

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF HAWKINS COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: 12
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: 2

MARK DEWITTE, MAYOR
SYBLE VAUGHAN TRENT (A)
JOHN GIBSON
JEFF BARRETT
TOM KERN

DANNY ALVIS (A)
CHARLES THACKER
JOSH GILLIAM
CHAD BRITTON
GLENDA DAVIS

JASON ROACH
LARRY CLONCE
NANCY BARKER
ROBBIE PALMER
BOBBY JINKS

PUBLIC COMMENTS – ON FILE IN THE COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE

COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

--HAWKINS COUNTY RECOVERY COURT GRADUATES
--HAWKINS COUNTY 4-H EXTENSION AGENT EMILY BARTON
--HAWKINS COUNTY 4-H EXTENSION PROGRAM ASSISTANT JENNIFER LAWSON

OFFICE REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS – (FILED IN THE COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE)

--HAWKINS COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK
--HAWKINS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION QUARTERLY REVENUE EXPENDITURE
REPORT, MATT HIXSON, DIRECTOR – 2024-2025 FOURTH QUARTER
--HAWKINS COUNTY MAYOR'S OFFICE BALANCE SHEETS & SUMMARY FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS ALL FUNDS – JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

HAWKINS COUNTY GOP PRESENTS THE 5TH ANNUAL BBQ & BLUEGRASS TUESDAY, SEPT 22, 2025
AT 6:00 TO BE HELD AT CONLEY FARMS AT BIG CREEK & FREE TO THE PUBLIC

MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2025 COMMISSION MEETING WERE APPROVED – 12 YES, 2 ABSENT
*MOTION BY JOSH GILLIAM, SECOND BY CHARLES THACKER

RESOLUTIONS 2025/09:

2025/09/01 APPOINTMENT OF MARK DEWITTE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HAWKINS COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE BODY

*MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY JOSH GILLIAM

YES: GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, THACKER, GILLIAM, BRITTON,
DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS

ABSENT: TRENT, ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2

2025/09/02 APPOINTMENT OF NANCY BARKER AS CHAIRMAN PRO-TEMPORE OF THE
HAWKINS COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY

*MOTION BY TOM KERN, SECOND BY CHAD BRITTON

YES: GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, THACKER, GILLIAM,
BRITTON, DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, PALMER, JINKS

ABSENT: TRENT, ALVIS

ABSTAIN: BARKER

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 11 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT 2

2025/09/03 APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS TO COMMITTEES FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR

***MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON**

**YES: GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, THACKER, GILLIAM, BRITTON,
DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS**

ABSENT: TRENT, ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2

2025/09/04 APPROVAL OF COMMITTEES FOR HAWKINS COUNTY TN AS PER TCA CODE

***MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND ROBBIE PALMER**

**YES: GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, THACKER, GILLIAM, BRITTON,
DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS**

ABSENT: TRENT, ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2

2025/09/05 APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT IF AWARDED A TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TDOT) GRANT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR A STUDY OF HAWKINS COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE CONDITIONS AND REPAIR/PAVING NEEDS TO BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE FIRST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

***MOTION BY CHARLES THACKER, SECOND BY ROBBIE PALMER**

**YES: GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, THACKER, GILLIAM, BRITTON,
DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS**

ABSENT: TRENT, ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2

2025/09/06 RE-APPOINTMENT OF SUSAN ARMSTRONG TO THE HAWKINS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL BOARD FOR A SIX YEAR TERM BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2031

***MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON**

**YES: GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, THACKER, GILLIAM, BRITTON,
DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS**

ABSENT: TRENT, ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2

2025/09/07 APPROVAL TO ISSUE INTERFUND CAPITAL OUTLAY NOTES

***MOTION BY JOSH GILLIAM, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON**

**YES: GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, THACKER, GILLIAM, BRITTON,
DAVIS, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS**

ABSENT: TRENT, ALVIS

ABSTAIN: ROACH

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 11 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT 2

2025/09/08

BUDGET AMENDMENT- GENERAL FUND

***MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON**

YES: GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, THACKER, GILLIAM, BRITTON,
DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS

ABSENT: TRENT, ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2

2025/09/09

BUDGET AMENDMENT – GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

***MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY ROBBIE PALMER**

YES: GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, THACKER, GILLIAM, BRITTON,
DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS

ABSENT: TRENT, ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2

2025/09/10

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT

***MOTION BY JOSH GILLIAM, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON**

YES: GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, THACKER, GILLIAM,
BRITTON, AVIS, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS

ABSENT: TRENT, ALVIS

ABSTAIN: ROACH

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 11 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT 2

2025/09/11

APPROVAL OF NOTARIES PUBLIC

***MOTION BY JOHN GIBSON, SECOND BY CHAD BRITTON**

YES: GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, THACKER, GILLIAM, BRITTON,
DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS

ABSENT: TRENT, ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR OUT OF ORDER 2025/09/01 & 2025/09/02

***MOTION BY JOHN GIBSON, SECOND BY JOSH GILLIAM**

YES: GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, THACKER, GILLIAM, BRITTON,
DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS

ABSENT: TRENT, ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2

OUT OF ORDER 2025/09/01 – BUDGET AMENDMENT – GENERAL FUND

***MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON**

YES: GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, THACKER, GILLIAM, BRITTON,
DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS

ABSENT: TRENT, ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2

OUT OF ORDER 2025/09/02 – PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF CRYPTOCURRENCY MINING AND DATA CENTER FACILITIES IN HAWKINS COUNTY, TENNESSEE PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED UNDER THE COUNTY POWERS ACT ADOPTED BY THE HAWKINS COUNTY COMMISSION VIA RESOLUTION 2012/08/03

***MOTION BY ROBBIE PALMER, SECOND BY BOBBY JINKS**

YES: GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, THACKER, GILLIAM,
DAVIS, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS

NO: BRITTON, ROACH

ABSENT: TRENT, ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 10 NO 2 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2

MOTION TO ADJOURN – 12 YES

***MOTION BY JOHN GIBSON, NANCY BARKER**

VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2025 COMMISSION MEETING

YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT