

**June 23, 2025 - BE IT REMEMBERED**, that the Hartsville/Trousdale County Commission met pursuant to adjournment with the Honorable Lonnie Taylor, Commission Chairman presiding and the following commissioners present to wit: Beverly Atwood, Tommy Belcher, Linda Bruce, Shane Burton, Brian Crook, Will Dennis, Jerry Ford, Chris Gregory, Jeff Gregory, Landon Gulley, Judy Kerr, David Nollner, Lesley Overman, Mark Presley, Amber Russell, and Steve Whittaker.

1. **Open Court** - Sheriff Ray Russell
2. **Invocation** - Tommy Belcher
3. **Pledge to the American Flag** - Beverly Atwood
4. **Roll Call** - Rita Crowder, County Clerk - **17 PRESENT, 3 ABSENT**
5. **Approval of Minutes**  
Motion to approve these minutes as presented.  
Motion by Jerry Ford, Second by Beverly Atwood  
**VOICE VOTE** **MOTION CARRIED**
6. **Announcements** - No announcements.
7. **Set the Agenda**  
Budget Ordinances will not be added on this agenda. We will discuss the upcoming budget on Item F. after Item E. Notaries.
8. **Citizens' Response to Agenda Items**  
Melissa Schelah and Tim Leeper signed in to speak under Public Comment concerning Core Civic.
9. **County Mayor Report** - Jack McCall
  - Survey on the Ward School is probably a week away.
  - Work on the curbs have begun. They've started at the curb on River Street and East Main in front of Hartsville Taco.
  - 141 Project is on track. Currently working on the bridge pylons.
  - Lots of misinformation is being spread on Facebook and other forms of Social Media. Mayor McCall cautioned commissioners and any others using the words fraud or corruption without facts to back it up, speak more to the person saying it than the person or persons they are aimed at. Be very careful when accusing someone of fraud or corruption without the actual facts.
10. **Committee/Board Reports**
  - A. Budget & Finance - June 16
    - Budget Hearings June 3, 10
  - B. Codes & Zoning - June 12
  - C. First Responders - June 23
  - D. Other Reports
11. **Active Business**
  - A. **Appointments**
    - 1) **Library Board**
      - Judy Baker - reappointment, 3-year term
      - Kathy Robertson - reappointment, 3-year term
    - 2) **Planning Commission**
      - David Thomas - reappointment, 4-year term
      - Amanda Carman - reappointment, 4-yr term
      - Heather Bay - reappointment, 4-yr term
      - Mitch Gregory - reappointment, 4-yr term

Motion this court approve these appointments.  
Motion by Chris Gregory, Second by David Nollner  
**VOICE VOTE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**B. Resolutions**

- 1) **Resolution 2025-06-824** Per Diem Increase for Volunteer Units  
Motion this court approve this Resolution.

Motion by Brian Crook, Second by Beverly Atwood  
**ELECTRONIC VOTE - 15 YES, 2 NO, 3 ABSENT**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- 2) **Resolution 2025-07-825** County Road List  
Motion this court approve this Resolution.

Motion by Landon Gulley, Second by Chris Gregory  
**ELECTRONIC VOTE - 17 YES, 0 NO, 3 ABSENT**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- 3) **Resolution 2025-08-826** Continue Budget Operations  
Motion this court approve this Resolution.

Motion by Chris Gregory, Second by Amber Russell  
**ELECTRONIC VOTE - 17 YES, 0 NO, 3 ABSENT**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**C. Ordinances**

**FIRST READING**

- 1) **Ordinance 321-2025-08** Rezoning A1 to C1 Hwy 25 E  
Motion this court approve this Ord.- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Motion by Chris Gregory, Second by Lesley Overman  
**ELECTRONIC VOTE - 6 YES, 9 NO, 2 ABSTAINED, 3 ABSENT**

**MOTION FAILED**

- 2) **Ordinance 322-2025-09** Rezoning A1 to R1 Hwy 141 N  
Motion this court approve this Ord. - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Motion by Jeff Gregory, Second by Jerry Ford  
**ELECTRONIC VOTE - 17 YES, 0 NO, 3 ABSENT**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- 3) **Ordinance 323-2025-10** Rezoning R1 to C2 E McMurry Blvd.  
Motion this court approve this Ord. - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Motion by Chris Gregory, Second by Landon Gulley  
**ELECTRONIC VOTE - 0 YES, 15 NO, 2 ABSTAINED, 3 ABSENT**

**MOTION FAILED**

- 4) **Ordinance 324-2025-11** Rezoning R2 to R3 Morrison Street  
Motion this court approve this Ord. - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Motion by Landon Gulley, Second by Amber Russell  
**ELECTRONIC VOTE - 4 YES, 12 NO, 1 ABSTAINED, 3 ABSENT**

