

The Union County Commission met in Special Called Meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 24, 2025 at the Union County Courthouse. The Honorable Jason Bailey, County Chairman Presiding. A quorum being present, Union County Commission was duly opened at 7:15 P.M.

The Agenda for July 24, 2025 is as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Announcements: (if any)
6. Public Comments
7. Approve/Disapprove New Jail Construction Documents and Procedures
8. Adjourn

1. County Commission was duly opened by Union County Deputy Jerry Lawson.
2. **Invocation** by Commissioner Sidney Jessee, Jr.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Commissioner Dawn Flatford
4. **Roll Call** by Amy England, Union County Chief Deputy Clerk. **Commissioners Present:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Dawn Flatford, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Larry Lay, Kenny Moore, Gerald Simmons, Eddie Simpson and Cheryl Walker.

Commissioners Absent: Linda Effler and Ashley Mike.

5. **Announcements**
 - a. The parking lot is complete across the road from the courthouse.

b. Letter from Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury



JASON E. MUMPOWER
Comptroller

July 24, 2025

Honorable Dr. Jason Bailey, Mayor
and Honorable Board of Commissioners
Union County
901 Main Street, Suite 100
Maynardville, TN 37807-0278

Dear Mayor Bailey and Members of the Board:

This letter acknowledges receipt of a certified copy of the fiscal year 2026 budget.

We have reviewed the budget and have determined that projected revenues and other available funds are sufficient to meet anticipated expenditures. Our review of the budget is based solely on the information we have received. With regard to programs included in the budget such as education, roads, and corrections, we have not attempted to determine that the local government has complied with specific program statutes or guidelines, or with any financing requirements prescribed by any state or federal agency. Please note local officials are required to ensure the budget remains balanced throughout the fiscal year and that all maintenance of effort requirements are met – our office has not reviewed or approved any maintenance of effort programs in this budget. Budget amendments must be uploaded to our online portal for formal acknowledgement after they are approved by the local governing body (incot.cc/budget-submission).

This letter constitutes approval, by this office, for the County’s fiscal year 2026 budget as adopted by the County Commission.

Budget Considerations

During our review of the budget we identified the following items for your attention.

American Rescue Plan Spending

The governing body budgeted the use American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds. This budget approval is not an approval for the planned use of the ARP funds and the governing body, with the assistance of its attorney, should determine that the planned use complies with Federal regulations concerning the use of ARP funds. ARP funds spent contrary to Federal regulations must be returned.

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ARP funds are non-recurring and should only be used for one-time expenses. When purchasing capital items, ongoing maintenance and operating expenses should be analyzed to show future demand on recurring revenues.

Commendation

We commend the governing body for adopting this year’s budget prior to the beginning of the budget year. Timely adoption will result in better management of public dollars in the coming year by immediately instituting appropriate budgetary controls. Adopting the budget in a timely manner allows your financial staff more time to close the official accounting records and have those records available for audit no later than two months after the close of your fiscal year as required by Tenn. Code Ann. § 9-2-102.

If you should have questions or need assistance, please refer to our online resources or feel free to contact your financial analyst, Lori Barnard, at 615.747.5347 or Lori.Barnard@cot.tn.gov.

Sincerely,

Sheila A. Reed

Sheila Reed, Director
Division of Local Government Finance

Lori Barnard

Lori Barnard, Financial Analyst
Division of Local Government Finance

cc: Melissa Brown, Finance Director, Union County

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6. **Public Comments**

There were no **Public Comments** made in open meeting on July 24, 2025.

7. **Approve/Disapprove New Jail Construction Documents and Procedures**

Motion #1

A **Motion** was made by **Eddie Simpson** and **Seconded** by **Danny Cooke** to move forward with the survey of the Hubbs Property using Crutchfield as the surveyor for the sum of \$15,000.00.

County Chairman Jason Bailey Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Dawn Flatford, R.L. Jones, Larry Lay, Kenny Moore, Eddie Simpson and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Voting Against:** Sidney Jessee, Jr. and Gerald Simmons. **Commissioners Passing:** None. **Motion Carried**

Motion #2

A **Motion** was made by **Sidney Jessee, Jr.** and **Seconded** by **Cheryl Walker** to move forward with core drilling using UES Geo Tech (\$20,700) and hiring Robert Campbell as the Civil Engineer (\$45,600.) for the sum total of \$63,600.

County Chairman Jason Bailey Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Dawn Flatford, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Larry Lay, Kenny Moore, Eddie Simpson and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Voting Against:** Gerald Simmons **Commissioners Passing:** None. **Motion Carried.**

Motion #3

A **Motion** was made by **Greg Dyer** and **Seconded** by **Eddie Simpson** to get three quotes on clearing the property after the completed survey and a suitable build site is determined.

County Chairman Jason Bailey Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Dawn Flatford, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Larry Lay, Kenny Moore, Gerald Simmons, Eddie Simpson and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Voting Against:** None. **Commissioners Passing:** None. **Motion Carried.**

Motion #4

BEFORE THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY FOR UNION COUNTY, TENNESSEE

RESOLUTION

NO. 01 07-24-2025

WHEREAS, Union County must appropriate funds to perform its due diligence regarding a tract of land on Prospect Road currently under option to purchase as the site of a new county jail and desires to make an interfund transfer from Fund 151-General Debt Services in the 2025-2026 budget to Fund 171-General Capital Projects Fund in said budget, and accordingly,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the sum of Two Million, Two Hundred One Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,201,500.00) shall be transferred from Fund 151-General Debt Services in the 2025-2026 budget to Fund 171-General Capital Projects Fund in said budget.

Motion to approve by: Sidney Jessee, Jr.; Seconded by: Kenny Moore;

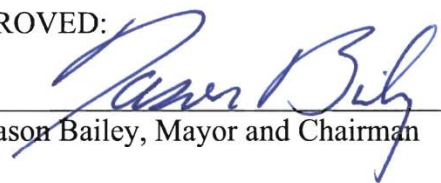
Voting for: Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Dawn Flatford

Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Larry Lay, Kenny Moore, Eddie Simpson and Cheryl Walker

Voting no: Gerald Simmons

Passing: None

ADOPTED AND APPROVED, in open, duly called meeting at Maynardville, Tennessee, this 24th day of July, 2025.

APPROVED: 

Jason Bailey, Mayor and Chairman

Attest: 

County Clerk



A **Motion** was made by **Sidney Jessee, Jr.** and **Seconded** by **Kenny Moore** to approve **Resolution No. 01 07-24-2025** for an interfund transfer of \$2,201,500.00 from Fund 151-Debt Services to Fund 171-Capital Projects for the jail Architect.

County Chairman Jason Bailey Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Dawn Flatford, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Larry Lay, Kenny Moore, Eddie Simpson and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Voting Against:** Gerald Simmons **Commissioners Passing:** None. **Motion Carried.**

8. **Adjourn**

A **Motion** was made by **Eddie Simpson** and **Seconded** by **Greg Dyer** to **Adjourn**.

County Chairman Jason Bailey Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Dawn Flatford, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Larry Lay, Kenny Moore, Gerald Simmons, Eddie Simpson and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Voting Against:** None. **Commissioners Passing:** None. **Motion Carried.**

Union County Commission Special Called Meeting **Adjourned at 8:12 P.M.**