MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF HAWKINS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: 13
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: 1

MARK DEWITTE, MAYOR	DANNY ALVIS (A)	JASON ROACH
SYBLE VAUGHAN TRENT	CHARLES THACKER	LARRY CLONCE
JOHN GIBSON	JOSH GILLIAM	NANCY BARKER
JEFF BARRETT	CHAD BRITTON	ROBBIE PALMER
TOM KERN	GLENDA DAVIS	BOBBY JINKS

COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

OFFICE REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS – (FILED IN THE COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE)
-PROPERTY ASSESSOR, MICHAEL GILLESPIE - REMINDED OF COUNTYWIDE REAPPRIASAL YEAR.
-SHERIFF RONNIE LAWSON – JAIL IS TCI CERTIFIED FOR SECOND YEAR IN A ROW
-APPOINTMENT OF CREG JOHNSON APPOINTED TO FILL VACANCY IN THE MOORESBURG UTILITY DISTRICT TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2028
-HAWKINS COUNTY CIRCUIT, GENERAL SESSIONS, AND JUVENILE COURTS ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025
-HAWKINS COUNTY MAYOR'S OFFICE BALANCE SHEETS & SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, ALL FUNDS JULY 1, 2025 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 & OCTOBER 1, 2025 – DECEMBER 31, 2025
-HAWKINS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, QUARTERLY REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT, MATT HIXSON DIRECTOR, 2025-2026 SECOND QUARTER
-FOR INVENTORY CONTROL PURPOSES, A PICKUP TRUCK AND A UTILITY TRUCK HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM THE PARK & REC DEPARTMENT TO THE HAWKINS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
-REPUBLICAN PARTY – UPCOMING EVENTS

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2025, COMMISSION MEETING WERE APPROVED – 13 YES, 1 ABSENT
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY CHAD BRITTON

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION JANUARY 20, 2026, WERE APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE – 13 YES , 1 ABSENT
*MOTION BY JOSH GILLIAM, SECOND BY CHAD BRITTON

PUBLIC COMMENTS – ON FILE IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

RESOLUTIONS 2026/01 & 2026/02

MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION 2026/02/05 TO THE JANUARY AGENDA
**MOTION BY CHARLES THACKER, SECOND TOM KERN*

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

ABSENT: *ALVIS*

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL *YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 1*

2026/02/05 APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HAWKINS COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND EXOTICRIDGE CRYPTO COMPANY LLC ALLOWING CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A PROPOSED CRYPTO MINING OPERATION UNDER REGULATIONS PRESENTED IN THE AGREEMENT
*MOTION BY LARRY CLONCE

MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A SECOND

2026/01/01 APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT OF COUNTY AGRICULTURE EXTENSION COMMITTEE
*MOTION BY GLENDA DAVIS, SECOND BY CHAD BRITTON

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

ABSTAIN: PALMER

ABSENT: ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT 1

2026/01/02 APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AERONAUTICS DIVISION FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SITE PREP OF HANGAR EXPANSION AT HAWKINS COUNTY AIRPORT
*MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON

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

ABSTAIN: TRENT

ABSENT: ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT 1

2026/01/03 APPROVAL FOR HAWKINS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO LEASE A KYOCERA MZ3200i COPIER THROUGH AZOR INC.
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY CHARLES THACKER

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

ABSENT: ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 1

2026/01/04 APPROVAL TO ADOPT THE OFFICIAL IRS STANDARD MILEAGE RATE
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY CHARLES THACKER

MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2026/01/04-CHANGE EFFECTIVE DATE FROM FEBRUARY 1, TO MARCH 1, 2026
**MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON*

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

ABSENT: ALVIS

APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 1

VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2026/01/04 – AS AMENDED

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

ABSENT: ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 1

2026/01/05 APPROVAL TO SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT FROM CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
*MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY GLENDA DAVIS

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

ABSENT: ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 1

2026/01/06 APPROVAL TO SURPLUS SHERIFF'S OFFICE VEHICLE AND DONATE TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF SURGOINSVILLE
*MOTION BY ROBBIE PALMER, SECOND BY SYBLE TRENT

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

ABSTAIN: BRITTON

ABSENT: ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT 1

2026/01/07 BUDGET AMENDMENT – GENERAL FUND
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY JOSH GILLIAM

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

ABSENT: ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 1

2026/01/08 BUDGET AMENDMENT – SOLID WASTE
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY JOSH GILLIAM

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

ABSENT: ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 1

2026/01/09 BUDGET AMENDMENT – HIGHWAY FUND
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY CHARLES THACKER

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

ABSENT: ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 1

2026/01/10 APPROVAL OF NOTARIES PUBLIC
*MOTION BY JOHN GIBSON, SECOND BY JOSH GILLIAM

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

ABSENT: ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 1

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR OUT OF ORDER RESOLUTION 2026/01/01
**MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON*

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

ABSENT: ALVIS

APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 1

***OUT OF ORDER RESOLUTION 2026/01/01** – APPROVAL TO REALLOCATE FUNDS PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED FOR THE GOSHEN VALLEY BRIDGE PROJECT TO COUNTY ROAD REPAIRS BASED ON THE ESTABLISED PRIORITY LIST*
**MOTION BY JOHN GIBSON, SECOND BY CHARLES THACKER*

***MOTION BY AMEND OUT OF ORDER RESOLUTION 2026/01/01** – TO ADD THE WORDS" (AND BRIDGES)" TO EACH PLACE YOU SEE **ROAD REPAIR** IN THE RESOLUTION – SEE ATTACHED AMENDMENT*
**MOTION BY JOHN GIBSON, SECOND BY JASON ROACH*

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

ABSENT: *ALVIS*

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL *YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 1*

VOTE OF OUT OF ORDER RESOLTION 2026/01/01 – AS AMENDED

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

ABSENT: ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 1

RESOLUTIONS 2026/02 – FEBRUARY AGENDA

2026/02/01 AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF ROGERSVILLE, TENNESSEE, FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE WITH MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY SERVICES
**MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY CHAD BRITTON*

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

ABSENT: ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 1

2026/02/02 AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF ROGERSVILLE, TENNESSEE FOR THE SUPPLY OF PREMIXED BRINE
**MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY ROBBIE PALMER*

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

ABSENT: ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 1

2026/02/03 APPROVAL TO SURPLUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT FROM GENERAL SESSIONS
**MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON*

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

ABSENT: ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 1

2026/02/04 **APPROVAL TO SURPLUS TWO (2) SOLID WASTE ROLL-OFF TRASH TRUCKS AND ACCEPT AN AGREEMENT WITH JM WOOD AUCTION COMPANY TO AUCTION SAID TRUCKS WITH PROCEEDS USED TO PURCHASE TWO (2) NEW ROLL-OFF TRUCKS**
***MOTION BY ROBBIE PALMER, SECOND BY CHARLIE THACKER**

MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2026/02/04 - SEE ATTACHED AMENDMENT
****MOTION BY ROBBIE PALMER, SECOND BY JOSH GILLIAM***

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

ABSENT: *ALVIS*

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL *YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 1*

VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2026/02/04 – AS AMENDED

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

ABSENT: ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 1

2026/02/05 **APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HAWKINS COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND EXOTICRIDGE CRYPTO COMPANY LLC ALLOWING CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A PROPOSED CRYPTO MINING OPERATION UNDER REGULATIONS PRESENTED IN THE AGREEMENT**

RESOLUTION 2026/02/05 WAS MOVED TO THE BEGINNING OF THE JANUARY AGENDA
RESOLUTION 2026/02/05 FAILED FOR LACK OF A SECOND

2026/02/06 **BUDGET AMENDMENT – GENERAL FUND**
***MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY CHAD BRITTON**

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

ABSENT: ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 1

2026/02/07 **BUDGET AMENDMENT – GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**
***MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND JOSH GILLIAM**

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

ABSENT: ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 1

2026/02/08 **GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT**
***MOTION BY JOSH GILLIAM, SECOND BY NANCY BARKER**

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

ABSTAIN: ROACH

ABSENT: ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT 1

2026/02/09 SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT
*MOTION BY JOSH GILLIAM, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON

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

ABSTAIN: ROACH

ABSENT: ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT 1

2026/02/10 EDUCATION CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT
*MOTION BY JOSH GILLIAM, SECOND BY LARRY CLONCE

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

ABSTAIN: ROACH

ABSENT: ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT 1

2026/02/11 APPROVAL OF NOTARIES PUBLICS
*MOTION BY JOHN GIBSON, SECOND BY CHAD BRITTON

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

ABSENT: ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 1

MOTION TO ADJOURN – 13 YES
*MOTION BY JOSH GILLIAM, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF COMBINED JANUARY & FEBRUARY COMMISSION MEETING

YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT