

MOCK PRACTICE MEETING

NOTE: THIS IS NOT AN OFFICIAL AGENDA.

Knox County Junior Commission

Tahj Bowers, At-Large Seat 10, *Chairman*
Camden Browning, 9th District, *Vice-Chair*

Vanaé Brown, 1st District
Jordan Partain, 2nd District
Taylor Cash, 3rd District
Henry Casey, 4th District
Rebecca Pack, 5th District
Willie Martinez, 6th District
Brooke Bradley, 7th District
Oriana Hall, 8th District
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THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF JUNIOR COMMISSIONERS SHALL MEET IN A REGULAR MOCK SESSION ON MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, 400 WEST MAIN STREET. ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO VOTE (**NOT OFFICIAL VOTES**).

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL (4:00 P.M.):

A. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Junior Commissioner Bridget Hoppenrath

B. Amendments to the Agenda

C. Education Consent Calendar

1. R-26-3-103-JC Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission, urging the Knox County Board of Education to repurpose unused inclement weather days for an additional break within the academic year.
(*Junior Commissioner Browning*)
2. R-26-3-104-JC Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission, urging the Knox County Board of Education to consider and adopt a year-round school calendar model.
(*Junior Commissioner Cash*)

3. R-26-3-113-JC Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission urging the Knox County Board of Education to include jury experience and mock trial participation in the Criminal Justice Curriculum for school credit.
(Junior Commissioner Hall)
4. R-26-3-115-JC Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission urging the Tennessee General Assembly to allocate \$6,000,000 annually from the Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program to cover the cost of all Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) Exams.
(Junior Commissioner Casey)
5. R-26-3-121-JC Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission establishing a partnership with the UT AG Extension Office and the Knox County Start Center to promote student interest in the trades and agriculture.
(Junior Commissioner Bradley)

D. General Government Consent Calendar

6. R-26-3-102-JC Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission supporting the conversion of county street lighting to downward-facing LED fixtures in order to reduce energy costs and limit light pollution.
(Junior Commissioner Browning)
7. R-26-3-105-JC Consideration of the Knox County Junior Commission urging the reevaluation of county speed limits and the adjustment of speed limits where appropriate to improve traffic flow while maintaining public safety.
(Junior Commissioner Cash)
8. R-26-3-106-JC Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission repealing the county ban on fortune-telling advertisements in order to promote fair business practices and free expression.
(Junior Commissioner Partain)
9. R-26-3-108-JC Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission reallocating portion of the Parks and Recreation Budget to the Knox County Engineering and Public Works Department for roadway safety improvements.
(Junior Commissioner Bowers)

10. R-26-3-109-JC Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission prohibiting the use and construction of anti-homeless architecture in public spaces.
(Junior Commissioner Bowers)
11. R-26-3-111-JC Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission authorizing the extension of the sidewalk along Hardin Valley Road from 10009 Hardin Valley Road to Pellissippi Parkway.
(Junior Commissioner Martinez)
12. R-26-3-116-JC Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission creating a part-time position within the Knox County Health Department to promote and implement the Teen Mental Health First Aid Program in coordination with the school system.
(Junior Commissioner Casey)
13. R-26-3-117-JC Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission supporting a coordinated countywide response to homelessness.
(Junior Commissioner Hoppenrath)
14. R-26-3-118-JC Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission supporting enhanced pedestrian and bicycle safety across Knox County.
(Junior Commissioner Hoppenrath)
15. R-26-3-119-JC Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission supporting improved public access through expanded digital county services.
(Junior Commissioner Hoppenrath)
16. R-26-3-120-JC Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission establishing post-paving manhole elevation verification and corrective requirements for utility providers.
(Junior Commissioner Partain)
17. R-26-3-122-JC Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission supporting the development of strategic roadway expansion and connector routes to alleviate traffic congestion on major corridors in Knox County.
(Junior Commissioner Bradley)
18. R-26-3-124-JC Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission supporting the establishment of community centers serving residents of all ages throughout Knox County.
(Junior Commissioner Pack)

E. Honorary Resolutions

19. R-26-3-101-JC Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission commending the fashion, function, and aura of the Quarter Zip (QZ) and proclaiming May 1, 2026, as Knox County QZ Day.
(Junior Commissioner Browning)

F. Presentations

G. Public Forum - Agenda Items Only

H. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

I. Drives and Roads

20. Consideration of the closure of a portion of Lobetti Road between Jubilee Farms Way and Ball Camp Pike, District 6.
(Engineering and Public Works)
21. Consideration of the closure of a portion of Lobetti Road immediately north of the new Schaad Road, District 6.
(Engineering and Public Works)

J. Line Item Transfers

22. Line Item Transfers - Total amount of \$2,104,092.37.
(Finance)
- Work Session Recommendation: Approve 10-0-0-1**

K. Budget Amendments

23. Budget Amendments - Total credit amount of (\$503,209.48).
(Finance)
- Work Session Recommendation: Approve 10-0-0-1**

L. Notary Public Applications

24. *67 Notary Applications.*

M. Spread of Record

N. Education Resolutions (non-consent)

O. General Government Resolutions (non-consent)

- 25. R-26-3-107-JC Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission establishing an automatic approval policy for certain zoning applications.
(Junior Commissioner Bowers)
- 26. R-26-3-110-JC Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission establishing the position of Knox County Commissioner as a full-time office and setting an annual salary.
(Junior Commissioner Martinez)
- 27. R-26-3-112-JC Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission supporting skilled trades training at the Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center and expungement of prior drug convictions upon completion of training.
(Junior Commissioners Hall and Bradley)
- 28. R-26-3-114-JC Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission creating a Knox County Healthcare Access Oversight Task Force to ensure a portion of ARPA funds are allocated to bolster Healthcare Access in rural regions.
(Junior Commissioner Casey)
- 29. R-26-3-123-JC Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission supporting the expansion of public transit service into unincorporated areas of Knox County.
(Junior Commissioner Pack)

P. Ordinances on First Reading

- 30. O-26-101-JC Consideration of an Ordinance of the Knox County Junior Commission expanding the City of Knoxville's Tree Ordinance to apply countywide.
(FIRST READING)
(Junior Commissioner Partain)
- 31. O-26-102-JC Consideration of an Ordinance of the Knox County Junior Commission establishing the Bearden Area as a township within Knox County, Tennessee. **(FIRST READING)**
(Junior Commissioner Cash)

Q. Ordinances on Second Reading

R. Public Forum - Open Topics

S. Other Business

T. Adjournment

RLA-18212

R-26-3-103-JC

JUNIOR COMMISSION - MOCK MEETING

Meeting Date: 03/02/2026

Requested By: Drucilla Stills, COUNTY COMMISSION

Department: COUNTY COMMISSION

Requires Expenditure of Funds: Funded in Current Budget:

Appropriation Required:

CAPTION

Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission, urging the Knox County Board of Education to repurpose unused inclement weather days for an additional break within the academic year.

(Junior Commissioner Browning)

Attachments

Resolution

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KNOX COUNTY
JUNIOR COMMISSION URGING THE
KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO REPURPOSE UNUSED INCLEMENT
WEATHER DAYS FOR AN ADDITIONAL
BREAK WITHIN THE ACADEMIC YEAR.**

RESOLUTION: **R-26-3-103-JC**

REQUESTED BY: **JUNIOR COMMISSIONER
BROWNING**

PREPARED BY: **KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR
COMMISSION**

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WHEREAS, the Knox County School System annually builds inclement weather days into the academic calendar to ensure student and staff safety during periods of hazardous conditions; and

WHEREAS, in many academic years, one or more of these inclement weather days go unused due to favorable weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, unused inclement weather days currently result in no additional benefit to students, educators, or families despite having been intentionally set aside within the school calendar; and

WHEREAS, students, teachers, and school staff face increasing academic, social, and emotional demands, making intentional rest and recovery time an important component of student success and overall well-being; and

WHEREAS, strategically repurposing unused inclement weather days into a planned additional break—such as a mid-semester wellness break or extended holiday—could support improved morale, attendance, and academic engagement without reducing required instructional hours; and

WHEREAS, providing predictability and balance within the academic calendar benefits families by supporting childcare planning, staff retention, and student mental health; and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Junior Commission believes that policies reflecting flexibility, efficiency, and responsiveness to student needs strengthen public education and promote long-term success.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

The Knox County Junior Commission hereby urges the Knox County Board of Education to explore and consider policies that allow unused inclement weather days to be repurposed into an additional scheduled break within the academic year when such days are not required for weather-related closures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Knox County Junior Commission encourages collaboration with educators, families, and stakeholders to determine the most effective and equitable use of these unused days while maintaining compliance with state instructional requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is to take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare, educational effectiveness, and student well-being requiring it.

Presiding Officer of the Junior Commission **Date**

County Clerk **Date**

Approved: _____

County Mayor **Date**

Vetoed:

County Mayor

Date

RLA-18213

R-26-3-104-JC

JUNIOR COMMISSION - MOCK MEETING

Meeting Date: 03/02/2026

Requested By: Drucilla Stills, COUNTY COMMISSION

Department: COUNTY COMMISSION

Requires Expenditure of Funds: Funded in Current Budget:

Appropriation Required:

CAPTION

Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission, urging the Knox County Board of Education to consider and adopt a year-round school calendar model.

(Junior Commissioner Cash)

Attachments

Resolution

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KNOX COUNTY
JUNIOR COMMISSION URGING THE KNOX
COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO
CONSIDER AND ADOPT A YEAR-ROUND
SCHOOL CALENDAR MODEL.**

RESOLUTION: R-26-3-104-JC

**REQUESTED BY: JUNIOR COMMISSIONER
CASH**

**PREPARED BY: KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR
COMMISSION**

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WHEREAS, the traditional academic calendar, developed around agricultural and industrial needs of prior generations, no longer fully aligns with the educational, social, and economic realities faced by modern students and families; and

WHEREAS, year-round school schedules maintain the same number of instructional days while redistributing breaks more evenly throughout the year, reducing prolonged interruptions in learning; and

WHEREAS, research and experience from districts across the nation indicate that year-round calendars may help mitigate learning loss, particularly among younger students and those from historically underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, shorter, more frequent breaks throughout the academic year can support student mental health, reduce burnout, and improve overall academic engagement and attendance; and

WHEREAS, educators may benefit from a year-round schedule through improved pacing, increased opportunities for remediation or enrichment, and more consistent instructional continuity; and

WHEREAS, year-round school models can provide greater flexibility for families by offering predictable intersession periods that may be used for childcare, tutoring, enrichment, or rest; and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Junior Commission recognizes the importance of innovative, student-centered approaches that prioritize educational outcomes, well-being, and long-term success.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

The Knox County Junior Commission hereby urges the Knox County Board of Education to study, consider, and engage stakeholders regarding the adoption of a year-round school calendar model within the Knox County School System.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Knox County Junior Commission encourages the Knox County Board of Education to develop and implement one or more pilot year-round school calendar programs, including clearly defined intersession periods for enrichment, remediation, and student support services; to solicit meaningful input from educators, families, and staff; and to establish transparent benchmarks related to academic performance, attendance, teacher retention, operational costs, and student well-being in order to inform any future systemwide adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is to take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare, educational advancement, and student well-being requiring it.

Presiding Officer of the Junior Commission **Date**

County Clerk **Date**

Approved: _____
County Mayor **Date**

Vetoed: _____
County Mayor **Date**

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R-26-3-113-JC

JUNIOR COMMISSION - MOCK MEETING

Meeting Date: 03/02/2026

Requested By: Drucilla Stills, COUNTY COMMISSION

Department: COUNTY COMMISSION

Requires Expenditure of Funds: Funded in Current Budget:

Appropriation Required:

CAPTION

Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission urging the Knox County Board of Education to include jury experience and mock trial participation in the Criminal Justice Curriculum for school credit.

(Junior Commissioner Hall)

Attachments

Resolution

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KNOX COUNTY
JUNIOR COMMISSION URGING THE
KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO INCLUDE JURY EXPERIENCE AND
MOCK TRIAL PARTICIPATION IN THE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE CURRICULUM
FOR SCHOOL CREDIT.**

RESOLUTION: R-26-3-113-JC

**REQUESTED BY: JUNIOR COMMISSIONER
HALL**

**PREPARED BY: KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR
COMMISSION**

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WHEREAS, understanding the legal system is a fundamental component of civic education and responsible citizenship; and

WHEREAS, students participating in the criminal justice curriculum benefit from hands-on, experiential learning opportunities that reinforce classroom instruction; and

WHEREAS, sitting through an actual trial allows students to observe courtroom procedures, the roles of judges, attorneys, and jurors, and the application of law in real-life scenarios; and

WHEREAS, participation as a mock juror provides students with practical experience in deliberation, evaluation of evidence, group decision-making, and ethical reasoning; and

WHEREAS, integrating real trial observation and mock jury exercises into the curriculum enhances critical thinking, public speaking, and civic engagement skills among students; and

WHEREAS, granting school credit for these activities incentivizes participation, recognizes the educational value of experiential learning, and aligns with Knox County schools' commitment to innovative and practical instruction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knox County Junior Commission urges the Knox County Board of Education to incorporate opportunities for students in the criminal justice curriculum to sit through actual trials and participate in mock jury exercises for school credit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such experiential learning opportunities should be structured in coordination with local courts, legal professionals, and educators to maximize educational value while complying with legal and safety requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage by the Knox County Junior Commission, the public welfare and educational enrichment of students requiring it.

