

JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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Mountain City, Tennessee 37683
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PUBLIC NOTICE

JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSION
WILL MEET
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024
AT 7:00 P.M.

THE MEETING 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, December 19, 2024

To: Commissioners of Johnson County Tennessee

Bill Adams, 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, and Brian Taylor.

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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 November Minutes
7. Committee Reports
8. Approve Notaries
9. HOME Disaster Grant Resolution – Mayor Larry Potter
10. Move Over Law Amendment Support – Matthew Lewis, Property Assessor
11. Approve bid from Construction Partners, LLC in the amount of \$1,638,240 for the construction of the Johnson County Meat Processing Facility – Mayor Larry Potter
12. Approve new location for Meat Processing Facility – Mayor Larry Potter
13. Discussion and approval to move forward in discussions with Phoenix Medical for future expansion – Mayor Larry Potter
14. Discuss the sale of Kellogg Building – Mayor Larry Potter
15. Proclamation declaring the month of January as Human Trafficking Prevention Month – Mayor Larry Potter

Please see reverse.

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16. Approve termination of Johnson County IDB PILOT Leases and transfer of assets to Parkdale Mills – Ryan Carroll
17. Prison Camp Road – Jeff Wagner, Highway Department
18. Little Dry Run Bridge – Jeff Wagner, Highway Department
19. Any other matters which may duly come before the commission for official action.

BE IT 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 21st day of November, 2024 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: Bill Adams, Eugene Campbell, Jerry Gentry, Jerry Grindstaff, Huey Long, Jimmy Lowe, Megan McEwen, Kody Norris, Cody Osborne, Freddy Phipps, Tommy Poore and Brian Taylor. Absent – Lester Dunn, Tracy Greer and Gina Meade.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dale White spoke to the Commission concerning a blocked road.

Trish Burchett spoke to the Commission about the expansion at Action Coalition and invited everyone to the Ribbon Cutting on 12/13/24.

David Lawrence spoke to the Commission.

ACCEPT OCTOBER 2024 MINUTES (BOTH SETS)

Motion was made by Huey Long, seconded by Tommy Poore to approve the October 2024 Minutes.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

APPROVE NOTARY APPLICATIONS (JOANNA LAINE GOVER, KATHY E POTTER & MARY JO WALSH)

Motion was made by Bill Adams, seconded by Cody Osborne to approve these presented Notary Applications. Upon Show of Hands Vote, all yes, (Motion Carried).

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion was made by Huey Long, seconded by Jerry Gentry to approve these Budget Amendments. Upon Roll Call Vote, all yes, (Motion Carried).

APPOINT A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER TO REPLACE JOHN HOLLOWAY

Brian Taylor nominated Daniel McEwen and Cody Osborne nominated Kevin Long. Daniel McEwen received 5 Votes and Kevin Long received 7 Votes. Kevin Long received the most votes and was sworn in and appointed until August, 2026.

SUSPEND THE BUDGET RULES FOR THE NEXT ITEM

Motion was made by Megan McEwen, seconded by Brian Taylor to approve suspending the Budget Rules for the next item. Upon Show of Hands Vote, all yes, (Motion Carried).

APPROVE PART-TIME JANITOR FOR THE JOHNSON COUNTY SENIOR CENTER AT \$13.75 PER HOUR FOR 20 TO 28 HOURS PER WEEK

Motion was made by Kody Norris, seconded by Megan McEwen to approve this part-time position for the Johnson County Senior Center. Upon Roll Call Vote, all yes, (Motion Carried).

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Cody Osborne, seconded by Jimmy Lowe to adjourn this meeting. All in favor stood. Meeting was adjourned.


Tammie C. Fenner, County Clerk


Freddy Phipps, Chairman



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Ralph M. Perry, Executive Director
Tennessee Housing Development Agency
Andrew Jackson Building Third Floor
502 Deaderick St
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

RE: NOFA 2024 HOME Homeowner Rehabilitation East Tennessee Disaster Recovery Grant
Funding

Dear Mr. Perry,

Thank you for the special funding opportunity designed to aid in the recovery efforts following Hurricane Helene. Johnson County sustained a total in excess of \$10 million in residential loss and damage.

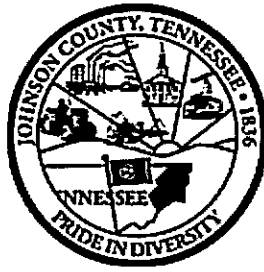
On behalf of Johnson County, I respectfully request the maximum of \$1,000,000 in disaster recovery funding to assist with housing rehabilitation for affected residents. Please find attached an adopted Resolution by the County Commission approving the request.

The First Tennessee Development District will be administering this grant for Johnson County.

Your assistance in disaster recovery efforts is greatly appreciated,

Regards,

Larry Potter, Mayor
Johnson County, Tennessee



RESOLUTION

BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF JOHNSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

WHEREAS, Johnson County recognizes the devastation caused by the effects of Hurricane Helene and the need for disaster recovery housing rehabilitation for low-income residents within the County; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to provide these services to their residents, including residents of the municipalities within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson County Commission understands that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development allows for assistance through the HOME program, administered by the Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA), to provide housing rehabilitation for low-income persons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Johnson County Commission does hereby authorize the County Mayor to file a request for 2024 HOME Homeowner Rehabilitation East Tennessee Disaster Recovery funds with THDA in the amount of \$1,000,000. There are no county funds required to match the program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Johnson County Commission does hereby authorize the County Mayor to sign any and all documents, contracts, assurances, and forms of compliance necessary to effectuate the completion and submittal of the application and that the First Tennessee Development District administer this disaster recovery grant and grant funds on behalf of the County.

This Resolution was duly considered and adopted by the County Commission, in and for Johnson County, Tennessee, this the 19 day of December, 2024.

Larry Potter
Johnson County Mayor

Attest:

Johnson County Clerk



PROCLAMATION

January as Human Trafficking Prevention Month

WHEREAS, human trafficking occurs when a person is recruited, enticed, harbored, transported, provided, purchased, or obtained through force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose performing labor or providing services (labor trafficking) or engaging in commercial sex acts (sex trafficking), and;

WHEREAS, it is estimated that approximately 27.6 million people are trafficked around the world and as many as 2,100 in East Tennessee alone, and;

WHEREAS, human trafficking erodes personal safety, dignity, and liberty as well as the health and safety of communities at large, and;

WHEREAS, human trafficking does not discriminate based on age, sex, race, color, or national origin, but is, however, grounded in the inequitable conditions of relationships and society and disproportionately affects vulnerable individuals and marginalized communities, and;

WHEREAS, the need is great to remove the veil of secrecy that allows human trafficking to thrive, disrupt the systems it depends upon to flourish, and mobilize community support around survivors of human trafficking and help them as they seek to recover and rebuild their lives, and;

WHEREAS a unified response by allied professionals, law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, victims service providers, healthcare professionals, volunteers, and others is needed to provide safety, justice, and healing to survivors, hold offenders accountable, and promote the welfare of the community, and;

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Counter-Trafficking Alliance, through the Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking in East Tennessee, exists to educate Tennesseans about the realities and pervasiveness of human trafficking, foster collaborative intervention and prevention efforts, provide comprehensive, trauma-informed aftercare services to survivors, and advocate for more proactive legislation, and;

WHEREAS, during Human Trafficking Prevention Month and throughout the year, Johnson County is provided an opportunity to celebrate the collaboration and work that has been done while rededicating ourselves to all that is still left to do, to reflect upon and honor the resilience, perseverance, and courage of survivors, and to urge everyone to recognize that we all have an active part to play in protecting the most vulnerable in our communities and ensuring survivors receive the care, support, and services they need;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that Mayor Larry Potter of Johnson County, Tennessee, does hereby proclaim the month of January 2025 as Human Trafficking Prevention Month and January 11, 2025, as Human Trafficking Awareness Day, aligning with the State of Tennessee and the rest of the nation in renewing our pledge to remember victims and survivors of human trafficking and in reaffirming our commitment to end their exploitation in communities across Johnson County.

Larry Potter, Mayor
Johnson County, Tennessee

Date