

**Polk County Board of County Commissioners  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
January 15th, 2025  
Courthouse  
7:00pm  
Benton, TN**

**AGENDA**

**Roll Call**

- 1- Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**
- 2- Approval of Reports of Offices**
- 3- Approval of Notary: Nellie D Smith**
- 4- Budget Amendments:**
- 5- Budget Amendments Polk County School Board: NONE**
- 6- ParkRidge ER Facility: Commissioner Kelley Morgan, Tom Hatcher & Parkridge**
- 7- Free Standing ER (Maritha Silvers): Commissioner John Pippenger**
- 8- Ducktown Courthouse: Commissioner Keith Barker**
- 9- Sanitation Update: County Executive Hatcher**
- 10- Courthouse Update: County Executive Hatcher**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS:**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURN**

January 6, 2026

TO: Polk County Commissioners & County Executive

SUBJECT: Appointment of 2026 Agricultural Extension Committee Members

Dear County Executive and Commissioners:

Attached you will find House Bill 789 stating the rules for the appointment of the Agricultural Committee. According to our records, there are 5 committee members on the Agriculture Extension Committee who have expired terms. Committee members with expired terms are Debbie Davis, Rebecca Boyd, Sam Hood, Sheena Hair, and LW Smith.

I would like to recommend that committee member Davis, Boyd, Hair and Smith be reappointed for another 2 year term. We also recommend that Johnny Dunn be appointed to replace Mr. Hood who has served the maximum a person can serve consecutively. The terms for these appointments will be from January 2026 to January 2028.

A listing of the Agricultural Extension Committee members after these appointments are attached. Thank you for considering this request. If you have any questions, please call me at 423-338-4503.

Sincerely,



Greg Paxton  
Extension Agent & County Director

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County Agricultural Extension Committee Name/Address	CHECK ONLY ONE			Consecutive Years on Committee	CHECK ONE: Elected on		Civil District	Year Term Expires
	Comm. Member	Farm Man	Farm Woman		Even Year	Odd Year		
1. Rebecca Boyd 499 York Road Ocoee TN 37307 rebeccaarmstrong3467@yahoo.com			X	2 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	X		I	Jan 2028
2. Johnny Dunn 1401 Hwy 30 Reliance TN 37369		X		1 1 <sup>st</sup> Term	X		IV	Jan 2028
3. Sheena Hair 1326 Sand Mountain RD Ocoee TN 37361 sheenahair@hotmail.com			X	4 3 <sup>rd</sup> Term	X		II	Jan 2028
4. LW Smith 176 Henry Smith Rd Copperhill TN 37317		X		2 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	X		III	Jan 2028
5. Samantha Trantham 677 Airport Road Copperhill TN 37317 Samanthatrantham29@gmail.com	X			3 1 <sup>st</sup> Term		X	III	Jan 2027
6. Christy Hardin 350 Benton Springs Rd Benton TN 37307 Paramom547@bellsouth.net	X			3 1 <sup>st</sup> Term		X	IV	Jan 2027
7. Debbie Davis 621 Columbus Road Delano TN 37325 mickeymutt55@gmail.com	X			4 3 <sup>rd</sup> Term	X		I	Jan 2028

49-50-104. County agricultural extension committee. — (a) All counties cooperating with the state agricultural extension service by making an appropriation for extension work shall elect an agricultural extension committee composed of seven (7) members. The committee shall be elected by the county legislative body.

(b) Three (3) of such members shall be elected from the membership of the county legislative body. There shall be elected to the committee four (4) members who are not members of the county legislative body. Two (2) shall be farmers and two (2) shall be farm women, residing in different civil districts.

(c) The members shall be elected for terms of two (2) years, except that if there are fewer than four (4) civil districts in a county at least one (1) member shall come from each civil district. Two (2) of the members representing the county legislative body, one (1) farmer and one (1) farm woman, shall be elected in even-numbered years; the other members shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The elections shall be held at the first meeting of the county legislative body of each calendar year. No member may be elected for more than three (3) successive terms. In the event that there is a vacancy on the committee, the county legislative body shall fill such vacancy at its next regular meeting after the vacancy occurs, and the committee member filling the vacancy shall serve during the unexpired term of his predecessor.

(d) The functions of the committee shall be:

(1) To act with duly authorized representatives of the state agricultural extension service in the employment and/or removal of personnel receiving funds from county extension appropriations;

(2) To act with duly authorized representatives of the state agricultural extension service in formulating the county extension budget, and to serve as

liaison between the extension service and the county legislative body on financial and other matters relating to the work;

(3) To act in an advisory capacity on county extension program formulation; and

(4) To act in an advisory capacity on activities performed in connection with carrying out the program.

(e) In performing the foregoing functions the committee shall meet with duly authorized representatives of the extension service on selected dates mutually agreed to by the chairman of the committee and the representatives of the agricultural extension service during the months of February, May, August, and November, and at such other times as may be deemed desirable by a majority of the members of the committee. [Acts 1929, ch. 81, § 5; mod. Code 1932, § 2545; Acts 1955, ch. 212, § 1; T.C.A. (orig. ed.), § 49-3406.]

#### NOTES TO DECISIONS

1. Agricultural Extension Agents.

There is nothing whatsoever in this section that gives county extension committees the

power to "elect" agricultural extension agents. State ex rel. Butler v. Alexander, 634 S.W.2d 596 (Tenn. Ct. App. 1982).