Presiding Officer of the Junior Commission **Date**

County Clerk **Date**

Approved: _____
County Mayor **Date**

Vetoed: _____
County Mayor **Date**

RLA-18215

R-26-3-115-JC

JUNIOR COMMISSION - MOCK MEETING

Meeting Date: 03/02/2026

Requested By: Drucilla Stills, COUNTY COMMISSION

Department: COUNTY COMMISSION

Requires Expenditure of Funds: Funded in Current Budget:

Appropriation Required:

CAPTION

Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission urging the Tennessee General Assembly to allocate \$6,000,000 annually from the Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program to cover the cost of all Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) Exams.

(Junior Commissioner Casey)

Attachments

Resolution

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KNOX COUNTY
JUNIOR COMMISSION URGING THE
TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO
ALLOCATE \$6,000,000 ANNUALLY FROM
THE STUDENT SUPPORT AND ACADEMIC
ENRICHMENT PROGRAM TO COVER
THE COST OF ALL ADVANCED
PLACEMENT (AP) AND INTERNATIONAL
BACCALAUREATE (IB) EXAMS.**

RESOLUTION: R-26-3-115-JC

**REQUESTED BY: JUNIOR COMMISSIONER
CASEY**

**PREPARED BY: KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR
COMMISSION**

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WHEREAS, Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) programs provide rigorous academic opportunities that prepare students for college-level coursework and career readiness; and

WHEREAS, successful completion of AP and IB exams may result in college credit, reduced tuition costs, and increased postsecondary access; and

WHEREAS, exam fees present a financial barrier for many students and families, limiting equitable access to advanced academic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that all students can take AP and IB exams regardless of income promotes academic equity, workforce readiness, and long-term economic growth for the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) program is designed to support well-rounded educational opportunities and improve academic outcomes for students; and

WHEREAS, dedicating \$6,000,000 annually from the SSAE program to cover AP and IB exam fees would expand access to advanced coursework and promote statewide academic achievement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knox County Junior Commission urges the Tennessee General Assembly to allocate Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000) annually from the Student Support and Academic Enrichment program to fully fund AP and IB exam fees for all eligible students across the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Knox County Junior Commission encourages the Tennessee Department of Education to administer such funding in a manner that ensures equitable distribution and minimizes administrative burden on local school districts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to members of the Knox County legislative delegation, the Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives, the Speaker of the Tennessee Senate, and the Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage by the Knox County Junior Commission, the public welfare and educational advancement of Tennessee students requiring it.

Presiding Officer of the Junior Commission **Date**

County Clerk **Date**

Approved: _____
County Mayor Date

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County Mayor Date

RLA-18216

R-26-3-121-JC

JUNIOR COMMISSION - MOCK MEETING

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Requested By: Drucilla Stills, COUNTY COMMISSION

Department: COUNTY COMMISSION

Requires Expenditure of Funds: Funded in Current Budget:

Appropriation Required:

CAPTION

Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission establishing a partnership with the UT AG Extension Office and the Knox County Start Center to promote student interest in the trades and agriculture.

(Junior Commissioner Bradley)

Attachments

Resolution

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KNOX COUNTY
JUNIOR COMMISSION ESTABLISHING
A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UT AG
EXTENSION OFFICE AND THE KNOX
COUNTY START CENTER TO PROMOTE
STUDENT INTEREST IN THE TRADES
AND AGRICULTURE.**

RESOLUTION: R-26-3-121-JC

**REQUESTED BY: JUNIOR COMMISSIONER
BRADLEY**

**PREPARED BY: KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR
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WHEREAS, workforce development in skilled trades and agriculture is essential to the long-term economic strength and sustainability of Knox County; and

WHEREAS, careers in construction, electrical work, plumbing, welding, automotive technology, agricultural science, agribusiness, and related fields offer competitive wages, entrepreneurial opportunities, and critical community services; and

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee Ag Extension Office provides educational programming, agricultural training, youth development initiatives, and community outreach that support agricultural literacy and career pathways; and

WHEREAS, the Knox County START Center provides career and technical education opportunities that equip students with practical skills aligned with workforce needs; and

WHEREAS, increased collaboration between these institutions would expand student awareness of career pathways in the trades and agriculture while strengthening hands-on learning opportunities; and

WHEREAS, promoting student engagement in these fields addresses workforce shortages and encourages diverse participation in high-demand industries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knox County Junior Commission supports the establishment of a formal partnership between the UT Ag Extension Office and the Knox County START Center to promote student interest in skilled trades and agricultural careers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this partnership should include collaborative programming such as career exploration events, hands-on workshops, guest speaker series, internships, agricultural demonstrations, apprenticeship pathways, and industry certifications where applicable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that outreach efforts should target middle and high school students to increase early exposure to agricultural sciences and skilled trades career opportunities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Junior Commission encourages coordination with local employers, trade associations, and agricultural organizations to provide mentorship and real-world learning experiences.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage by the Knox County Junior Commission, the public welfare and workforce development of Knox County requiring it.

Presiding Officer of the Junior Commission Date

County Clerk Date

Approved: _____
County Mayor Date

Vetoed: _____
County Mayor Date

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R-26-3-102-JC

JUNIOR COMMISSION - MOCK MEETING

Meeting Date: 03/02/2026

Requested By: Drucilla Stills, COUNTY COMMISSION

Department: COUNTY COMMISSION

Requires Expenditure of Funds: Funded in Current Budget:

Appropriation Required:

CAPTION

Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission supporting the conversion of county street lighting to downward-facing LED fixtures in order to reduce energy costs and limit light pollution.

(Junior Commissioner Browning)

Attachments

Resolution

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KNOX COUNTY
JUNIOR COMMISSION SUPPORTING THE
CONVERSION OF COUNTY STREET LIGHTING
TO DOWNWARD-FACING LED FIXTURES
IN ORDER TO REDUCE ENERGY COSTS
AND LIMIT LIGHT POLLUTION.**

RESOLUTION: R-26-3-102-JC

**REQUESTED BY: JUNIOR COMMISSIONER
BROWNING**

**PREPARED BY: KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR
COMMISSION**

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WHEREAS, Knox County is committed to responsible stewardship of public resources, fiscal accountability, and sustainable infrastructure practices that serve both current residents and future generations; and

WHEREAS, street lighting is a necessary public safety service but represents a significant and ongoing operational cost to local governments due to energy consumption and maintenance requirements; and

WHEREAS, light-emitting diode (LED) street lighting has been demonstrated to be significantly more energy-efficient, longer-lasting, and more cost-effective than traditional lighting technologies; and

WHEREAS, downward-facing LED fixtures direct light precisely where it is needed—onto roadways, sidewalks, and public rights-of-way—thereby improving visibility and safety while minimizing wasted illumination; and

WHEREAS, excessive and misdirected artificial light contributes to light pollution, which disrupts natural ecosystems, negatively impacts human health, obscures the night sky, and diminishes the quality of life for residents; and

WHEREAS, the use of properly shielded, downward-facing LED street lights reduces glare for drivers and pedestrians, enhances nighttime visibility, and supports safer transportation corridors; and

WHEREAS, many communities across the state and nation have successfully implemented downward-facing LED street lighting as a best practice for reducing energy costs, lowering carbon emissions, and promoting environmentally responsible development; and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Junior Commission recognizes the importance of forward-looking policies that balance public safety, fiscal responsibility, and environmental sustainability.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

The Knox County Junior Commission hereby supports and urges the adoption of policies requiring all new county street lights, and the phased replacement of existing county street lights as feasible, to be converted to downward-facing LED fixtures designed to minimize light pollution and reduce long-term illumination costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Knox County Junior Commission encourages collaboration among county departments, utility providers, and community stakeholders to evaluate implementation timelines, cost savings, and best practices associated with this conversion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is to take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare, safety, fiscal responsibility, and environmental stewardship requiring it.

Presiding Officer of the Junior Commission **Date**

County Clerk **Date**

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County Mayor Date

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County Mayor Date

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R-26-3-105-JC

JUNIOR COMMISSION - MOCK MEETING

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Requested By: Drucilla Stills, COUNTY COMMISSION

Department: COUNTY COMMISSION

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Appropriation Required:

CAPTION

Consideration of the Knox County Junior Commission urging the reevaluation of county speed limits and the adjustment of speed limits where appropriate to improve traffic flow while maintaining public safety.

(Junior Commissioner Cash)

Attachments

Resolution

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KNOX COUNTY
JUNIOR COMMISSION URGING THE
REEVALUATION OF COUNTY SPEED
LIMITS AND THE ADJUSTMENT OF
SPEED LIMITS WHERE APPROPRIATE
TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW WHILE
MAINTAINING PUBLIC SAFETY.**

RESOLUTION: R-26-3-105-JC

**REQUESTED BY: JUNIOR COMMISSIONER
CASH**

**PREPARED BY: KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR
COMMISSION**

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WHEREAS, safe and efficient transportation infrastructure is essential to the economic vitality, mobility, and quality of life of Knox County residents; and

WHEREAS, speed limits are established to promote roadway safety but must also reflect current roadway design, traffic patterns, vehicle technology, and surrounding land use; and

WHEREAS, many county roadways have undergone improvements over time, including enhanced sight distance, lane design, traffic control devices, and safety features that may support higher posted speed limits without compromising safety; and

WHEREAS, speed limits set significantly below prevailing traffic speeds can contribute to inconsistent driving behavior, congestion, increased driver frustration, and reduced traffic flow efficiency; and

WHEREAS, data-driven speed limit evaluations that consider factors such as crash history, roadway geometry, pedestrian activity, traffic volume, and prevailing operating speeds can help ensure speed limits are both safe and reasonable; and

WHEREAS, appropriately adjusted speed limits may improve traffic flow, reduce unnecessary congestion, and support more predictable and compliant driving behavior while maintaining a strong emphasis on safety for all road users; and

WHEREAS, established traffic engineering principles, including 85th percentile speed studies, roadway classification analysis, crash data review, and speed compliance evaluations, provide objective and widely accepted methodologies for determining safe and reasonable speed limits; and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Junior Commission supports balanced transportation policies that prioritize safety while also recognizing the importance of efficient movement throughout the community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

The Knox County Junior Commission hereby urges the Knox County Engineering and Public Works Department, in coordination with other relevant transportation authorities, to reevaluate posted speed limits on county-maintained roadways and to increase speed limits where data-driven traffic engineering studies indicate that such adjustments can be made safely.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this reevaluation should prioritize roadway segments with demonstrated design capacity for higher speeds, limited pedestrian conflict, and strong safety performance, while explicitly maintaining or lowering speed limits in school zones, residential neighborhoods, pedestrian corridors, bicycle routes, and areas with high foot traffic or vulnerable road users.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Knox County Junior Commission encourages the use of transparent, evidence-based criteria—such as 85th percentile speed data, roadway geometry, crash history, and land-use context—and clear public communication to ensure that any speed limit changes enhance both safety and traffic flow for drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, and surrounding communities alike.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is to take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare, safety, and efficient transportation of Knox County requiring it.

Presiding Officer of the Junior Commission **Date**

County Clerk **Date**

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JUNIOR COMMISSION - MOCK MEETING

Meeting Date: 03/02/2026

Requested By: Drucilla Stills, COUNTY COMMISSION

Department: COUNTY COMMISSION

Requires Expenditure of Funds: Funded in Current Budget:

Appropriation Required:

CAPTION

Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission repealing the county ban on fortune-telling advertisements in order to promote fair business practices and free expression.
(*Junior Commissioner Partain*)

Attachments

Resolution

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KNOX COUNTY
JUNIOR COMMISSION REPEALING THE
COUNTY BAN ON FORTUNE-TELLING
ADVERTISEMENTS IN ORDER TO
PROMOTE FAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES
AND FREE EXPRESSION.**

RESOLUTION: R-26-3-106-JC

**REQUESTED BY: JUNIOR COMMISSIONER
PARTAIN**

**PREPARED BY: KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR
COMMISSION**

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WHEREAS, Knox County has historically maintained restrictions on the advertising of fortune-telling and related services, including a ban on such advertisements; and

WHEREAS, modern consumer protection laws, licensing standards, and truth-in-advertising regulations provide effective tools to address fraud and deceptive practices without the need for categorical advertising bans; and

WHEREAS, blanket prohibitions on specific forms of advertising may create unequal treatment among lawful businesses and professions that otherwise operate in compliance with county and state regulations; and

WHEREAS, the ability to advertise lawful services supports small businesses, entrepreneurship, and economic activity within the community; and

WHEREAS, narrowly tailored regulation focused on consumer protection is generally more effective and equitable than broad prohibitions that restrict expression based on the content or subject matter of an advertisement; and

WHEREAS, reevaluating legacy ordinances ensures that county policy reflects contemporary standards, constitutional principles, and evolving community values; and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Junior Commission supports policies that balance consumer protection, economic opportunity, and individual liberty.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That any provision of the Knox County Code, ordinance, or regulation that prohibits or restricts the advertising of fortune-telling or related services is hereby expressly stricken.

SECTION 2. That such stricken provisions are hereby replaced with the following:

"Fortune-telling and related services, when otherwise lawful, may advertise within Knox County, provided that such advertising complies with all generally applicable, content-neutral consumer protection, fraud prevention, and truth-in-advertising laws and regulations. Nothing herein shall be construed as an endorsement or validation of the accuracy of claims made in such advertisements."

SECTION 3. That this repeal and replacement affirms that regulation and enforcement of fortune-telling advertisements shall rely on existing consumer protection and fraud laws applicable to all businesses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Knox County Junior Commission affirms its intent that enforcement of advertising regulations for fortune-telling services shall rely on existing fraud, consumer protection, and truth-in-advertising laws, and that consultation with appropriate legal counsel may occur to ensure consistency with constitutional standards and best practices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect upon approval, the public welfare, economic fairness, and sound governance of Knox County requiring it.

Presiding Officer of the Junior Commission Date

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County Mayor Date

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JUNIOR COMMISSION - MOCK MEETING

Meeting Date: 03/02/2026

Requested By: Drucilla Stills, COUNTY COMMISSION

Department: COUNTY COMMISSION

Requires Expenditure of Funds: Funded in Current Budget:

Appropriation Required:

CAPTION

Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission reallocating portion of the Parks and Recreation Budget to the Knox County Engineering and Public Works Department for roadway safety improvements.

(Junior Commissioner Bowers)

Attachments

Resolution

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KNOX COUNTY
JUNIOR COMMISSION REALLOCATING
PORTION OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION
BUDGET TO THE KNOX COUNTY
ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS
DEPARTMENT FOR ROADWAY SAFETY
IMPROVEMENTS.**

RESOLUTION: R-26-3-108-JC

**REQUESTED BY: JUNIOR COMMISSIONER
BOWERS**

**PREPARED BY: KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR
COMMISSION**

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WHEREAS, Knox County is committed to promoting public safety, infrastructure reliability, and responsible stewardship of taxpayer resources; and

WHEREAS, roadway safety improvements, particularly on rural and back roads, directly reduce the risk of serious injury and fatal crashes; and

WHEREAS, traffic safety measures including centerline and shoulder rumble strips (commonly referred to as sound ridges), improved roadway lighting, and protective guardrails and railings have been shown to reduce roadway departure accidents and enhance nighttime visibility; and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Engineering and Public Works Department is charged with maintaining and improving county roadway infrastructure and is best positioned to evaluate and implement safety enhancements based on engineering standards and crash data; and

WHEREAS, responsible budget prioritization may require the reallocation of resources to address pressing public safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, investing in infrastructure safety improvements provides long-term cost savings by reducing emergency response costs, property damage, and liability exposure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE JUNIOR COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Budget Reallocation.

Twenty percent (20%) of the adopted annual operating budget of Knox County Parks and Recreation shall be reallocated to the Knox County Engineering and Public Works Department for the sole purpose of roadway safety infrastructure improvements as outlined in this Resolution.

SECTION 2. Dedicated Safety Improvement Plan.

The Knox County Engineering and Public Works Department shall utilize the reallocated funds to design and implement a prioritized Roadway Safety Enhancement Plan, which shall include:

- (a) Installation of centerline and shoulder rumble strips (sound ridges) on qualifying rural and collector back roads based on crash history and roadway geometry;
- (b) Installation and upgrading of roadway lighting in high-risk corridors, intersections, and areas with limited nighttime visibility;
- (c) Installation, repair, or replacement of guardrails and protective railings in areas with steep embankments, waterways, sharp curves, bridges, and other documented roadway hazards.

SECTION 3. Engineering Standards and Data-Driven Implementation.

All projects funded pursuant to this Resolution shall be based upon formal engineering studies, crash data analysis, and roadway safety audits conducted by the Knox County Engineering and Public Works Department in accordance with applicable state and federal roadway design standards.

SECTION 4. Reporting Requirement.

The Knox County Engineering and Public Works Department shall provide an annual report to the Knox County Commission detailing:

- (a) Locations improved;
- (b) Types of safety measures installed;
- (c) Crash data comparisons before and after improvements; and
- (d) Expenditures of reallocated funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and shall apply to the next adopted fiscal year budget cycle, the public welfare requiring it.

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JUNIOR COMMISSION - MOCK MEETING

Meeting Date: 03/02/2026

Requested By: Drucilla Stills, COUNTY COMMISSION

Department: COUNTY COMMISSION

Requires Expenditure of Funds: Funded in Current Budget:

Appropriation Required:

CAPTION

Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission prohibiting the use and construction of anti-homeless architecture in public spaces.

(Junior Commissioner Bowers)

Attachments

Resolution

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KNOX COUNTY
JUNIOR COMMISSION PROHIBITING THE
USE AND CONSTRUCTION OF ANTI-HOMELESS
ARCHITECTURE IN PUBLIC SPACES.**

RESOLUTION: R-26-3-109-JC

**REQUESTED BY: JUNIOR COMMISSIONER
 BOWERS**

**PREPARED BY: KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR
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WHEREAS, the Knox County Junior Commission exists to represent the voice of young people in Knox County and to promote policies that reflect fairness, dignity, and community responsibility; and

WHEREAS, public spaces funded by taxpayers should remain open, accessible, and welcoming to all members of the community; and

WHEREAS, “anti-homeless architecture,” sometimes referred to as hostile architecture, includes but is not limited to benches with fixed dividers intended to prevent lying down, spikes or studs placed on flat surfaces, sloped seating surfaces designed to prevent resting, segmented ledges, or other design elements intentionally installed to deter individuals experiencing homelessness from occupying public areas; and

WHEREAS, such design practices may undermine the dignity of vulnerable individuals and shift attention away from meaningful, long-term solutions to homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Junior Commission recognizes that homelessness is a complex issue best addressed through collaboration, housing solutions, mental health support, and community partnerships rather than exclusionary physical barriers; and

WHEREAS, promoting inclusive, humane, and accessible design reflects the values of Knox County's youth and strengthens community cohesion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

Knox County Junior Commission formally opposes the use, installation, or construction of anti-homeless architecture in County-owned or County-maintained public spaces.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Junior Commission urges Knox County departments, including Engineering and Public Works and Parks and Recreation, to adopt inclusive and universal design principles in all future public infrastructure projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for purposes of this Resolution, anti-homeless architecture shall mean any physical design feature intentionally created to deter individuals from sitting, resting, or seeking temporary shelter in otherwise publicly accessible spaces, excluding design elements required for safety, ADA compliance, or structural necessity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Junior Commission encourages Knox County leadership to prioritize policy solutions that address the root causes of homelessness while preserving public spaces as welcoming environments for all residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage by the Knox County Junior Commission.

Presiding Officer of the Junior Commission **Date**

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County Mayor **Date**

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R-26-3-111-JC

JUNIOR COMMISSION - MOCK MEETING

Meeting Date: 03/02/2026

Requested By: Drucilla Stills, COUNTY COMMISSION

Department: COUNTY COMMISSION

Requires Expenditure of Funds: Funded in Current Budget:

Appropriation Required:

CAPTION

Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission authorizing the extension of the sidewalk along Hardin Valley Road from 10009 Hardin Valley Road to Pellissippi Parkway.

(Junior Commissioner Martinez)

Attachments

Resolution

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KNOX COUNTY
JUNIOR COMMISSION AUTHORIZING
THE EXTENSION OF THE SIDEWALK
ALONG HARDIN VALLEY ROAD FROM
10009 HARDIN VALLEY ROAD TO
PELLISSIPPI PARKWAY.**

RESOLUTION: R-26-3-111-JC

**REQUESTED BY: JUNIOR COMMISSIONER
MARTINEZ**

**PREPARED BY: KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR
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WHEREAS, safe and accessible pedestrian infrastructure is essential for public safety, active transportation, and connectivity within Knox County; and

WHEREAS, Hardin Valley Road serves as a major corridor for residents, students, and commuters, and currently lacks continuous sidewalk infrastructure between 10009 Hardin Valley Road and Pellissippi Parkway; and

WHEREAS, extending the sidewalk along this corridor will provide safer pedestrian access to schools, businesses, parks, and public transportation options; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of this sidewalk extension is One Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$175.00) per square foot; and

WHEREAS, funding for this project is proposed to come from the Knox County General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Junior Commission supports strategic investments in infrastructure that promote safety, accessibility, and equitable transportation options for all residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knox County Junior Commission authorizes the design, planning, and construction of a sidewalk along Hardin Valley Road beginning at 10009 Hardin Valley Road and extending to Pellissippi Parkway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the project shall be funded at an estimated cost of One Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$175.00) per square foot, with funding to come from the Knox County General Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Knox County Engineering and Public Works Department shall oversee the project in accordance with applicable design standards, safety guidelines, and county construction protocols.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage by the Knox County Junior Commission, the public welfare requiring it.

Presiding Officer of the Junior Commission **Date**

County Clerk **Date**

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R-26-3-116-JC

JUNIOR COMMISSION - MOCK MEETING

Meeting Date: 03/02/2026

Requested By: Drucilla Stills, COUNTY COMMISSION

Department: COUNTY COMMISSION

Requires Expenditure of Funds: Funded in Current Budget:

Appropriation Required:

CAPTION

Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission creating a part-time position within the Knox County Health Department to promote and implement the Teen Mental Health First Aid Program in coordination with the school system.

(Junior Commissioner Casey)

Attachments

Resolution

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KNOX COUNTY
JUNIOR COMMISSION CREATING A
PART-TIME POSITION WITHIN THE
KNOX COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
TO PROMOTE AND IMPLEMENT THE
TEEN MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID
PROGRAM IN COORDINATION WITH
THE SCHOOL SYSTEM.**

RESOLUTION: R-26-3-116-JC

**REQUESTED BY: JUNIOR COMMISSIONER
CASEY**

**PREPARED BY: KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR
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WHEREAS, adolescent mental health is a growing public health concern, with increasing rates of anxiety, depression, and other behavioral health challenges among youth; and

WHEREAS, early identification and intervention are critical to improving long-term outcomes for young people experiencing mental health challenges; and

WHEREAS, the Teen Mental Health First Aid (tMHFA) program equips students with the knowledge and skills to recognize warning signs, respond appropriately to peers in crisis, and connect individuals to trusted adults and professional support; and

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JUNIOR COMMISSION - MOCK MEETING

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Requested By: Drucilla Stills, COUNTY COMMISSION

Department: COUNTY COMMISSION

Requires Expenditure of Funds: Funded in Current Budget:

Appropriation Required:

CAPTION

Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission supporting a coordinated countywide response to homelessness.

(Junior Commissioner Hoppenrath)

Attachments

Resolution

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KNOX COUNTY
JUNIOR COMMISSION SUPPORTING A
COORDINATED COUNTYWIDE RESPONSE
TO HOMELESSNESS.**

RESOLUTION: R-26-3-117-JC

**REQUESTED BY: JUNIOR COMMISSIONER
HOPPENRATH**

**PREPARED BY: KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR
COMMISSION**

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WHEREAS, homelessness remains a complex and growing challenge impacting individuals, families, and youth across Knox County; and

WHEREAS, current efforts to address homelessness often involve multiple agencies, municipalities, nonprofit providers, healthcare systems, and community organizations operating independently; and

WHEREAS, a coordinated countywide response would improve efficiency, reduce duplication of services, and strengthen long-term housing outcomes; and

WHEREAS, effective homelessness response requires a comprehensive strategy that includes prevention, emergency support, and long-term housing stability rather than reliance solely on temporary shelter solutions; and

WHEREAS, evidence from other counties demonstrates that coordinated systems using shared data, targeted outreach, and permanent housing strategies produce improved outcomes and long-term cost savings; and

WHEREAS, investing strategically in housing stability can reduce reliance on emergency rooms, law enforcement, and incarceration, resulting in long-term savings for taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knox County Junior Commission supports the establishment of a coordinated countywide homelessness response system in which county agencies, municipalities, nonprofit organizations, healthcare providers, and community partners share data, align goals, and operate within a unified strategy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this coordinated response should prioritize:

- Housing First programs that place unhoused individuals into permanent housing before addressing secondary challenges;
- Expansion of emergency shelter capacity during extreme weather events, particularly in areas demonstrating the highest need;
- Mental health and substance-use outreach teams that engage individuals directly in the community; and
- Job training and employment placement programs connected to housing support services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that key partners in this effort should include local nonprofit shelters and housing organizations, Knox County health and human services departments, mental health providers and hospitals, school districts supporting unhoused youth, and faith-based and community organizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this initiative shall include both:

- (1) A short-term study to assess service gaps, evaluate data, and identify best practices from comparable counties; and
- (2) Immediate small-scale pilot programs utilizing existing funds to test solutions without delaying assistance, thereby minimizing financial risk while identifying effective strategies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Knox County Junior Commission supports an estimated initial annual investment in the range of Ten Million to Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$10,000,000–\$25,000,000) to create a coordinated homelessness response, leveraging existing local resources, federal and state grants, and partnerships with nonprofit providers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such funding would support expanded housing assistance and rapid rehousing programs, additional case managers and outreach workers, enhanced shelter capacity and supportive services, and the development of a coordinated data and tracking system across providers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution recognizes existing local efforts and funding streams, supports scaling programs already demonstrating effectiveness, and acknowledges the long-term savings potential associated with reduced emergency medical and incarceration costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage by the Knox County Junior Commission, the public welfare requiring it.

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Requested By: Drucilla Stills, COUNTY COMMISSION

Department: COUNTY COMMISSION

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Appropriation Required:

CAPTION

Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission supporting enhanced pedestrian and bicycle safety across Knox County.

(Junior Commissioner Hoppenrath)

Attachments

Resolution

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KNOX COUNTY
JUNIOR COMMISSION SUPPORTING
ENHANCED PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE
SAFETY ACROSS KNOX COUNTY.**

RESOLUTION: R-26-3-118-JC

**REQUESTED BY: JUNIOR COMMISSIONER
HOPPENRATH**

**PREPARED BY: KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR
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WHEREAS, pedestrian and bicycle safety is essential to protecting public health, reducing traffic-related injuries and fatalities, and ensuring equitable access to transportation; and

WHEREAS, Knox County has experienced pedestrian and cyclist injuries and fatalities, highlighting the need for improved infrastructure and safety measures; and

WHEREAS, poorly marked crosswalks, insufficiently protected bike lanes, speeding in residential and school zones, and lack of safe infrastructure in lower-income neighborhoods create preventable risks; and

WHEREAS, enhancing pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure promotes healthier lifestyles, reduces traffic congestion, supports environmental sustainability, and improves

accessibility for residents of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, investing in traffic safety improvements reduces long-term public costs associated with emergency response, healthcare, and roadway incidents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knox County Junior Commission supports the development and implementation of a coordinated countywide pedestrian and bicycle safety program to address infrastructure gaps and reduce traffic-related injuries and fatalities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that infrastructure improvements should include:

- Protected bike lanes utilizing physical barriers rather than paint-only striping;
- Improved crosswalk visibility through raised crossings, flashing pedestrian signals, and high-visibility markings;
- Traffic-calming measures such as speed humps, curb extensions, and narrowed lanes in residential and school zones;
- Lower speed limits near schools and high pedestrian-traffic areas; and
- Enhanced lighting along sidewalks, paths, and greenways.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that education and enforcement components should include:

- Public safety campaigns targeting drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians;
- Increased enforcement of speeding and failure-to-yield laws; and
- School-based bicycle and pedestrian safety education programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Knox County Junior Commission supports a phased investment strategy scaled to available funding and grant opportunities, with estimated annual costs ranging from approximately One Million to Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$1,000,000–\$25,000,000), depending on the scope of improvements implemented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that investment levels may include:

Basic Improvements (\$1 million – \$3 million annually):

High-visibility crosswalks, signage, pavement markings, select lighting upgrades, and targeted traffic-calming measures.

Moderate Expansion (\$5 million – \$10 million annually):

Expanded bike lane network, additional lighting improvements, and focused Safe Routes to School enhancements.

Comprehensive Buildout (\$15 million – \$25 million+ annually):

Protected bike lanes, greenway expansions, and major corridor redesigns implemented in phases over multiple fiscal years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that projects should prioritize high-need areas, including lower-income neighborhoods and corridors with documented crash history, to ensure equitable distribution of safety improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage by the Knox County Junior Commission, the public welfare requiring it.

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JUNIOR COMMISSION - MOCK MEETING

Meeting Date: 03/02/2026

Requested By: Drucilla Stills, COUNTY COMMISSION

Department: COUNTY COMMISSION

Requires Expenditure of Funds: Funded in Current Budget:

Appropriation Required:

CAPTION

Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission supporting improved public access through expanded digital county services.

(Junior Commissioner Hoppenrath)

Attachments

Resolution

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KNOX COUNTY
JUNIOR COMMISSION SUPPORTING
IMPROVED PUBLIC ACCESS THROUGH
EXPANDED DIGITAL COUNTY SERVICES.**

RESOLUTION: R-26-3-119-JC

**REQUESTED BY: JUNIOR COMMISSIONER
HOPPENRATH**

**PREPARED BY: KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR
COMMISSION**

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WHEREAS, accessible and efficient government services are essential to maintaining public trust and ensuring that residents can easily interact with county government; and

WHEREAS, many county services still rely heavily on in-person visits and paper-based processes that may create barriers for working families, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and residents with limited transportation; and

WHEREAS, expanding digital services can reduce administrative delays, increase efficiency, and improve transparency; and

WHEREAS, a centralized digital platform would streamline public access to permits, payments, scheduling, and issue reporting; and

WHEREAS, modernizing digital infrastructure promotes long-term operational savings and improved service delivery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knox County Junior Commission supports the expansion of digital county services through the development of a centralized countywide mobile application and updated website platform.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the expanded digital platform should allow residents to:

- Apply for permits and county services;
- Schedule appointments;
- Pay fees and taxes; and
- Report community issues such as potholes, broken streetlights, and safety concerns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that additional digital initiatives should include:

- Online service portals available in multiple languages;
- Text and email alert systems for county updates and emergency notifications; and
- Digital forms to replace paper-based processes where feasible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the estimated cost to develop a centralized countywide digital services platform is approximately One Hundred Thousand to One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$100,000–\$150,000), reflecting the creation of a fully functional, user-friendly services portal accessible to all residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that estimated annual maintenance costs of approximately Forty Thousand to One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$40,000–\$100,000) would cover hosting, cloud services, cybersecurity updates, system maintenance, bug fixes, and feature enhancements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding for this initiative may be allocated through the Knox County Information Technology Department, with the expectation that improved efficiency and streamlined processes will generate long-term operational benefits and cost savings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage by the Knox County Junior Commission, the public welfare requiring it.

Presiding Officer of the Junior Commission Date

County Clerk Date

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County Mayor Date

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County Mayor Date

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Requested By: Drucilla Stills, COUNTY COMMISSION

Department: COUNTY COMMISSION

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CAPTION

Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission establishing post-paving manhole elevation verification and corrective requirements for utility providers.

(Junior Commissioner Partain)

Attachments

Resolution

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KNOX COUNTY
JUNIOR COMMISSION ESTABLISHING
POST-PAVING MANHOLE ELEVATION
VERIFICATION AND CORRECTIVE
REQUIREMENTS FOR UTILITY
PROVIDERS.**

RESOLUTION: R-26-3-120-JC

**REQUESTED BY: JUNIOR COMMISSIONER
PARTAIN**

**PREPARED BY: KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR
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WHEREAS, roadway paving operations are conducted to improve public safety, ride quality, and infrastructure longevity; and

WHEREAS, improperly adjusted utility structures, including manholes and access covers located within the roadway surface, can create hazardous elevation differences that contribute to vehicle damage, cyclist risk, drainage issues, and long-term pavement deterioration; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that utility infrastructure is properly adjusted following paving operations promotes public safety, roadway durability, and accountability; and

WHEREAS, post-construction verification through as-built surveys provides measurable documentation of compliance with engineering standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

BE IT RESOLVED, that following any roadway paving or resurfacing operation within Knox County, all utility providers with manholes or access structures located within the paved roadway shall perform an as-built elevation survey of each affected structure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the as-built survey shall measure and document the vertical height difference between the finished roadway surface and the top of each manhole or access cover.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any measured elevation difference exceeding one centimeter (1 cm) above or below the finished pavement surface shall be deemed outside acceptable tolerance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for any structure found to exceed the one centimeter (1 cm) tolerance, the responsible utility provider shall promptly perform corrective adjustments or repairs to bring the structure into compliance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that following corrective work, the utility provider shall submit a revised as-built survey verifying compliance with the one centimeter (1 cm) tolerance requirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution supports coordination between Knox County Engineering and Public Works and all utility providers to ensure roadway quality, public safety, and long-term infrastructure performance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage by the Knox County Junior Commission, the public welfare requiring it.

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Requested By: Drucilla Stills, COUNTY COMMISSION

Department: COUNTY COMMISSION

Requires Expenditure of Funds: Funded in Current Budget:

Appropriation Required:

CAPTION

Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission supporting the development of strategic roadway expansion and connector routes to alleviate traffic congestion on major corridors in Knox County.

(Junior Commissioner Bradley)

Attachments

Resolution

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KNOX COUNTY
JUNIOR COMMISSION SUPPORTING
THE DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIC
ROADWAY EXPANSION AND CONNECTOR
ROUTES TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC
CONGESTION ON MAJOR CORRIDORS
IN KNOX COUNTY.**

RESOLUTION: R-26-3-122-JC

**REQUESTED BY: JUNIOR COMMISSIONER
BRADLEY**

**PREPARED BY: KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR
COMMISSION**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS: _____**

**APPROVED: _____
DATE**

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WHEREAS, traffic congestion on major transportation corridors in Knox County continues to increase due to population growth, economic development, and regional travel demand; and

WHEREAS, heavily traveled corridors including Interstate 40 and Interstate 75, Alcoa Highway, Kingston Pike, Chapman Highway, and North Broadway experience recurring congestion that impacts travel times, public safety, freight movement, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, prolonged congestion contributes to increased vehicle emissions, roadway wear, delays for emergency response vehicles, and economic inefficiencies; and

WHEREAS, strategic investment in new connector roads, alternate routes, and capacity improvements can reduce traffic burden on existing major corridors; and

WHEREAS, long-term transportation planning requires coordination between Knox County, the Tennessee Department of Transportation, municipal governments, and regional planning organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knox County Junior Commission supports the exploration, planning, and development of new roadway connections and strategic transportation infrastructure projects designed to alleviate congestion on Interstate 40 and 75, Alcoa Highway, Kingston Pike, Chapman Highway, and North Broadway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such planning should include feasibility studies, traffic impact analyses, environmental review, and community input to identify potential new east-west and north-south connector routes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that priority consideration should be given to projects that:

1. Provide alternate routes parallel to heavily congested corridors;
2. Improve access to growing residential and commercial areas;
3. Enhance freight and commercial traffic efficiency;
4. Improve emergency vehicle response times; and
5. Incorporate multimodal planning where feasible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Junior Commission encourages collaboration with state and regional transportation authorities to pursue funding opportunities, including state and federal infrastructure grants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage by the Knox County Junior Commission, the public welfare and mobility of Knox County requiring it.

Presiding Officer of the Junior Commission **Date**

County Clerk **Date**

Approved: _____
County Mayor Date

Vetoed: _____
County Mayor Date

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R-26-3-124-JC

JUNIOR COMMISSION - MOCK MEETING

Meeting Date: 03/02/2026

Requested By: Drucilla Stills, COUNTY COMMISSION

Department: COUNTY COMMISSION

Requires Expenditure of Funds: Funded in Current Budget:

Appropriation Required:

CAPTION

Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission supporting the establishment of community centers serving residents of all ages throughout Knox County.
(Junior Commissioner Pack)

Attachments

Resolution

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KNOX COUNTY
JUNIOR COMMISSION SUPPORTING THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY
CENTERS SERVING RESIDENTS OF
ALL AGES THROUGHOUT KNOX COUNTY.**

RESOLUTION: R-26-3-124-JC

**REQUESTED BY: JUNIOR COMMISSIONER
PACK**

**PREPARED BY: KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR
COMMISSION**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM
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WHEREAS, community centers provide safe, accessible spaces for educational enrichment, recreation, mentorship, workforce development, and social engagement; and

WHEREAS, access to structured after-school programs and youth activities reduces risk behaviors, supports academic achievement, and promotes positive development; and

WHEREAS, adults and seniors benefit from accessible spaces offering job training, continuing education, health programming, recreational activities, and community gatherings; and

WHEREAS, many areas of Knox County lack centralized, multi-generational facilities that serve as hubs for civic engagement and community programming; and

WHEREAS, investment in community centers strengthens neighborhoods, promotes public safety, supports mental and physical health, and fosters cross-generational relationships.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knox County Junior Commission supports the establishment and expansion of community centers across Knox County to serve youth, adults, and seniors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such community centers should provide:

- After-school tutoring and academic enrichment programs;
- Youth recreation, arts, leadership development, and mentorship initiatives;
- Workforce training, career readiness workshops, and continuing education opportunities;
- Health, wellness, and fitness programming; and
- Space for community meetings, civic engagement, and cultural events.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that priority for new or expanded community centers should be given to underserved areas of Knox County lacking accessible public gathering spaces.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Junior Commission encourages partnerships with Knox County Schools, Parks and Recreation, nonprofit organizations, local employers, and faith-based institutions to maximize programming and shared resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Junior Commission supports phased implementation based on available funding, grant opportunities, and community needs assessments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage by the Knox County Junior Commission, the public welfare requiring it.

