

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
 March 19th, 2026
 Courthouse
 Benton, Tennessee

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Polk County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session, on the 19th day of March, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse, Benton Tennessee. This meeting complied with the provisions of TCA 8-44-101 et seq. with each commissioner being notified of the meeting, notices posted on the bulletin board of the county courthouse and the news media was also notified.

A quorum of commissioners was present, namely:

Keith Barker	Mush Davis
Shane Bowman (absent)	Christy Hardin
Greg Brooks	Kelley Morgan
Danny Carver	John Pippenger
Debbie Davis	Samantha Trantham

Jackie Rogers, County Clerk of said Board of Commissioner's was in attendance as well. Chairman Greg Brooks is declared the meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. and the following proceedings were had and entered into record to-wit:

(1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Samantha Trantham made a motion to approve all unapproved minutes as presented. Commissioner Kelley Morgan seconded the motion. Chairman Greg Brooks asked for a roll call vote, with the vote as follows:

Keith Barker	Yes	Mush Davis	Yes
Shane Bowman	(absent)	Christy Hardin	Yes
Greg Brooks	Yes	Kelley Morgan	Yes
Danny Carver	Yes	John Pippenger	Yes
Debbie Davis	Yes	Samantha Trantham	Yes

9 Yes Chairman Greg Brooks declared the motion approved

(2) APPROVAL OF REPORTS OF OFFICES

Commissioner Samantha Trantham made a motion to approve the reports of offices as presented. Commissioner Mush Davis seconded the motion. Chairman Greg Brooks asked for a roll call vote, with the vote as follows:

Keith Barker	Yes	Mush Davis	Yes
Shane Bowman	(absent)	Christy Hardin	Yes
Greg Brooks	Yes	Kelley Morgan	Yes
Danny Carver	Yes	John Pippenger	Yes
Debbie Davis	Yes	Samantha Trantham	Yes

9 Yes Chairman Greg Brooks declared the motion approved.

(3) APPROVAL OF NOTARIES:

Commissioner Samantha Trantham made a motion to approve notaries Betty Standridge, Hannah D Price, Arianna Standridge, Eric Graham, James Allen Meeks, Larry A filkoff as presented. Commissioner Mush Davis seconded the motion. Chairman Greg Brooks asked for a roll call vote, with the vote as follows:

Keith Barker	Yes	Mush Davis	Yes
Shane Bowman	(absent)	Christy Hardin	Yes
Greg Brooks	Yes	Kelley Morgan	Yes
Danny Carver	Yes	John Pippenger	Yes
Debbie Davis	Yes	Samantha Trantham	Yes

9 Yes Chairman Greg Brooks declared the motion approved.

(4) BUDGET AMENDMENTS: FUND 101 #25-29

Commissioner Samantha Trantham made a motion to approve all budget amendments #25-29 as presented. Commissioner Kelley Morgan seconded the motion. Chairman Greg Brooks asked for a roll call vote, with the vote as follows:

Keith Barker	Yes	Mush Davis	Yes
Shane Bowman	(absent)	Christy Hardin	Yes
Greg Brooks	Yes	Kelley Morgan	Yes
Danny Carver	Yes	John Pippenger	Yes
Debbie Davis	Yes	Samantha Trantham	Yes

9 Yes Chairman Greg Brooks declared the motion approved.

(4)BUDGET AMENDMENTS: FUND 189 #2

Commissioner Samantha Trantham made a motion to approve all budget amendments fund 189 #2. Commissioner Kelley Morgan seconded the motion. Chairman Greg Brooks asked for a roll call vote, with the vote as follows:

Keith Barker	Yes	Mush Davis	Yes
Shane Bowman	(absent)	Christy Hardin	Yes
Greg Brooks	Yes	Kelley Morgan	Yes
Danny Carver	Yes	John Pippenger	Yes
Debbie Davis	Yes	Samantha Trantham	Yes

9 Yes Chairman Greg Brooks declared the motion approved.

(5) BUDGET AMENDMENTS POLK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION: NONE

(6) CHILHOWEE MIDDLE SCHOOL/FOOTBALL FIELD HANDICAP RESTROOM:
ADAM STONE POLK COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

County Commission met before regular meeting to discuss donating to the School system \$20,000.00 for the building of the handicap restroom at the middle school ballfield. Commissioner Mush Davis made a motion to approve the donation as presented. Commissioner Samantha Trantham seconded the motion. Chairman Greg Brooks asked for a roll call vote, with the vote as follows:

Keith Barker	Yes	Mush Davis	Yes
Shane Bowman	(absent)	Christy Hardin	Yes
Greg Brooks	Yes	Kelley Morgan	Yes
Danny Carver	Yes	John Pippenger	Yes
Debbie Davis	Yes	Samantha Trantham	Yes

9 Yes Chairman Greg Brooks declared the motion approved.

(7) SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY DISTRICT 1 APPOINTMENT: COMMISSIONER
JOHN PIPPENGER

Commissioner John Pippenger presented to the board of commissioners the vacant spot for the district 1 school board, 3 names were nominated for the 5 month appointment, Commissioner Kelley Morgan nominated Donna Calhoun, Commissioner John Pippenger nominated Mark Williams, and Commissioner Danny Carver nominated Mark Allen. Chairman Greg Brooks asked to have a vote on the first nomination Mark Williams with the vote as follows:

Keith Barker	Yes	Mush Davis	Yes
Shane Bowman	(absent)	Christy Hardin	No
Greg Brooks	Pass	Kelley Morgan	Pass
Danny Carver	No	John Pippenger	Yes
Debbie Davis	Yes	Samantha Trantham	Pass

4 Yes 2 No 3 Pass Chairman Greg Brooks declared the motion failed.

Chairman Greg Brooks asked to have a vote on the second nomination, Donna Calhoun with the vote as follows:

Keith Barker	Yes	Mush Davis	No
Shane Bowman	(absent)	Christy Hardin	Yes
Greg Brooks	Pass	Kelley Morgan	Yes
Danny Carver	No	John Pippenger	Yes
Debbie Davis	Yes	Samantha Trantham	Pass

5 Yes 2 No 2 Pass Chairman Greg Brooks declared the motion failed.

Chairman Greg Brooks asked to have a vote on the third nomination, Mark Allen, with the vote as follows:

Keith Barker	Pass	Mush Davis	Pass
Shane Bowman	(absent)	Christy Hardin	Yes
Greg Brooks	Pass	Kelley Morgan	Yes
Danny Carver	Yes	John Pippenger	Pass
Debbie Davis	Yes	Samantha Trantham	Pass

4 Yes 5 Pass Chairman Greg Brooks declared the motion failed.

With all of the nominations not being approved, Commissioner Danny Carver suggested that the commission take the top nomination with the most yes votes and vote again to see if anyone would want to change their vote. Chairman Greg Brooks asked to have another vote for Donna Calhoun for the 5 month appointment, with the vote as follows:

Keith Barker	Yes	Mush Davis	Pass
Shane Bowman	(absent)	Christy Hardin	Yes
Greg Brooks	Pass	Kelley Morgan	Yes
Danny Carver	Yes	John Pippenger	Yes
Debbie Davis	Yes	Samantha Trantham	Pass

6 Yes 3 Pass Chairman Greg Brooks declared the motion approved.

(8) LES & SALLY MOSS WITH LIFESTYLE BUILDING FOR SENIOR CENTER: COUNTY EXECUTIVE HATCHER

County Executive Hatcher introduced Les and Sally Moss owners of the Lifestyle Building in Benton, to the board of commissioners. Mr. Moss addressed the commission with the offer of using the Lifestyle building as a Senior Center for the west side of the county. No vote was made

(9)/(10) STACEY BURGESS/SETDD: COUNTY EXECUTIVE HATCHER

Stacey Burgess with SETDD spoke to the commission about the grants to help if the county decides to do a senior center on the west side of the county. NO VOTE

(11)/(12) FAIR ASSOCIATION WATER & BUILDING: COUNTY EXECUTIVE HATCHER

County Executive Hatcher presented to the board of commissioners a letter from the Fair Association wanting to build a building at the fair grounds. The commission agreed to have a Buildings and Grounds committee meeting to discuss. NO VOTE

(13) OPIOID EXPENDITURE RECOMMENDATION: COUNTY EXECUTIVE HATCHER

County Executive Hatcher presented the recommendation list to present the opioid expenditure money to. Commissioner John Pippenger made a motion to accept the recommendation list as presented. Commissioner Mush Davis seconded the motion. Chairman Greg Brook asked for a roll call vote, with the vote as follows:

Keith Barker	Yes	Mush Davis	Yes
Shane Bowman	(absent)	Christy Hardin	Yes
Greg Brooks	Yes	Kelley Morgan	Yes
Danny Carver	Yes	John Pippenger	Yes
Debbie Davis	Yes	Samantha Trantham	Yes

9 Yes Chairman Greg Brooks declared the motion approved.

Budget Director Catrice Lowe presented a letter to the board of commissioners to be entered in to the minutes of the meeting. The letter is stating that fund 189 needed to be adjusted to the amount of \$101,516.00 for FY26, from the original balance of \$18,092.00. NO VOTE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS:

Town hall meeting to be held at the courthouse in Benton on March 30th at 7:00pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ADJOURN

Commissioner Danny Carver made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm.
Commissioner Kelley Morgan seconded the motion. Chairman Greg Brooks announced the meeting adjourned.

Greg Brooks, Chairman

Jackie Rogers, County Clerk