

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF HAWKINS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 27, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: 12
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: 2

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

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

JASON ROACH
LARRY CLONCE
NANCY BARKER (A)
ROBBIE PALMER
BOBBY JINKS

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

COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS - NONE

OFFICE REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS – (FILED IN THE COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE)
--SEE ATTACHED LIST

MINUTES OF JUNE REGULAR & EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES WERE APPROVED – 12 YES, 2 ABSENT
*MOTION BY JOSH GILLIAM, SECOND BY ROBBIE PALMER

RESOLUTIONS 2026/07:

2026/07/01 APPROVAL TO RELEASE AND REASSIGN LEASE OF HAWKINS COUNTY AIRPORT (RVN) HANGER NUMBER ONE FROM MARK FINLEY, D.B.A. FINLEY AVIATION, TO JEFF CATTRELL FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE LEASE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 20, 2027
*MOTION BY JOSH GILLIAM, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON

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

NO: BARRETT

ABSENT: ALVIS, BARKER

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

2026/07/02 AUTHORIZING HAWKINS COUNTY TO ACCEPT A RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION FUND AMBULANCE GRANT IN THE REIMBURSABLE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$305,461.00 (THREE HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE DOLLARS) WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN AMBULANCE AND LIFT
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY ROBBIE PALMER

MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2026/07/02 – 3RD PAPRAGRAPH, LAST SENTENCE TO ADD “HAWKINS COUNTY WILL ENTER A BAILMENT AGREEMENT WITH HAWKINS COUNTY EMS, WHICH ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY INCLUDING INSURANCE AND MAINTENANCE”
MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY CHARLIE THACKER

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

ABSENT: ALVIS, BARKER

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

VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2026/07/02 – AS AMENDED

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

ABSENT: ALVIS, BARKER

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

2026/07/03 APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF HAWKINS COUNTY AIRPORT HANGAR 16 LEASE TO CHARLES WINDHAM FOR A 30-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 28, 2026, AND ENDING ON MARCH 31, 2029
*MOTION BY JOSH GILLIAM, SECOND BY CHAD BRITTON

MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2026/07/03 – CHANGE LEASE AGREEMENT PERIOD TO 12 MONTHS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 28, 2026 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027

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

ABSENT: ALVIS, BARKER

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

VOTE OF RESOLUTION 2026/07/03 – AS AMENDED

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

ABSENT: ALVIS, BARKER

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

2026/07/04 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN ETSU AND HAWKINS COUNTY FOR FORENSIC SERVICES
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY CHAD BRITTON

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

ABSENT: ALVIS, BARKER

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

2026/07/05 APPROVAL TO SURPLUS TWO GM BUSES, LOCATED AT THE HAWKINS COUNTY RECYCLING CENTER, FORMERLY USED BY THE HAWKINS COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
MOTION BY ROBBIE PALMER, SECOND BY GLENDA DAVIS

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

ABSENT: ALVIS, BARKER

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

2026/07/06 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO NON-PROFIT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS OF HAWKINS COUNTY, TENNESSEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY JOSH GILLIAM

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

NO: THACKER

ABSTAIN: BARRETT

ABSENT: ALVIS, BARKER

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 10 NO 1 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT 2

2026/07/07 APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 2026 - 2027 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

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

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

NO: BARRETT, THACKER

ABSENT: ALVIS, BARKER

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

2026/07/08 FIXING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR

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

MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2026/07/08 - TO ACCEPT THE CERTIFIED TAX RATE AT 1.6134 & REALLOCATE:

- ***½ PENNY FROM GENERAL DEBT SERVICE TO GENERAL FUND***
- ***1.5 PENNIES FROM EDUCATION DEBT SERVICE TO GENERAL FUND FOR A TOTAL OF 2 PENNIES***

YES: TRENT, GIBSON, THACKER, GILLIAM,
BRITTON, DAVIS, PALMER, JINKS

NO: KERN, BARRETT, ROACH, CLONCE

ABSENT: ALVIS, BARKER

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 8 NO 4 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2

VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2026/07/08 – AS AMENDED

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

NO: TRENT, KERN, CLONCE

ABSENT: ALVIS, BARKER

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 9 NO 3 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2

2026/07/09 TO PROHIBIT THE ESTABLISHMENT, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, EXPANSION, AND OPERATION OF CRYPTOCURRENCY MINING FACILITIES AND DATA CENTER FACILITIES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF HAWKINS COUNTY, TENNESSEE, PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY EXERCISED UNDER THE COUNTY POWERS ACT AND RESOLUTION 2012/08/03

***MOTION BY ROBBIE PALMER, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON**

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

ABSENT: ALVIS, BARKER

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

2026/07/10 APPROVAL OF NOTARIES PUBLIC

***MOTION BY JOHN GIBSON, SECOND BY GLENDA DAVIS**

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

ABSENT: ALVIS, BARKER

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

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULE FOR OUT OF ORDER RESOLUTION 2026/07/01

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

ABSENT: ALVIS, BARKER

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

OUT OF ORDER RESOLUTION 2026/07/01 – APPROVAL TO SURPLUS A STRUCTURE ON THE LAND
HAWKINS COUNTY PURCHASED ON EAST MAIN STREET

*MOTION BY ROBBIE PALMER, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON

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

ABSENT: ALVIS, BARKER

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN – 12 YES

*MOTION BY JOSH GILLIAM, SECOND BY ROBBIE PALMER

VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 2026 COMMISSION MEETING

YES

NO

ABSTAIN

ABSENT