk

**Resinded \ MOTION WITHDRAWN**

~~Passed~~ this 28th day of October 2025

It was moved by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, seconded  
by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, that this resolution  
be approved as presented. Aye \_\_\_\_\_ Nay \_\_\_\_\_

## Resolution No: 1028-26A

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners, meeting in regular session, on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, that the following amendment for the Monroe County Sheriff's Department be made in the Monroe County General Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.  
*To bring in funds for insurance recovery 2023 Ford F-150.*

<u>Increase Revenue</u>		<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
101-49700-SHER	Insurance Recovery	\$8,888.70	
 <u>Increase Expenditures</u>			
101-54110-338-INSUR	Maint and Repair Vehicle		\$8,888.70

**PASSED**, this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of October 2025

  
Paulette Summey, Chairperson

**ATTEST:**

  
Larry C. Sloan, County Clerk



Passed this 28th day of October 2025

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Seiler, that this resolution be approved as presented. Aye 10 Nay

## Resolution No: **1028-26B**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners, meeting in regular session, on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, that the following amendment for the Monroe County Sheriff's Department be made in the Monroe County General Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.  
*To move funds with in the High Visibility Grant to align with state budget.*

<u>Decrease Expenditures</u>		<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
101-54110-453-GHSO	Vehicle Parts	\$10,000.00	
 <u>Increase Expenditures</u>			
101-54110-187-GHSO	Overtime		\$10,000.00

**PASSED**, this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of October 2025

  
Paulette Summey, Chairperson

**ATTEST:**

  
Larry C. Sloan, County Clerk



Passed this 28th day of October 2025

It was moved by Commissioner Harrell, seconded  
by Commissioner Seiler, that this resolution  
be approved as presented. Aye 10 Nay

## RESOLUTION NO. 1028-26C

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners, meeting in regular session this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of October 2025, do hereby approve the Commission and Rule Policy Manual effective November 1, 2025. These Policies shall become a part of the Monroe County Government and shall be followed by the Commission of Monroe County. See attached.

**APPROVED**, this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of October 2025

  
Paulette Summey, Chairperson

**ATTEST:**

  
Larry C. Sloan, County Clerk



Passed this 28th day of October 2025

It was moved by Commissioner Winters, seconded by Commissioner Harrell, that this resolution be approved as presented. Aye 10 Nay

## Resolution No: 1028-26D

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners, meeting in regular session, on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, that the following amendment for the Monroe County Clerk's Office be made in the Monroe County General Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026. *To move funds from the County Clerk Reserve into supplies for workstation upgrades due to the security remodel.*

<u>Decrease Reserves</u>		<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
101-34515-RCLER	Restricted for County Clerk	\$23,060.00	
 <u>Increase Expenditures</u>			
101-52500-435	Supplies		\$23,060.00

**PASSED**, this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of October 2025

  
Paulette Summey, Chairperson

**ATTEST:**

  
Larry C. Sloan, County Clerk



Passed this 28th day of October 2025

It was moved by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Hall, that this resolution be approved as presented. Aye 10 Nay

## RESOLUTION NO. 1028-26E

### A RESOLUTION TO GRANT APPROVAL FOR THE MONROE COUNTY EMS DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

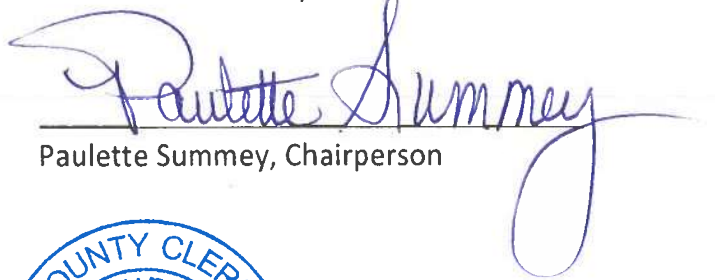
**WHEREAS**, the Monroe County EMS Department, through the Monroe County Government, requests permission to apply to the Department of Health for various necessary equipment for licensed ambulances, and

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe County EMS Department will follow proper procedures for this application, which will fund 100% of the total cost of up to \$23,000.00 of the equipment, and

**WHEREAS**, Monroe County meets all qualifications to participate in this grant to better assist the Monroe County EMS Department within Monroe County and to assist the EMS Department during emergencies.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS 28<sup>th</sup> Day of October 2025, that this Commission does hereby approve the application of the Monroe County EMS Department to the Tennessee Department of Health.**

PASSED this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of October 2025

  
Paulette Summey, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Larry C. Sloan, County Clerk



Passed this 28th day of October 2025

It was moved by Commissioner Wade, seconded  
by Commissioner Harkill, that this resolution  
be approved as presented. Aye 10 Nay

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BUDGET AMENDMENTS

October 28, 2025

Resolution #27

BOE Amendment # 1009-01                      141-General Purpose Schools                      \$        10,595.00  
This amendment is to bring in chromebook funds to the CHROM account for the Technology Department for September

Resolution # 27A

BOE Amendment # 1009-02                      141-General Purpose Schools                      \$        1,700.00  
This amendment is to bring in September donation funds into the Community Services Budget for the CHILD and BTSB Accounts

Resolution # 27B

BOE Amendment # 1009-03                      141-General Purpose Schools                      \$        500.00  
This amendment is to bring in grant funds for the Grow Your Own Grant received from the University of TN into the Other programs budget.

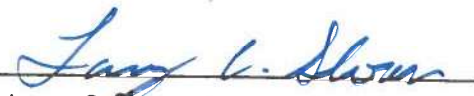
Resolution # 27C

BOE Amendment # 1009-04                      141-General Purpose Schools                      \$        1,183.39  
This amendment is to correct a budget error in the COPS3 portion of the Other programs budget.

**PASSED** this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of October 2025

  
Paulette Summey, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Larry C. Sloan, County Clerk



Federal Budget Amendments  
Journal Listing Report Attached

Passed this 28th day of October 2025

It was moved by Commissioner Harrell, seconded  
by Commissioner Wade, that this resolution  
be approved as presented. Aye 10 Nay



**JOINT RESOLUTION No. 1028-28**  
*of McMinn County, Monroe County*  
*the City of Sweetwater, and*  
*the Watts Bar Utility District*

**WHEREAS**, local economic development is of great importance to the well-being of all the citizens of the City of Sweetwater, Monroe County, and McMinn County; and

**WHEREAS**, Watts Bar Utility District would like to participate in helping the local economic development of the City of Sweetwater, Monroe County, and McMinn County; and

**WHEREAS**, our local economy is in need of new industries and commercial ventures that support jobs for our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Monroe County, McMinn County, and the City of Sweetwater would jointly benefit from the development proposed at Interstate 75, Exit 60, known as the Pleasant Grove Project, which is located on land that will benefit each of said governments; and

**WHEREAS**, these governments resolved in May 2016, to fully support construction of infrastructure for the Pleasant Grove Project to enhance the economies of each of these rural jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, these governments entered into a Memorandum of Understanding on May 14, 2017, in which each government committed to provide funds to the Developer for the construction of infrastructure described in or required by plans dated January 19, 2017 by Cannon & Cannon Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of the infrastructure contributions proposed by this Resolution is far less than the cost of a Tax Increment Financing for the same project, which might take as long as 20 years to recover without interest, the Developer is funding \$145 million of planned real estate improvements including \$2,670,000 of the \$4,826,000 total infrastructure cost, and an independent evaluation showed a ten-year economic impact of the development to be 1,400 jobs and \$4.4 billion dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, said funding is authorized by state law and the Charter of the City of Sweetwater, now

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved by each of said entities, as follows:

Section 1: The Watts Bar Utility District will pay \$300,000.00 for its part and McMinn County's part of the cost, and McMinn County will reimburse the sum of \$750,000.00 to Watts Bar Utility District, for its part of the cost, for the extension of a 12-inch water main along McMinn County Rd 316 by Watts Bar Utility District from its existing water main to the Pleasant Grove Project site.

Section 2. Monroe County will reimburse the sum of \$250,000.00 to the Developer, for its part of the cost of the improvement of the existing road from TN Hwy 68 to the entrance of the Pleasant Grove Project site. Additionally, the Monroe County IDB authorizes payment of their \$75,000.00 remaining in the Sweetwater trust account toward the costs of the Pleasant Grove Road Improvements.

Section 3. The City of Sweetwater will reimburse the sum of \$696,000.00 to the Developer, for its part of the cost of the construction of roads inside the Pleasant Grove Project site. Additionally, the City of Sweetwater authorizes the payment of their \$75,000.00 remaining in the Sweetwater trust account toward the costs of the Pleasant Grove Road Improvements.

Section 4. The City of Sweetwater and/or the Sweetwater Industrial Development Board will act as the agent for the administration of this project. All annexation, zoning, building applications and issuance of permits, and codes compliance and enforcement shall be administered exclusively by the Sweetwater City Planner or the appropriate utility.

Section 5. The infrastructure of the Pleasant Grove Project funded, in part, pursuant to this resolution shall be completed and certificates of completion shall have been issued by the City of Sweetwater for two (2) or more buildings within two (2) years from the date a land purchase contract is closed by the Developer.

Section 6. Said funds shall be paid to the Developer, upon completion of the infrastructure of the Pleasant Grove Project and certificates of completion for

the first two (2) buildings in said Project have been issued by the City of Sweetwater and the completed installation of all water infrastructure has been approved by the appropriate utility.

Section 7. If certificates of completion for two (2) or more buildings are not issued within two (2) years from the date a land purchase contract is closed by the Developer, then the parties to this Resolution shall be relieved of all obligations hereunder. *(Funds not paid until buildings are up)*

Section 8: The Developer's private infrastructure and road investment shall be secured by a commercial performance bond by the Developer or its general contractor.

Section 9: Utility assets developed in this project shall be dedicated to the appropriate utility upon completion of the project. Remaining infrastructure assets shall be dedicated to the applicable governmental entity.

Section 10: These entities acknowledge that for certain parcels in McMinn and Monroe Counties, certain services, such as sanitary sewer, will only be provided upon annexation into the City of Sweetwater. Further, existing and/or future development may require public services that necessitate annexation into the City of Sweetwater.

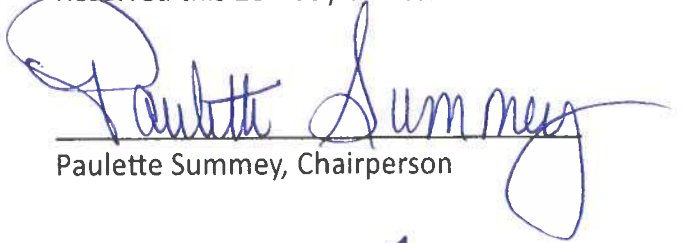
Section 11: This Resolution is authorized by the following state law: *Tenn. Code Ann. §5-1-113*, authorizing cooperative agreements between counties and municipalities; *Tenn. Code Ann. §5-1-114*, authorizing cooperative agreements between contiguous counties; and *Tenn. Code Ann. §29-101et. seq.* authorizing interlocal agency agreements.

Section 12: Counterparts of the signature pages of this document may be executed separately and, when combined, be treated together as part of this resolution.

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MONROE COUNTY

Resolved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025

  
Paulette Summey, Chairperson

  
Mitch Ingram, Monroe County Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Larry C. Soan, County Clerk



Passed this 28th day of October 2025

It was moved by Commissioner Reynolds, seconded  
by Commissioner Seiler, that this resolution  
be approved as presented. Aye 6 Nay HARRILL

Thomas  
EVERHART  
MILLER

## **Resolution No: 1028-29**

### **RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A TWELVE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENT CHARGE BY THE CLERK OF EVERY COURT IN MONROE COUNTY HAVING JURISDICTION OF STATE MISDEMEANORS AND FELONIES FOR THE PURPOSES AUTHORIZED AND SET OUT IN T.C.A. § 40-3-106**

WHEREAS, upon adoption of an appropriate resolution by a county legislative body, T.C.A. § 40-3-106 makes it the duty of the clerk of every court in that county having jurisdiction of state misdemeanors and felonies to include in every misdemeanor and felony cost bill, a charge of twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) that must be remitted to the county government, except in counties that are part of a multiple county judicial district as defined in T.C.A. § 16-2-506, in which case this charge must be remitted to the office of the executive director of the district attorneys general conference for the purpose of providing supplemental funding for the office of the district attorney general within that judicial district. Any unencumbered moneys and any unexpended balance of such funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year do not revert to the state general fund but must be carried forward for the purpose for which they were originally intended; and

