



RESOLUTION

No. 2026/08/ 01

To the HONORABLE MARK DEWITTE, Chairman, and Members of the Hawkins County Board of Commission in Regular Session met this 24th day of August 2026

RESOLUTION IN REF: RE-APPOINTMENT OF JEREMY JONES TO THE HAWKINS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL BOARD FOR A SIX-YEAR TERM BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AND ENDING AUGUST 31ST, 2032

WHEREAS, Industrial Board member Jeremy Jones' term ends August 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Industrial Board met on Thursday, July 23rd, 2026, and recommends the re-appointment of Jeremy Jones to the board. Minutes of this meeting are attached. Mr. Jones agreed to remain on the board for another six-year term. Board member Chuck Smith made a motion to reappoint Mr. Jones, which was seconded by board member Bill Lyons, for a six-year term beginning September 1, 2026, and ending August 31, 2032; and

WHEREAS the nominee was voted on and received a unanimous vote from the Hawkins County Industrial Board to be approved to serve another term on the board:

	<u>Term Beginning</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Jeremy Jones	September 1, 2026	August 31, 2032

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawkins County Commission hereby accepts the recommendation and appoints Jeremy Jones to the above term.

Introduced By Esq. NANCY BARKER, Industrial Committee Chair

Seconded By Esq. _____

Date Submitted 8-18-2026

County Clerk _____

ACTION: AYE NAY PASSED

Roll Call _____

Voice Vote _____

Absent _____

COMMITTEE ACTION

By: _____

Chairman _____



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Hawkins County Industrial Development Board

Minutes

July 23, 2026

Members Present:		
☒ Patrick Lund, Chairman	☐ Phil Barrett	☒ Bill Lyons
☒ James Sandlin, Vice Chairman	☒ Glenn Hutchins	☒ Chuck Smith
☒ Jeremy Jones, Sec/Treasurer	☒ Robbie Helton	☒ Kerry Jackson
☐ Orville Armstrong	☐ Paul Key	☒ Charles Johnson
☒ Susan Armstrong	☒ Mike Solomon	
Hawkins County Industrial Board Staff: ☒ Rebecca Baker, Executive Admin. Coordinator, TCEcD		
Media: ☐ John Cate, Rogersville Review ☐ Wade Littleton, Citizens Tribune ☒ Sarah Monoson, Kingsport Times News ☒ Matthew Williams, Hawkins Co. News		
Guests:		
☒ Rebecca Baker, TCEcD	☒ David Linkous, Hawkins County Mayor-Elect	☒ Lucas Singleton, Brand Safway
☒ Jeff Barrett, Dist. 2 Commissioner	☒ Clay Walker, Networks	☒ Lynn Tully, State of TN
☒ Tommy Wilmoth, Hawkins Co Citizen		

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order shortly after noon at the Hawkins County Gas Utility Meeting Room located on 202 Park Blvd in Rogersville, Tennessee by Chairman Patrick Lund. Guests were introduced.

2) Approval of Minutes

Chuck Smith made a motion, second by Mike Solomon, to accept for our records the June 25, 2026, minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3) Treasurer's Report

Robbie Helton made a motion, second by Jeremy Jones, to accept for our records the July 23, 2026, financial report as presented by Rebecca Baker. Motion carried.

4) Committee Reports

✧ NONE

5) Old Business

✧ **Whitehorn Creek Generation Project** – Vice Chairman Jimmy Sandlin reported the commercial operations are underway. Vice Chairman Sandlin stated they are hosting a special dedication ceremony for their newest energy initiative on August 27th.

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✧ **Project Rock** – Clay Walker, Networks, reported Project Rock is in a holding pattern at the moment with the technical testing being done in the Pilot in Norway. September is around the time the Pilot testing should be completed. Mr. Walker is hopeful that the results will be available in early October.

✧ **Project Conductor** - Chairman Patrick Lund reported the work has begun on the expansion of Project Conductor. Chairman Lund also reported they have received all paperwork from the State of Tennessee. Project Conductor should be making an announcement in the near future.

✧ **Project Elixir** – Chairman Patrick Lund reported Rebecca Baker has heard back from Project Elixir. They are still working on the right investor for the \$20M plan. They feel they are close to bringing it all together.

✧ **Project Novo** – Chairman Patrick Lund reported Project Novo is ready to announce. They just need to sign a few documents for the State of Tennessee first. Project Novo is also awaiting documents from Attorney Joel Conkin.

New Business

✧ **Board Member Term Ended** – Chairman Patrick Lund reported Jeremy Jones' board term is ending on August 31, 2026. Mr. Jones has stated he wishes to remain on the board of directors for another six-year term. Chuck Smith made a motion; second by Bill Lyons to recommend Jeremy Jones for a six-term beginning September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2032. Motion carried.