Presiding Officer of the Junior Commission	Date
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County Clerk **Date**

Approved: _____
County Mayor **Date**

Vetoed: _____

County Mayor **Date**

RLA-18229

R-26-3-101-JC

JUNIOR COMMISSION - MOCK MEETING

Meeting Date: 03/02/2026

Requested By: Drucilla Stills, COUNTY COMMISSION

Department: COUNTY COMMISSION

Requires Expenditure of Funds: Funded in Current Budget:

Appropriation Required:

CAPTION

Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission commending the fashion, function, and aura of the Quarter Zip (QZ) and proclaiming May 1, 2026, as Knox County QZ Day.

(Junior Commissioner Browning)

Attachments

Resolution

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KNOX COUNTY
JUNIOR COMMISSION COMMENDING
THE FASHION, FUNCTION, AND AURA
OF THE QUARTER ZIP (QZ) AND
PROCLAIMING MAY 1, 2026, AS KNOX
COUNTY QZ DAY.**

RESOLUTION: R-26-3-101-JC

**REQUESTED BY: JUNIOR COMMISSIONER
BROWNING**

**PREPARED BY: KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR
COMMISSION**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS: _____**

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WHEREAS, fashion has long served as a reflection of culture, confidence, and community, communicating both individuality and shared identity without the need for words; and

WHEREAS, the Quarter Zip, commonly referred to as the “QZ,” has emerged as a timeless garment that effortlessly bridges the worlds of professionalism, academic life, civic engagement, and casual comfort; and

WHEREAS, the Quarter Zip is uniquely versatile, equally appropriate for commission meetings, classrooms, campus events, community gatherings, early-morning briefings, and late-afternoon coffee stops; and

WHEREAS, the Quarter Zip embodies an unmistakable aura—projecting preparedness without pretension, confidence without excess, and leadership without formality—thereby making it a favored attire of students, educators, professionals, and public servants alike; and

WHEREAS, the enduring popularity of the Quarter Zip transcends trends, seasons, and generations, symbolizing reliability, adaptability, and understated excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Junior Commission recognizes that civic life is strengthened not only by serious discourse and service, but also by shared culture, humor, and moments of collective recognition that build connection and community spirit; and

WHEREAS, celebrating the Quarter Zip provides an opportunity to acknowledge the lighter side of leadership, the importance of approachability, and the confidence that comes from feeling both comfortable and composed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

The Knox County Junior Commission hereby commemorates the fashion, function, and unmistakable aura of the Quarter Zip and proclaims May 1, 2026, as Knox County QZ Day, encouraging residents to don their finest Quarter Zips in celebration of comfort, confidence, and civic cool.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is to take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare, morale, and drip requiring it.

Presiding Officer of the Junior Commission	Date
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County Clerk	Date
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Approved: _____

County Mayor	Date
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Vetoed: _____

County Mayor	Date
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20.

JUNIOR COMMISSION - MOCK MEETING

Meeting Date: 03/02/2026

Requested By: Drucilla Stills, COUNTY COMMISSION

Department: COUNTY COMMISSION

Requires Expenditure of Funds: Funded in Current Budget:

Appropriation Required:

CAPTION

Consideration of the closure of a portion of Lobetti Road between Jubilee Farms Way and Ball Camp Pike, District 6.

(Engineering and Public Works)

Attachments

Detail - Lobetti Closures



ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS

Development Services • Fleet Management • Environment and Planning • Operations

Notice of Request to Close Road/Right of Way

To: All property owners on Lobetti Rd south of Schaad Rd and north of Ball Camp Pike, all owners in Lobetti Landing subdivision

Date: Wednesday, August 7, 2024

Name of Road: Portion of Lobetti Road

Location: Lobetti Road segment between Jubilee Farms Way and Ball Camp Pike, District 6

Length of ROW/Road: Approximately 200 feet

Reason for Request: Safety Improvement

Closure Representative: Jim Snowden, P.E.
Senior Director
205 W Baxter Ave
865-215-5800
Jim.snowden@knoxcounty.org

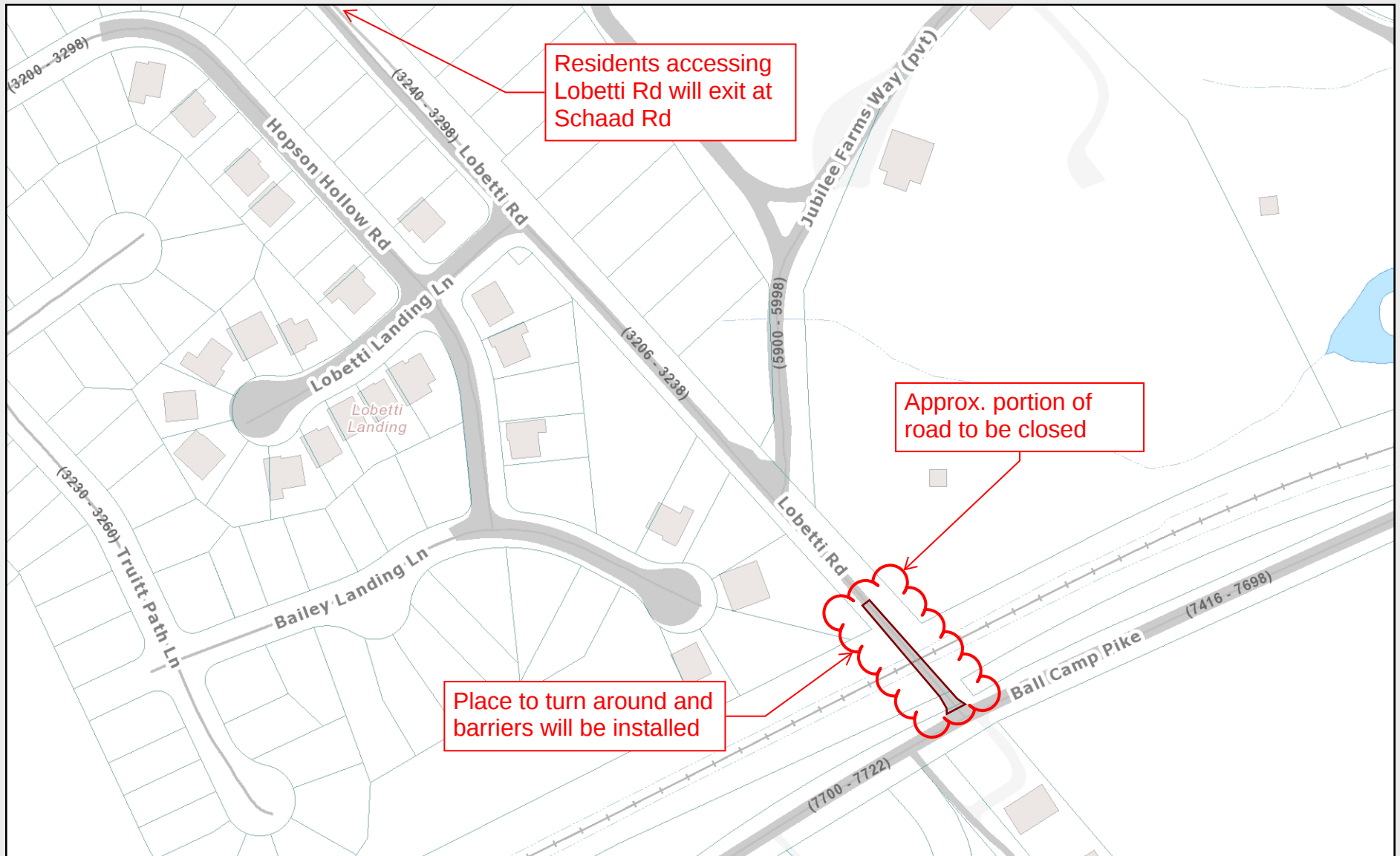
Knox County Engineering is proposing the permanent closure of the portion of Lobetti Road south of Jubilee Farms Way. The southern section of Lobetti Road is narrow (13' width) leading to an active at-grade railroad crossing north of Ball Camp Pike. This closure will remove public access to this currently substandard crossing and eliminate conflicts between vehicles and trains. We propose a cul-de-sac or turn-around on the north side of the railroad crossing and the installation of barriers on the south side of the railroad crossing.

The closure of this road will be discussed in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building during the Agenda Review meeting on **Monday, August 19, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.** Public hearings will be held later in the same assembly room as part of the County Commission Meetings. The dates are **Monday, August 26, 2024** and **Monday, September 23, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.** Adjoining property owners and the general public are welcome to speak at these meetings. I encourage anyone who has an opinion on whether to close or remain open to attend these meetings.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call 865-215-3592 or email rowclosures@knoxcounty.org.

Sincerely,

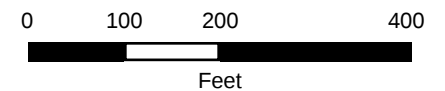
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Road Closure Proposal

South Portion of Lobetti Rd

Mitigating dangerous intersection at Ball Camp Pike and Lobetti Rd



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Notice of Request to Close Road/Right of Way

To: All property owners on Lobetti Rd south of Ball Rd and north of Schaad Rd, all owners in Cara Cade subdivision

Date: Wednesday, August 7, 2024

Name of Road: Portion of Lobetti Road

Location: Lobetti Road north of Schaad Road, District 6

Length of ROW/Road: Approximately 75 feet

Reason for Request: Citizen Request

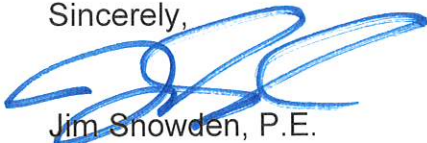
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205 W Baxter Ave
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Jim.snowden@knoxcounty.org

Knox County Engineering is proposing the permanent closure of a portion of Lobetti Rd at the northern intersection of Lobetti Road and Schaad Road. We propose a cul-de-sac or turn-around south of 3305 Lobetti Road and removing the asphalt that connects to Schaad Road.

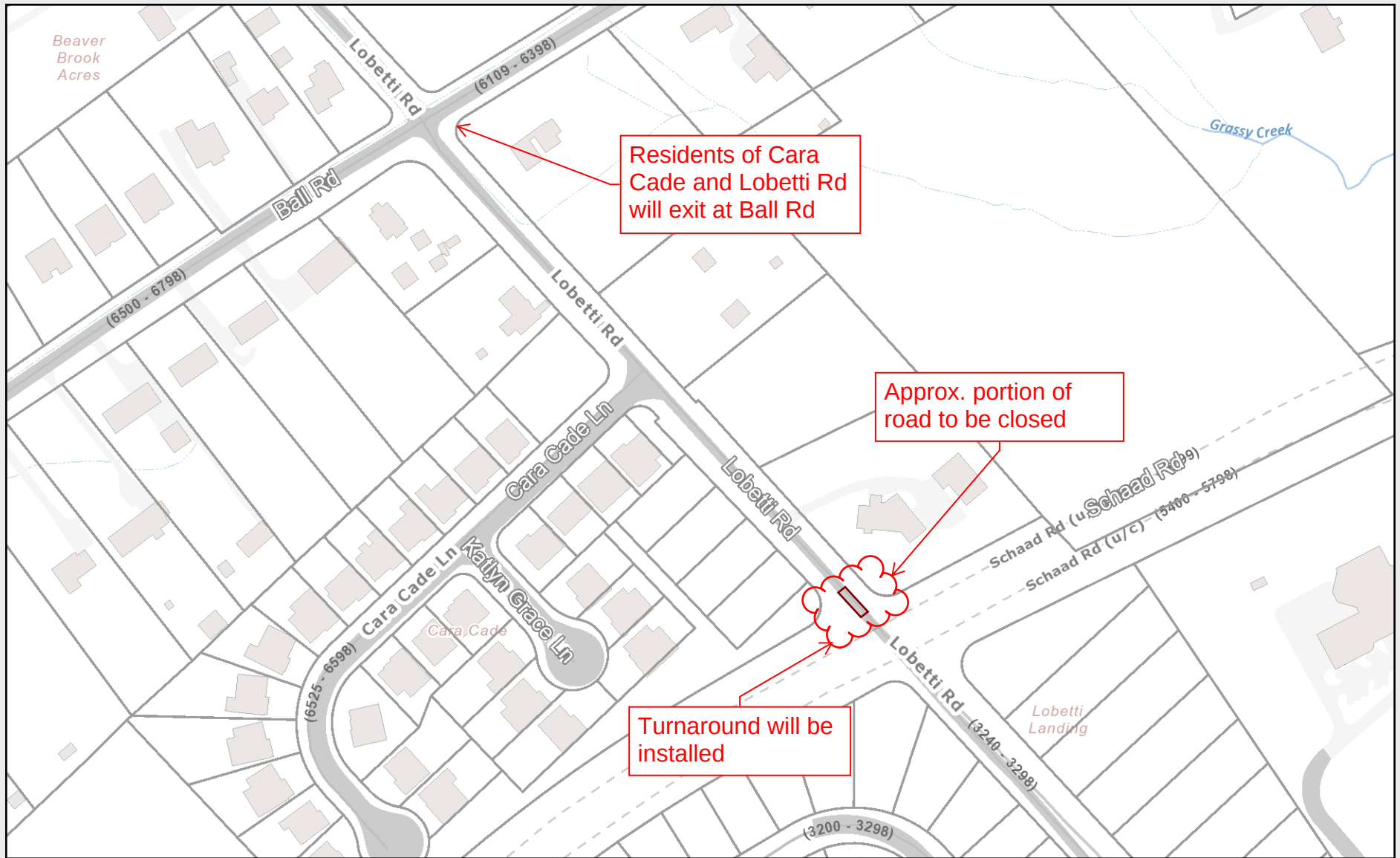
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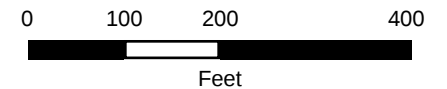
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Road Closure Proposal

North Portion of Lobetti Rd

Mitigating cut through traffic from Ball Rd to Schaad Rd



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JUNIOR COMMISSION - MOCK MEETING

Meeting Date: 03/02/2026

Requested By: Drucilla Stills, COUNTY COMMISSION

Department: COUNTY COMMISSION

Requires Expenditure of Funds: Funded in Current Budget:

Appropriation Required:

CAPTION

Consideration of the closure of a portion of Lobetti Road immediately north of the new Schaad Road, District 6.

(Engineering and Public Works)

Attachments

Detail - Lobetti Closures



ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS

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Date: Wednesday, August 7, 2024

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Location: Lobetti Road segment between Jubilee Farms Way and Ball Camp Pike, District 6

Length of ROW/Road: Approximately 200 feet

Reason for Request: Safety Improvement

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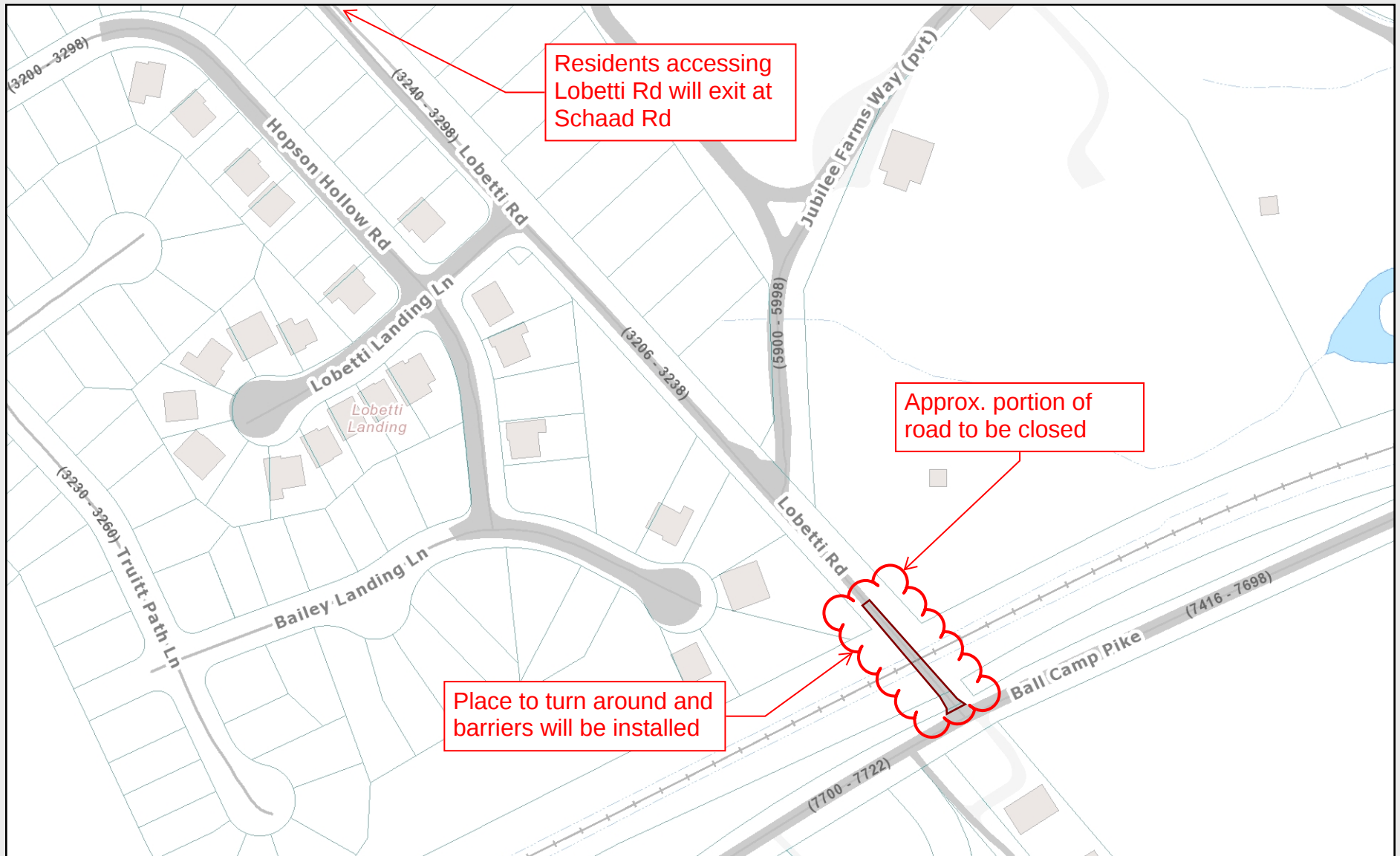
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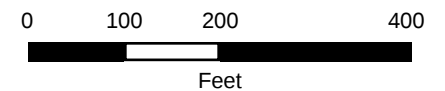
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Road Closure Proposal

South Portion of Lobetti Rd

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Date: Wednesday, August 7, 2024

Name of Road: Portion of Lobetti Road

Location: Lobetti Road north of Schaad Road, District 6

Length of ROW/Road: Approximately 75 feet

Reason for Request: Citizen Request

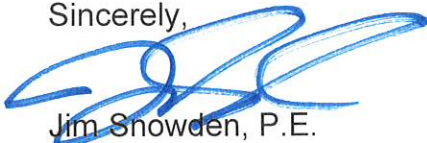
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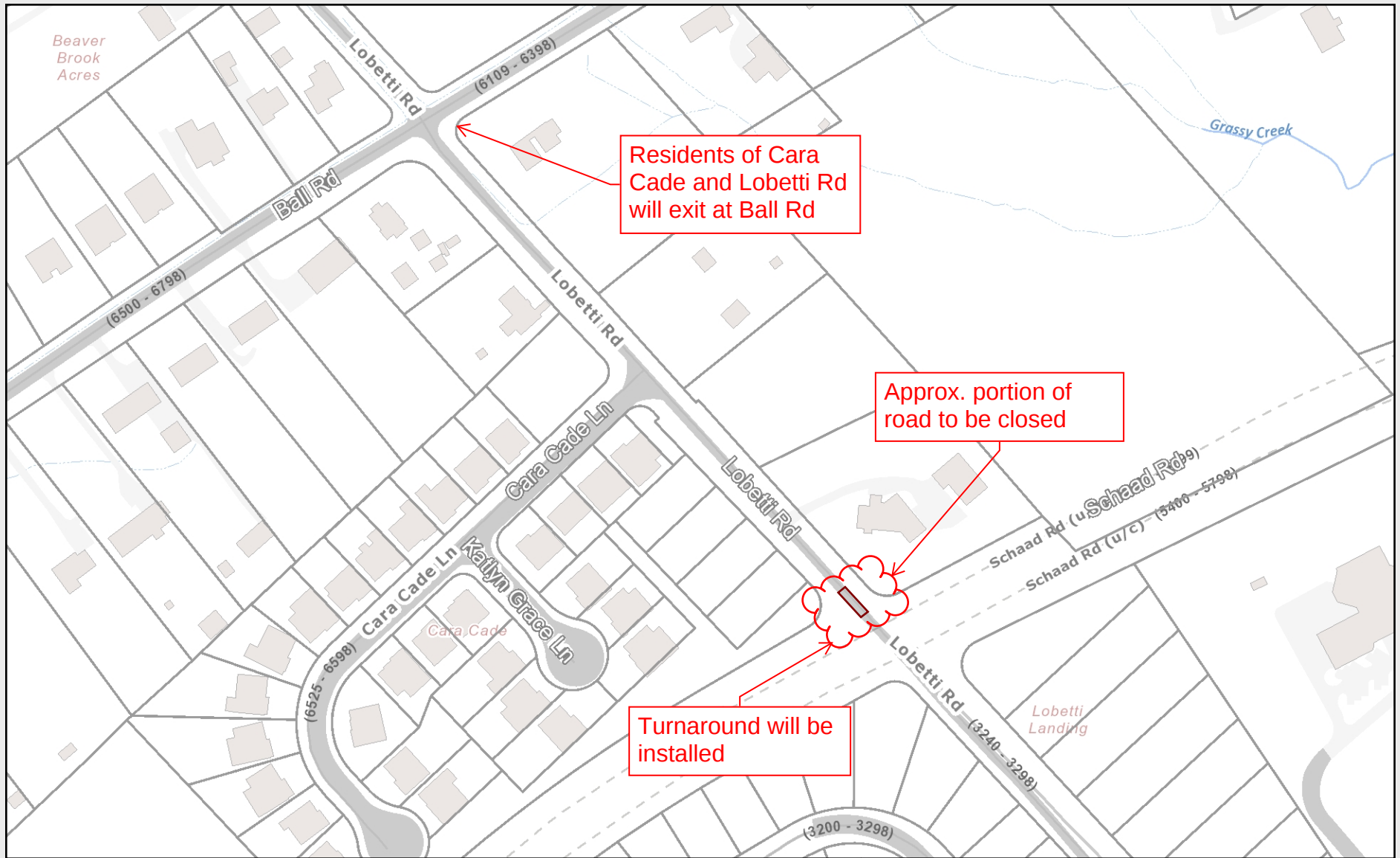
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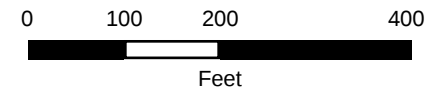
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Road Closure Proposal

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22.

JUNIOR COMMISSION - MOCK MEETING

Meeting Date: 03/02/2026

Requested By: Drucilla Stills, COUNTY COMMISSION

Department: FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Requires Expenditure of Funds: Funded in Current Budget:

Appropriation Required:

CAPTION

Line Item Transfers - Total amount of \$2,104,092.37.

(Finance)

Work Session Recommendation:

Approve

10-0-0-1

Attachments

Line Items

**KNOX COUNTY
BUDGET TRANSFER REQUEST FORM**



Department: Knox County Criminal Court

Date: 6/5/2024

Authorizing Signature: *Mike Hammond*

TRANSFER FROM:			
ORG Code	Object Code	Account Name	Amount
1011520	534800	POSTAGE AND FREIGHT	3,800.00
1011525	542500	FOOD FOR JURORS	1,500.00
1011525	542500	FOOD FOR JURORS	750.00
1011510	530700	COMMUNICATIONS AND IT RELATED	9,250.00
1011525	535155	PARKING	820.00
1011525	535155	PARKING	735.00
1011505	539900	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	3,000.00
1011505	543500	OFFICE SUPPLIES MINOR EQUIPMENT	2,600.00
1011530	530700	COMMUNICATIONS AND IT RELATED	1,200.00
1011525	519900	NON EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION	15,000.00
		TOTAL	\$ 38,655.00

TRANSFER TO:			
ORG Code	Object Code	Account Name	Amount
1011510	534800	POSTAGE AND FREIGHT	3,800.00
1011530	534500	WATER SERVICES	1,500.00
1011525	542200	FOOD	750.00
1011520	533600	EQUIPMENT-RENT/REPAIR/MAINT*	9,250.00
1011510	535155	PARKING	820.00
1011530	535155	PARKING	735.00
1011505	535500	EMPLOYEE TRAVEL EDUCATIONAL TR	3,000.00
1011530	543500	OFFICE SUPPLIES MINOR EQUIPMENT	2,600.00
1011530	533600	EQUIPMENT-RENT/REPAIR/MAINT*	1,200.00
1011520	543500	OFFICE SUPPLIES MINOR EQUIPMENT	15,000.00
		TOTAL	\$ 38,655.00

JUSTIFICATION/EXPLANATION:

Movement from court to court on some line items. Additional supplies needed for increased court volume.

Approved: *[Signature]*

County Mayor

Approved as the
availability of Funds: *[Signature]*

Senior Director of Finance

Approved for Transfer
of Funds: _____

Chairman, County Commission

6/13/24
Date

6/11/24
Date

Date

Authorizing Signature: J. Scott Smith *CSM*

TRANSFER FROM:				TRANSFER TO:			
ORG Code	Object Code	Account Name	Amount	ORG Code	Object Code	Account Name	Amount
1010620	519900	Chancery - Non-Employee Comp	2,500.00	1010620	543500	Chancery - Office Supplies	2,500.00
		TOTAL	\$ 2,500.00			TOTAL	\$ 2,500.00

To transfer budget dollars to office supplies

6/13/24
Date

Date 6/11/24

Date _____

Authorizing Signature:

TRANSFER FROM:				TRANSFER TO:			
ORG Code	Object Code	Account Name	Amount	ORG Code	Object Code	Account Name	Amount
1710275	570600	Park Facility Improvements	350,000.00	1710273	570600	Hardin Valley Comm. Building	401,586.48
1710275	579950	Park Facility Improvements	51,586.48	1710274	579947	Splash Pad - New Harvest Park	450,000.00
1710276	579950	Playgrounds	450,000.00	1710274	579948	Splash Pad - French Memorial Park	93,945.00
1710212	570600	Park Concessions Renovations	93,945.00				
		TOTAL	\$ 945,531.48			TOTAL	\$ 945,531.48

To transfer budget dollars to newly created ORG codes for projects.