WHEREAS, under T.C.A. § 40-3-106 the aforesaid clerks may only charge the twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) upon adoption of a resolution by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the county legislative body of such county; and

WHEREAS, the county legislative body in Monroe County, Tennessee finds that implementation and collection of the foregoing charge is in the best interests of the county.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session at Monroe County, Tennessee, on this 28 day of October 2025, that:

SECTION 1. The clerk of every court in Monroe County having jurisdiction of state misdemeanors and felonies shall include in every misdemeanor and felony cost bill, a charge of twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) that must be remitted to the county government, except in counties that are part of a multiple county judicial district as defined in T.C.A. § 16-2-506, in which case this charge must be remitted to the office of the executive director of the district attorneys general conference for the purpose of providing supplemental funding for the office of the district attorney general in this judicial district. Any unencumbered moneys and any unexpended balance of such funds remaining at the end of

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a fiscal year do not revert to the state general fund but must be carried forward for the purpose for which they were originally intended;

SECTION 2. All costs collected by Monroe County government pursuant to this Resolution must be used for providing support services for the purpose of promoting public safety at the sole discretion of the district attorney general for the 10<sup>th</sup> judicial district;

SECTION 3. Monroe County may supplement the funds of the district attorney general system to promote public safety. The costs collected by Monroe County under this Resolution are supplemental and in addition to any funds received under T.C.A. § 40-3-106 or under title 8, chapter 7 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, relative to district attorneys general;

SECTION 4. In every misdemeanor and felony prosecution in which restitution is ordered or the privilege tax for the criminal injury's compensation fund established by T.C.A. § 40-24-107 is also levied, the cost imposed by this Resolution does not have priority over collection of that restitution or privilege tax; and

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval, the public welfare requiring it.

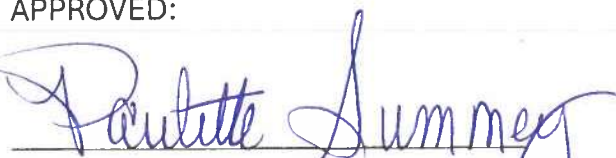

**ADOPTED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025 by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Monroe County legislative body.

APPROVED:



ATTEST:

  
Larry C. Slean, County Clerk

  
Paulette Summey, Chairperson  
  
Mitch Ingram, Mayor

Passed this 28th day of October 2025

It was moved by Commissioner Seiler, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, that this resolution be approved as presented. Aye 10 Nay

**RESOLUTION NO. 1028-30**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT  
ESTATE OF JOSHUA S. McCLEARY, ET AL v. QCHC OF TENNESSEE, PLLC, et al**

**WHEREAS:** The case of *Estate of Joshua S. McCleary, N/N/K, Omarii McCleary, son and Personal Representative of Estate v. QCHC of Tennessee, PLLC, et al*, a lawsuit filed in United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Civil Action Number 3-23-CV-385, against Monroe County, Tennessee, has come to a verdict; and

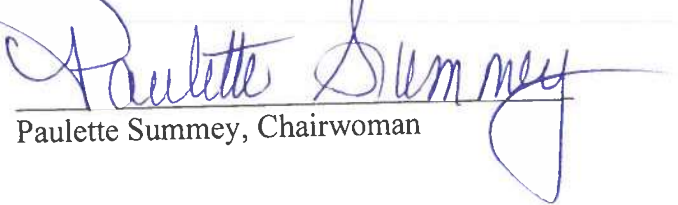
**WHEREAS:** As a consequence of said verdict, Monroe County, Tennessee now owes the amount of \$ 250,000.00, as their contribution to the full and final resolution of said case; and

**WHEREAS:** The agreed upon amount is in all respects appropriate and in the best interests of Monroe County, Tennessee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that it is in the best interests of Monroe County and all of the citizens thereof to approve the resolution of the above case in the amount of \$ 250,000.00.

**THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS PASSAGE, THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT.**

**PASSED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

  
Paulette Summey, Chairwoman

**ATTEST:**

  
Larry C. Sloan, County Clerk



Passed this 28th day of October 2025

It was moved by Commissioner Seiler, seconded by Commissioner Wade, that this resolution be approved as presented. Aye 10 Nay