✧ **TCAT** – Charles Johnson, TCAT, reported the expansion is still well underway but has been momentarily delayed due to all the rain. The new truck driving school lot is ready to pave. This coming Fall they are hoping to add an evening truck driving class. Mr. Johnson also reported the nursing program should be running by next summer.

✧ **Surgoinsville Fire Department Training** – Chairman Patrick Lund reported Surgoinsville Fire Department will be having a training hosted by Tenaska. University of Tennessee will be doing the training. It will take place next month.

✧ **State of Tennessee** – Lynn Tully, State of TN, reported the new recruiting activity is very slow. She also stated the GovCon will be held in Chattanooga on October 1 and 2.

✧ **Networks** – Clay Walker, Networks, reported the Miyake building has been submitted on a project. Mr. Walker also reported that they are working on the Red Carpet Event.

There being no further business motion made by Mike Solomon; second by Glenn Hutchins to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.



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Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Jones
Secretary-Treasurer

Approved by the Board of Directors
On September 24, 2026

Patrick Lund
Chairman



RESOLUTION

No. 2026/08/ 02

To the HONORABLE MARK DEWITTE, Chairman, and Members of the Hawkins County Board of Commission in Regular Session met this 24th day of August 2026

RESOLUTION IN REF: APPROVAL TO RELEASE LURA ROAD AS A COUNTY ROAD TO BECOME A PRIVATE DRIVE TO BE MAINTAINED BY SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Lura Road begins at Mooresburg Springs Road and runs .2 miles to the dead end, has a 12 foot surface on a 16' roadbed and no right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, there is only one residence on the road, that of James Whitley; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Whitley has requested that the county commission approve the road be removed from the county road list with the understanding it becomes a private road maintained by himself and no longer maintained by the county; and

WHEREAS, upon passage of this resolution, Lura Road will become a private drive and Hawkins County will be released, relinquished, and discharged from maintaining said road; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that approval be given to release the aforementioned road as a public road and removed from the county road list with notice to be given to Hawkins County E911.

Introduced By Esq. CHARLES THACKER, ROAD COMM. CHAIR

Seconded By Esq. _____

Date Submitted 8-10-2026

County Clerk _____

ACTION: AYE NAY PASSED

Roll Call _____

Voice Vote _____

Absent _____

COMMITTEE ACTION

By: _____

Chairman _____

RESOLUTION

No. 2026/08/ 03

To the HONORABLE MARK DEWITTE, Chairman, and Members of the Hawkins County Board of Commission in Regular Session met this DATE day of MONTH, YEAR.

RESOLUTION IN REF: **SETTING CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES TO BE MET TO NAME A ROAD, BRIDGE, FACILITY, PARK, BUILDING, OR PROPERTY IN HONOR OF A HAWKINS COUNTY CITIZEN**

WHEREAS, the Hawkins County Commission desires to establish and implement standards and procedures concerning the honorary naming of county buildings, facilities, roads, bridges, parks, and other county properties; now

1. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the following regulations be established:

Purpose.

The purpose of this resolution is to develop and implement standards and procedures for establishing official names of county bridges, buildings, roads and parks, as well as honorary street names and the erection of honorary "home of" signs on roads at county boundaries.

Definitions.

- (a) **County building** means a building, including but not limited to, fire stations, police stations, and recreation centers, owned and/or maintained by the county for public purposes.
- (b) An **event** means a time in which the designated person or organization made a significant service contribution to the community.
- (c) **Facility** means a building or structure located on county property, including, but not limited to, libraries, office buildings, utility buildings, recreation centers, community centers, plazas, pathways, sports fields or structures used for specific sports, such as tennis courts, basketball courts, and skate parks.
- (d) **Naming** means the assigning of a permanent name to a county road, bridge, building, park or facility.
- (e) **Organization** means a locally recognized civic organization.
- (f) **Park** means a parcel of land owned and operated by the county for public recreation purposes.

(g) **Resident** means a person who currently resides or owns land within the county, or a business located within the county limits.

Naming of county roads, bridges, buildings, parks, or facilities - Policy.

Generally, and whenever possible, the naming of a county building, park, or facility shall occur before development, and be the product of a public participation process. It is the intent and recommendation of the Hawkins County Roads and Public Building Committees that existing county buildings, parks, and facilities currently named for residents or organizations are not to be renamed.

Requests to Be Made in Writing.

All requests to name a county road, bridge, building, park, or facility, or to erect an honorary sign or "home of" sign shall be made in writing in the form of an application to the Roads or Public Buildings Committees, a copy of which is attached to this resolution.

Application Contents / Criteria to be Considered.

The application shall include the following information:

The name or location of the road, bridge, facility, park, building, or property being requested for honorary designation or to bear an official name; and

The name and contact information of the person, group, or organization seeking to honor a past or current resident, residents, organization, or organizations by naming a county road, bridge, facility, park, building, or other property; and

The name of the person or organization to be honored; and

The historical significance of the person or organization whose name is proposed to be the honorary name for the road, bridge, facility, park, building, or property; and

Such person's or organization's history of contributions to the Hawkins County; or

Such person's or organization's heroic service or personal sacrifice to Hawkins County, State of Tennessee, or United States of America; and

Such person's history of residency in the county, including duration and location of such residence; and

The history of the road, bridge, facility, park, building, or property being requested for distinction, including its current and prior name(s), official and prior honorary.

Evaluation of Application.

- (a) The Hawkins County Roads or Public Buildings Committee shall consider how the requested name, sign and/or location could impact public safety, road and right-of-way maintenance, current sign regulations and any other factors that may negatively affect the public or county. The Committee shall forward the results of its vote to recommend approval or denial of the naming or sign request in the form of a resolution to the County Commission. After a review of all information, the commission shall approve or deny the request by majority vote.
- (b) The Committee review process shall not apply to signs on State highways and under the control of TDOT.

Requests to Be Made Per Year.

No more than one (1) application seeking to honor a specific, named individual or organization per honoree shall be considered each year by the Committee. If an application to honor an individual or organization is submitted and denied, that honoree shall not be considered by the Committee until twelve (12) months following the denial.

Roads and Bridges - Honorary Naming.

The honorary naming of a county road or bridge means the naming of a road or bridge that is already in existence, with the intent to recognize and honor certain individuals or organizations who have made a positive impact upon Hawkins County based upon the aforementioned criteria. The official designated name of the road or bridge on state or local maps would not be changed under this category.

“Home-of” Signs.

- (a) “Home of” Signs are signs which are intended to recognize and honor residents or certain individuals who previously resided in Hawkins County, for their contribution to the county, the State of Tennessee, or the United States of America.
- (b) Upon approval of the application, “home of” signs shall be erected at the major entrances to the county.
- (c) “Home of” signs shall be for a temporary basis.

Cost of an Honorary Sign or "Home of" Sign.

The Hawkins County Highway Department shall absorb the costs for making and installing the "home of" and honorary signs.

Duration for Home of and Honorary Signs to be in place.

The Hawkins County Mayor shall have the discretion to remove any "home of" signs or honorary signs, upon approval by the Roads or Buildings Committee.

Design and Placement of Honorary and "Home of" Signs

The design and placement of honorary and "Home Of" signs shall be at the discretion of the Hawkins County Highway Department.

Introduced By Esq. ~~SPONSOR~~ Charles Thacker

Seconded By Esq. _____

Date Submitted 8-10-2026

Monica H. Davis
County Clerk

ACTION: AYE NAY PASSED

Roll Call _____

Voice Vote _____

Absent _____

COMMITTEE ACTION

By: _____

Chairman _____



APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC PROPERTY DESIGNATION

Road, Bridge, Facility, Park, Building or Property

APPLICANT INFORMATION for the person, group, or organization seeking to honor a past or current resident, residents, organization, or organizations by naming a county road, bridge, facility, park, building, or other property:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

NAME AND LOCATION of road, bridge, facility, park, building, or property being requested for honorary designation or to bear an official name:

NAME: _____

LOCATION: _____

PERSON OR ORGANIZATION TO BE HONORED:

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE of the person or organization whose name is proposed to be the honorary name for the road, bridge, facility, park, building or property:

PERSON'S OR ORGANIZATION'S CONTRIBUTIONS to Hawkins County:

OR

PERSON'S OR ORGANIZATION'S HEROIC SERVICE OR PERSONAL SACRIFICE to Hawkins County, the State of Tennessee, or the United States of America:

If no contribution, heroic service, or personal sacrifice is listed, the application will not be considered.

PERSON'S HISTORY OF RESIDENCY in Hawkins County:

LOCATION OF RESIDENCE: _____

HOW LONG: _____

HISTORY OF ROAD, BRIDGE, FACILITY, PARK, BUILDING, OR PROPERTY being requested for distinction:

CURRENT OFFICIAL NAME: _____

PRIOR OFFICIAL NAME(S): _____

PRIOR HONORARY NAME(S): _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

Applicant

Date

Commissioner, if other than applicant

Date

CONSIDERED BY ROADS OR BUILDINGS COMMITTEE, AS APPROPRIATE:

DATE APPROVED: _____

Signature of Roads Committee Chair

DATE DENIED: _____

Signature of Roads Committee Chair

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I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE THAT THE FOLLOWING WERE ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF NOTARY PUBLIC DURING THE AUGUST 24, 2026 MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY:

[illegible]

Signature

(Seal)

Clerk of the County of Hawkins, Tennessee

Date _____