

HAWKINS COUNTY COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MINUTES

JUNE 22, 2026 – 5:20PM

ATTENDANCE:

Attorney Trey Bussey – Southern Environmental Law Center

Attorney Jeff Ward – Milligan and Coleman PLLP

Present:

Hawkins County Attorney Allen Coup, Hawkins County Mayor Mark Dewitte,
Commissioners: Tom Kern, Nancy Barker, Robbie Palmer, Glenda Davis, Bobby Jinks, Syble
Vaughan Trent

Absent: Hawkins County Commissioners Danny Alvis, Jeff Barrett, Charlie Thacker, Josh
Gilliam, Jason Roach, Larry Clonce, John Gibson, Chad Britton

Others in Attendance: Hawkins County Finance Director Eric Buchanan, County Clerk
Nancy Davis and Chief Deputy Clerk Cindy Rutledge

Meeting was called to order by Hawkins County Mayor Mark Dewitte at approx. 5:20pm.
Mayor Dewitte introduced Attorney Trey Bussey and Attorney Jeff Ward and turned the
meeting over to them.

Discussion: Attorneys Trey Bussey & Jeff Ward discussed litigation strategy and status of
Lawsuit brought by Exotic Ridge Crypto Mining Company, LLC and reviewed possible
discovery issues. The meeting was not subject to the Tennessee Open Meetings Act. As a
non-public Executive Session, no discussion among the Commission Members was
allowed, no decisions were made and no votes were taken.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:58pm.



Nancy A. Davis

Hawkins County Clerk