Date _____

**KNOX COUNTY
BUDGET TRANSFER REQUEST FORM**



Department: EPW

Date: 6-3-24

Authorizing Signature: [Signature]

TRANSFER FROM:			
ORG Code	Object Code	Account Name	Amount
1710850	579100	Cedar Bluff Flood Mitigation Infrast	7,550.00
1710921	579100	Marietta Church Rndbt Infrastru	18,523.75
1710923	579100	Couch Mill Rndbt Infrastructure	14,970.25
1710925	579100	Bridge Replacement Infrastructure	4,000.00
1711050	579100	Everett/Watt LIC Infrastructure	5,000.00
1711062	579100	Murphy Rd Imprvt Infrastructure	1,017.38
1711100	579100	Canton Hollow Rd Infrastructure	18,247.50
1711185	579100	Pedestrian Imprvmnt Infrastructure	262,349.82
1711345	541650	General Culvert Maint Const/Heavy	7,541.90
1711345	579100	General Culvert Maint Infrastructure	533.05
		TOTAL	\$ 339,733.65

TRANSFER TO:			
ORG Code	Object Code	Account Name	Amount
1710850	539900	Cedar Bluff Flood Mitigation Oth Profess	7,550.00
1710921	539900	Marietta Church Rndbt Oth Profess	18,523.75
1710923	539900	Couch Mill Rndbt Oth Professional	14,970.25
1710925	539900	Bridge Replacement Oth Professlo	4,000.00
1711050	579100	Everett/Watt LIC Oth Professional	5,000.00
1711062	539900	Murphy Rd Imprvt Oth Professional	1,017.38
1711100	539900	Canton Hollow Rd Oth Professional	18,247.50
1711185	530900	Pedestrian Imp Contract w/Other	3,700.00
1711185	539900	Pedestrian Imp Oth Professional	186,785.00
1711185	541650	Pedestrian Imp Construction Heavy	71,864.82
1711345	530900	General Culvert Maint Contract w/Oth	344.00
1711345	539900	General Culvert Maint Oth Profess	7,730.95
		TOTAL	\$ 339,733.65

JUSTIFICATION/EXPLANATION:
Moving funding within same ORGs to cover negatives.

Approved: [Signature]
County Mayor

Approved as the
availability of Funds: [Signature]
Senior Director of Finance

Approved for Transfer
of Funds: _____
Chairman, County Commission

6/4/24
Date

6/4/24
Date

Date

**KNOX COUNTY
BUDGET TRANSFER REQUEST FORM**



Department: EPW

Date: 6-3-24

Authorizing Signature: [Signature]

TRANSFER FROM:			
ORG Code	Object Code	Account Name	Amount
1711365	579100	Schaad Rd Infrastructure	551,955.98
1711460	579100	TDOT Partnerships Infrastructure	90,648.00
1711465	579100	Interagency Partnerships Infrastructure	49,386.80
1711565	579100	Campbell Station Rd Imp Infrastructure	7,724.13
1711581	579100	School Zone Crossing Enh Infrastructure	7,356.72
TOTAL			\$ 707,071.63

TRANSFER TO:			
ORG Code	Object Code	Account Name	Amount
1711365	539900	Schaad Road Other Professional	551,955.98
1711460	533600	TDOT Partnerships Equip/Rent/Repa	90,648.00
1711465	533500	Interagency Ptnshp Serv/Maint	11,258.45
1711465	539900	Interagency Ptnshp Oth Profess	20,236.97
1711465	541650	Interagency Ptnshp Construction Heavy	17,891.38
1711565	539900	Campbell Station Rd Imp Oth Profession	7,724.13
1711581	533600	School Zone Crossing Enh Equip/RentRep	7,356.72
TOTAL			\$ 707,071.63

JUSTIFICATION/EXPLANATION:
Moving funds within same ORG's to cover negatives.

Approved: [Signature]

County Mayor

Approved as the
availability of Funds: [Signature]

Senior Director of Finance

Approved for Transfer
of Funds: _____

Chairman, County Commission

6/4/24
Date

6/4/24
Date

Date

Authorizing Signature: 

TRANSFER TO:			
ORG Code	Object Code	Account Name	Amount
1160310	543100	Tire Transfer Safety & Law Enfor	656.27
1160310	545200	Tire Transfer Utilities & Fuel	239.62
1310425	579100	Subdivision Foreclosures Infrastructure	69,704.72
TOTAL			\$ 70,600.61

Date _____

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23.

JUNIOR COMMISSION - MOCK MEETING

Meeting Date: 03/02/2026

Requested By: Drucilla Stills, COUNTY COMMISSION

Department: FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Requires Expenditure of Funds: Funded in Current Budget:

Appropriation Required:

CAPTION

Budget Amendments - Total credit amount of (\$503,209.48).

(Finance)

Work Session Recommendation:

Approve

10-0-0-1

Attachments

Budget Amendments

ADOPTED BUDGETS FOR 2023-2024 AND REVISIONS

GJ#	PURPOSE	AMOUNT	FUND TOTAL
101 --- ADOPTED BUDGET FOR GENERAL FUND 101			
1-1796	2024 Budget	222,353,020.00	
2-1726	Designations	6,098,755.00	
2-1728	Designations	750,000.00	
1-1794	Reappropriating Encumbrances from FY23	2,502,598.56	
2-1853	Victim Assistance	4,507.33	
5-176	Estimate & Appropriate Theft	200,000.00	
5-1478	Victim Assistance	4,111.28	
6-1583	Victim Assistance	3,272.17	
7-564	Liquidated Finance Contract - Paid Unencumbered	(10,000.00)	
7-880	Liquidated Finance Contract - Paid Unencumbered	(15,794.00)	
7-883	Liquidated Finance Contract - Paid Unencumbered	(58,200.00)	
7-885	Liquidated Finance Contract - Paid Unencumbered	(34,800.00)	
7-885	Liquidated Finance Contract - Paid Unencumbered	(60,750.00)	
7-1471	Estimate & Appropriate Organized Retail Crime	4,920.00	
7-1473	Estimate & Appropriate Organized Retail Crime Evidence	670.00	
7-1583	Liquidated Finance Contract - Paid Unencumbered	60,750.00	
8-567	Liquidated Finance Contract - Paid Unencumbered	(2,521.59)	
8-1696	Victim Assistance	3,533.01	
8-1698	Victim Assistance	4,215.66	
9-984	Liquidated Finance Contract - Paid Unencumbered	(257,561.47)	
9-1840	Victim Assistance	5,832.97	231,556,558.92 *
10-2008	Victim Assistance	4,895.63	
11-1919	Liquidated Finance Contract - Paid Unencumbered	(10,000.00)	
11-1921	Liquidated Finance Contract - Paid Unencumbered	(0.02)	
11-1927	Liquidated Finance Contract - Paid Unencumbered	(137,516.31)	
11-1930	Liquidated Finance Contract - Paid Unencumbered	(365,993.29)	
11-2136	Victim Assistance	5,404.51	(503,209.48)
			231,053,349.44

*County Commission has already approved.

RLA-18237

24.

JUNIOR COMMISSION - MOCK MEETING

Meeting Date: 03/02/2026

Requested By: Drucilla Stills, COUNTY COMMISSION

Department: COUNTY COMMISSION

Requires Expenditure of Funds: Funded in Current Budget:

Appropriation Required:

CAPTION

67 Notary Applications.

Attachments

No file(s) attached.

RLA-18230

R-26-3-107-JC

JUNIOR COMMISSION - MOCK MEETING

Meeting Date: 03/02/2026

Requested By: Drucilla Stills, COUNTY COMMISSION

Department: COUNTY COMMISSION

Requires Expenditure of Funds: Funded in Current Budget:

Appropriation Required:

CAPTION

Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission establishing an automatic approval policy for certain zoning applications.

(Junior Commissioner Bowers)

Attachments

Resolution

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KNOX COUNTY
JUNIOR COMMISSION ESTABLISHING AN
AUTOMATIC APPROVAL POLICY FOR
CERTAIN ZONING APPLICATIONS.**

RESOLUTION: **R-26-3-107-JC**

REQUESTED BY: **JUNIOR COMMISSIONER
BOWERS**

PREPARED BY: **KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR
COMMISSION**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:**_____

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WHEREAS, the Knox County Commission serves as the legislative body with final authority over zoning matters in Knox County; and

WHEREAS, Knox County Planning staff conduct professional review of zoning applications for consistency with the Comprehensive Plan, sector plans, infrastructure capacity, and adopted development policies; and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Planning Commission conducts public hearings and evaluates zoning applications based upon adopted planning principles and long-range growth policy; and

WHEREAS, when both Knox County Planning staff and the Knox County Planning Commission recommend approval of a zoning application, such recommendation reflects professional analysis and policy consistency; and

WHEREAS, providing predictability and consistency in land use decisions promotes economic stability, transparency, and orderly growth within Knox County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Automatic Approval Policy. Any zoning application that receives (a) a recommendation of approval from Knox County Planning staff and (b) a recommendation of approval from the Knox County Planning Commission shall be deemed approved by the Knox County Commission upon placement on the Commission agenda, without further action required.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding Section 1, the Knox County Commission may remove an eligible zoning application from automatic approval upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the full Commission prior to final consideration. Upon such removal, the application shall proceed through the normal deliberative and voting process.

SECTION 3. This policy shall apply to all rezoning requests, planned development amendments, and other zoning map amendments requiring Commission approval, except where prohibited by state law or the Knox County Charter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Presiding Officer of the Junior Commission	Date
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County Clerk	Date
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Approved:	
County Mayor	Date

Vetoed:	
County Mayor	Date

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R-26-3-110-JC

JUNIOR COMMISSION - MOCK MEETING

Meeting Date: 03/02/2026

Requested By: Drucilla Stills, COUNTY COMMISSION

Department: COUNTY COMMISSION

Requires Expenditure of Funds: Funded in Current Budget:

Appropriation Required:

CAPTION

Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission establishing the position of Knox County Commissioner as a full-time office and setting an annual salary.
(*Junior Commissioner Martinez*)

Attachments

Resolution

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KNOX COUNTY
JUNIOR COMMISSION ESTABLISHING
THE POSITION OF KNOX COUNTY
COMMISSIONER AS A FULL-TIME OFFICE
AND SETTING AN ANNUAL SALARY.**

RESOLUTION: **R-26-3-110-JC**

REQUESTED BY: **JUNIOR COMMISSIONER
MARTINEZ**

PREPARED BY: **KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR
COMMISSION**

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WHEREAS, the Knox County Commission serves as the legislative body of Knox County and is responsible for budget adoption, land use decisions, oversight of County departments, appointments to boards and commissions, and policy decisions affecting the residents of Knox County; and

WHEREAS, the duties of a Knox County Commissioner require substantial time commitment, preparation, constituent engagement, and policy oversight; and

WHEREAS, the increasing size, complexity, and responsibilities of Knox County government warrant professional-level time and attention from its legislative body; and

WHEREAS, ensuring adequate compensation promotes accessibility to public service and allows individuals from diverse economic backgrounds to serve effectively; and

WHEREAS, changes to compensation and position structure should not take effect during the current term of office in order to preserve public trust and avoid conflicts of interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

The office of Knox County Commissioner is hereby designated as a full-time position, requiring Commissioners to devote their primary professional efforts to the duties of the office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the annual salary for each Knox County Commissioner is hereby established at Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this designation and compensation structure shall reflect the expectation of regular office hours, expanded constituent services, and enhanced policy engagement consistent with a full-time legislative role.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the provisions of this Resolution shall not take effect until the next Knox County Commission election cycle, and shall apply only to Commissioners elected or re-elected at that time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage by the Knox County Junior Commission, the public welfare requiring it.

Presiding Officer of the Junior Commission	Date
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County Clerk	Date
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Approved: _____

County Mayor	Date
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Vetoed: _____

County Mayor	Date
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R-26-3-112-JC

JUNIOR COMMISSION - MOCK MEETING

Meeting Date: 03/02/2026

Requested By: Drucilla Stills, COUNTY COMMISSION

Department: COUNTY COMMISSION

Requires Expenditure of Funds: Funded in Current Budget:

Appropriation Required:

CAPTION

Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission supporting skilled trades training at the Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center and expungement of prior drug convictions upon completion of training.

(Junior Commissioners Hall and Bradley)

Attachments

Resolution

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KNOX COUNTY
JUNIOR COMMISSION SUPPORTING
SKILLED TRADES TRAINING AT THE
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH URGENT CARE
CENTER AND EXPUNGEMENT OF PRIOR
DRUG CONVICTIONS UPON COMPLETION
OF TRAINING.**

RESOLUTION: R-26-3-112-JC

**REQUESTED BY: JUNIOR COMMISSIONERS
HALL AND BRADLEY**

**PREPARED BY: KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR
COMMISSION**

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WHEREAS, individuals with prior drug convictions often face significant barriers to employment, housing, and full participation in society; and

WHEREAS, access to meaningful job training and skill development is a proven pathway to rehabilitation, economic independence, and reduced recidivism; and

WHEREAS, the Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center in Knox County provides services to individuals struggling with substance use and related mental health challenges; and

WHEREAS, integrating skilled trades training into the services provided at the Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center can equip participants with marketable skills and enhance opportunities for long-term recovery and reintegration; and

WHEREAS, expungement of prior drug convictions upon successful completion of a designated amount of training would remove legal barriers to employment and housing, incentivize participation in rehabilitation programs, and support public safety and community reintegration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knox County Junior Commission supports the establishment of skilled trades training programs at the Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center for individuals with prior drug convictions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that participants who successfully complete the required training shall be eligible to have qualifying prior drug convictions expunged, in accordance with applicable law and procedures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Knox County Junior Commission encourages collaboration between the Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center, local workforce development agencies, educational institutions, and legal authorities to implement this program effectively.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage by the Knox County Junior Commission, the public welfare requiring it.

Presiding Officer of the Junior Commission	Date
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County Clerk	Date
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Approved: _____

County Mayor	Date
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Vetoed: _____

County Mayor	Date
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R-26-3-114-JC

JUNIOR COMMISSION - MOCK MEETING

Meeting Date: 03/02/2026

Requested By: Drucilla Stills, COUNTY COMMISSION

Department: COUNTY COMMISSION

Requires Expenditure of Funds: Funded in Current Budget:

Appropriation Required:

CAPTION

Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission creating a Knox County Healthcare Access Oversight Task Force to ensure a portion of ARPA funds are allocated to bolster Healthcare Access in rural regions.

(Junior Commissioner Casey)

Attachments

Resolution

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KNOX COUNTY
JUNIOR COMMISSION CREATING A
KNOX COUNTY HEALTHCARE ACCESS
OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE TO ENSURE
A PORTION OF ARPA FUNDS ARE
ALLOCATED TO BOLSTER HEALTHCARE
ACCESS IN RURAL REGIONS.**

RESOLUTION: R-26-3-114-JC

**REQUESTED BY: JUNIOR COMMISSIONER
CASEY**

**PREPARED BY: KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR
COMMISSION**

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WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provides federal funding to local governments to support public health, economic recovery, and community resilience; and

WHEREAS, rural regions of Knox County face unique healthcare access challenges, including limited provider availability, transportation barriers, longer emergency response times, and shortages in behavioral and primary care services; and

WHEREAS, improving healthcare access in rural areas promotes public health equity, strengthens families, and supports long-term community stability; and

WHEREAS, strategic oversight of ARPA fund allocation can ensure that investments align with demonstrated community needs and maximize long-term impact; and

WHEREAS, youth engagement in public policy promotes transparency, accountability, and civic responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

BE IT RESOLVED, that there is hereby created a Knox County Healthcare Access Oversight Task Force for the purpose of reviewing and recommending the allocation of a designated portion of ARPA funds to strengthen healthcare access in rural areas of Knox County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall consist of seven (7) members with the following representation:

1. One (1) Junior Commissioner, who shall serve as Chair;
2. One (1) representative from the Knox County Health Department;
3. One (1) rural healthcare provider (such as a physician, nurse practitioner, or clinic administrator);
4. One (1) representative from a behavioral health services organization;
5. One (1) representative from Knox County Engineering and Public Works or Emergency Management;
6. One (1) community representative from a rural region of Knox County; and
7. One (1) representative from a local nonprofit organization focused on healthcare access or public health advocacy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall evaluate data related to healthcare availability, transportation barriers, emergency response capacity, and provider shortages in rural regions, and shall develop recommendations for ARPA-funded initiatives, which may include but are not limited to:

- Expansion of mobile health clinics;
- Telehealth infrastructure improvements;
- Recruitment incentives for rural healthcare providers;
- Behavioral health service expansion; and
- Transportation assistance programs for medical access.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall collaborate with local healthcare providers, public health officials, community organizations, and County leadership to ensure recommendations are evidence-based and responsive to community needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall provide a written report with recommendations to the Knox County Commission and the Knox County Mayor within a reasonable period following its formation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage by the Knox County Junior Commission, the public welfare requiring it.

_____	_____
Presiding Officer of the Junior Commission	Date

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County Clerk	Date

Approved: _____	_____
County Mayor	Date

Vetoed: _____	_____
County Mayor	Date

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R-26-3-123-JC

JUNIOR COMMISSION - MOCK MEETING

Meeting Date: 03/02/2026

Requested By: Drucilla Stills, COUNTY COMMISSION

Department: COUNTY COMMISSION

Requires Expenditure of Funds: Funded in Current Budget:

Appropriation Required:

CAPTION

Consideration of a Resolution of the Knox County Junior Commission supporting the expansion of public transit service into unincorporated areas of Knox County.

(Junior Commissioner Pack)

Attachments

Resolution

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KNOX COUNTY
JUNIOR COMMISSION SUPPORTING THE
EXPANSION OF PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICE
INTO UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF
KNOX COUNTY.**

RESOLUTION: R-26-3-123-JC

**REQUESTED BY: JUNIOR COMMISSIONER
PACK**

**PREPARED BY: KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR
COMMISSION**

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WHEREAS, reliable and accessible public transportation is essential for economic mobility, workforce participation, education access, healthcare access, and overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, many residents living in unincorporated areas of Knox County have limited or no access to fixed-route public transit service; and

WHEREAS, transportation barriers disproportionately impact seniors, students, individuals with disabilities, and working families; and

WHEREAS, expanded transit service can reduce traffic congestion, lower transportation costs for households, decrease emissions, and support regional economic growth; and

WHEREAS, coordinated transportation planning strengthens connections between residential areas, employment centers, schools, healthcare facilities, and commercial corridors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knox County Junior Commission supports the expansion of public transit services into currently underserved and unincorporated areas of Knox County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such expansion may include extended bus routes, new connector routes, park-and-ride facilities, on-demand transit services, and increased service frequency along high-demand corridors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that transit expansion efforts should prioritize areas with demonstrated workforce commuting needs, limited vehicle access, high senior populations, and proximity to schools and healthcare providers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Junior Commission encourages collaboration between Knox County, the City of Knoxville, Knoxville Area Transit (KAT), regional planning organizations, and state transportation officials to identify funding opportunities and implement phased transit improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that public input and community engagement shall be incorporated into planning efforts to ensure expanded transit services meet the needs of County residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage by the Knox County Junior Commission, the public welfare and mobility of Knox County requiring it.

_____	_____
Presiding Officer of the Junior Commission	Date

_____	_____
County Clerk	Date

Approved: _____	_____
County Mayor	Date

Vetoed: _____	_____
County Mayor	Date

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JUNIOR COMMISSION - MOCK MEETING

Meeting Date: 03/02/2026

Requested By: Drucilla Stills, COUNTY COMMISSION

Department: COUNTY COMMISSION

Requires Expenditure of Funds: Funded in Current Budget:

Appropriation Required:

CAPTION

Consideration of an Ordinance of the Knox County Junior Commission expanding the City of Knoxville's Tree Ordinance to apply countywide. **(FIRST READING)**
(Junior Commissioner Partain)

Attachments

Ordinance

ORDINANCE

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE KNOX COUNTY
JUNIOR COMMISSION EXPANDING
THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE'S TREE
ORDINANCE TO APPLY COUNTYWIDE.**

ORDINANCE: O-26-101-JC

**REQUESTED BY: JUNIOR COMMISSIONER
PARTAIN**

**PREPARED BY: KNOX COUNTY LAW
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE**

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WHEREAS, the City of Knoxville has adopted a tree ordinance that protects existing trees, establishes planting and replacement requirements, and promotes sustainable land management practices; and

WHEREAS, the preservation and strategic planting of trees provides significant environmental, aesthetic, and economic benefits, including improved air quality, stormwater management, carbon sequestration, erosion control, and enhanced property values; and

WHEREAS, many areas of Knox County outside the municipal limits of the City of Knoxville do not currently have comparable tree protection or planting requirements; and

WHEREAS, applying the same standards countywide will create consistency, protect natural resources, support public health, and preserve the rural and urban tree canopy; and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Commission has the authority to regulate land use, environmental protection, and tree preservation within unincorporated areas of Knox County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the provisions of the City of Knoxville Tree Ordinance, as currently codified in Chapter 27, Article II of the Knoxville City Code, including but not limited to tree protection, replacement, planting requirements, permitting, and enforcement procedures, are hereby adopted and shall apply throughout all of Knox County, in areas not governed by municipal tree ordinances.

SECTION 2. That all Knox County departments and agencies, including Planning, Engineering, and Public Works, shall implement and enforce the provisions of this countywide tree ordinance in accordance with the rules, procedures, and standards established by the City of Knoxville Tree Ordinance.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance shall take effect on the date of its passage, and all Knox County residents, property owners, and developers shall comply with its provisions thereafter.

Presiding Officer of the Junior Commission Date

County Clerk Date

Approved: _____
County Mayor Date

Vetoed: _____
County Mayor Date

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O-26-102-JC

JUNIOR COMMISSION - MOCK MEETING

Meeting Date: 03/02/2026

Requested By: Drucilla Stills, COUNTY COMMISSION

Department: COUNTY COMMISSION

Requires Expenditure of Funds: Funded in Current Budget:

Appropriation Required:

CAPTION

Consideration of an Ordinance of the Knox County Junior Commission establishing the Bearden Area as a township within Knox County, Tennessee. **(FIRST READING)**
(*Junior Commissioner Cash*)

Attachments

Ordinance
Exhibit A

ORDINANCE

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE KNOX COUNTY
JUNIOR COMMISSION ESTABLISHING
THE BEARDEN AREA AS A TOWNSHIP
WITHIN KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.**

ORDINANCE: O-26-102-JC

**REQUESTED BY: JUNIOR COMMISSIONER
CASH**

**PREPARED BY: KNOX COUNTY LAW
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE**

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WHEREAS, Knox County includes communities with distinct identities and civic needs;

WHEREAS, the Bearden area functions as a cohesive commercial and residential district with shared infrastructure and community interests; and

WHEREAS, establishing a township allows for stronger local coordination and

community engagement while maintaining unified county governance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE KNOX COUNTY JUNIOR COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. CREATION

The Bearden area is hereby established as a township within Knox County, Tennessee, and shall be known as the Bearden Township.

SECTION 2. BOUNDARIES

The boundaries of Bearden Township shall generally include the area:

- North of Kingston Pike;
- South of Interstate 40;
- East of Morrell Road; and
- West of the North Broadway/Weisgarber Road corridor;

as more specifically depicted in the official map attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 3. ATTACHED MAP

An official boundary map labeled “Exhibit A – Bearden Township Boundaries” shall be attached to this Ordinance and maintained as part of the official record. In the event of any discrepancy between the general boundary description and the attached map, the attached map shall control.

SECTION 4. GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

- (a) The Township shall be advised by a five (5) member Board of Trustees appointed by the Knox County Commission.
- (b) Trustees shall serve staggered three-year terms.
- (c) The Board shall advise on planning, zoning, community improvements, economic development initiatives, and civic programming within the Township.

SECTION 5. ADVISORY POWERS AND LIMITATIONS

- (a) Advisory Authority.

The Bearden Township Board of Trustees shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Knox County Commission and relevant County departments. The Board may review, study, and make formal recommendations regarding matters affecting the Township, including but not limited to:

1. Land use planning, zoning requests, and development proposals within Township boundaries;
2. Transportation planning, traffic mitigation, sidewalks, and streetscape improvements;
3. Parks, greenways, and recreational programming within the Township;
4. Community beautification, signage, and design standards;
5. Economic development initiatives and small business engagement;
6. Public safety concerns specific to the Township.

(b) Influence but Not Control.

The Board of Trustees may influence County-level services through formal recommendations and advisory reports; however, final authority over the following services shall remain exclusively with Knox County and/or applicable state agencies:

1. Law enforcement operations and staffing;
2. Fire protection and emergency medical services;
3. Road construction, paving, and maintenance schedules;
4. Taxation and budget appropriations;
5. Utility regulation and infrastructure management;
6. Personnel decisions within County departments.

(c) No Independent Taxing or Regulatory Authority.

The Bearden Township shall not possess independent taxing authority, police power, or regulatory authority separate from Knox County. All ordinances, enforcement actions, and fiscal decisions shall remain under the authority of the Knox County Commission unless otherwise provided by state law.

(d) Coordination Requirement.

County departments shall consider formal recommendations from the Bearden Township Board of Trustees when reasonably practicable; however, such recommendations shall not be binding.

SECTION 6. COORDINATION WITH COUNTY GOVERNMENT

All Township activities shall remain subject to the Knox County Charter, Tennessee law, and applicable county ordinances.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage by the Knox County Junior Commission, the public welfare requiring it.

Presiding Officer of the Junior Commission	Date
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County Clerk **Date**

Approved: _____

County Mayor
Date

Vetoed: _____

County Mayor **Date**