**MOTION FAILED**

- 5) **Ordinance 325-2025-12** Rezoning A1 to R1 Walnut Grove  
Motion this court approve this Ord. - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Motion by Landon Gulley, Second by Brian Crook  
**ELECTRONIC VOTE - 12 YES, 5, NO, 3 ABSENT**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**D. Budget Amendments**

**FUND 101 - GENERAL SERVICES**

101-24	End of year clean-up	\$	9,964
101-25	Grants: Enbridge - Fire	\$	11,800

<b>FUND 111 - URBAN SERVICES</b>		
111-05	End of Year clean up	\$ 750
<b>FUND 116 - SOLID WASTE SERVICES</b>		
116-02	End of year clean up	\$ 5,275
<b>FUND 118 - AMBULANCE SERVICES</b>		
118-02	End of year clean up	\$ 7,000
<b>FUND 131 - HIGHWAY</b>		
131-03	Appropriate Revenue & End of Year Clean Up	\$ 31,568
<b>FUND 151- DEBT SERVICES</b>		
151-01	End of year Clean up	\$ 2,000
<b>FUND 141 - GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOLS</b>		
141-15	Credit Recovery Staff	\$ 2,877
141-16	Summer Learning Camp	\$ 182,050.07
141-17	TISA: ACT Payment	\$ 17,000
141-18	TISA: Special Education Tuition	\$ 10,375

Motion this court take and approve all Budget Amendments.

Motion by Chris Gregory, Second by Steve Whittaker

**ELECTRONIC VOTE - 17 YES, 0 NO, 3 ABSENT**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**E. Public Notary Applications Approval**

Dustin Dillehay - First National Bank

Theresa Creasy - T.C.A.T.

Amber Russell - Trees to Treasures

Motion this court approve these Notary applications.

Motion by Jerry Ford, Second by Jeff Gregory

**VOICE VOTE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**F. FY2026 BUDGET DISCUSSION**

There will be a called meeting on June 30th to consider the FY2026 Budget Ordinances. The meeting will be at 7:00 pm at the courthouse. Due to there being a few discrepancies, we would like for all of the commissioners to have time to review the budget with the corrections and see if there is anything else that might need to be corrected before we vote on it.

Budget and Finance Committee Chairman Landon Gulley addressed the commission and explained the task they were given. This committee has spent over 15 hours in meetings trying to compose a budget with the least amount of property tax increase. Their first priority was to go through and make as many cuts to the budget as possible with no pay increases. Once that was complete, they looked at raises and what every dept. was making. Our Sheriff's Dept. is quite a bit behind adjacent counties when it comes to pay. Our deputies make below \$55,000 per year, while our lowest paid EMT will make at least \$66,000. Raises are needed but we all know that the cost of living has increased. He doesn't feel like we can add anything else and still present a balanced budget. We are required to balance our revenues at 92% and our expenditures at 100%. They have worked extremely hard to present a balanced budget with only a 10 cent tax increase. If there is anything else that someone wants to add, remember that every \$36,000 adds a penny to the tax rate.

**12. Other Business**

Commission Chairman Lonnie Taylor offered his comments and commended the Budget & Finance Committee on all of the time and effort they have put forth to present this budget. They have spent many hours away from their families to work on this budget. It's not the goal of the committee, nor the commission to cut anyone's pay.

13. **Public Comment**

Melissa Schelah, a resident in close proximity to the prison, spoke to the commission with her concerns about safety during the riot on June 8th. She was also upset that they did not receive any notification that this was going on. Mrs. Schelah stated that she no longer feels safe and supports Dist. Attorney Lawson's idea of closing it down.

Mr. Tim Leeper, whose son died @ Trousdale Turner, addressed the committee concerning the prison as well. He has made it his mission to advocate for prison reform. He asked that the commission consider the damage this prison does to our community and keep that in mind when negotiating or renewing another contract with Trousdale Turner

14. **Adjourn**

Motion this court adjourn.

Motion by Landon Gulley, Second by Jerry Ford

**VOICE VOTE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

## Meeting details

Date	Start	End	Recording	Room name
06/23/2025	7:00 PM	8:07 PM	No	unicos_cu

## COMMISSION MEMBERS

Beverly	Atwood	District 10
Tommy	Belcher	District 10
Linda	Bruce	District 3
Shane	Burton	District 2
Alan	Carman	District 6
Brian	Crook	District 8
Will	Dennis	District 5
Jerry	Ford	District 3
Chris	Gregory	District 7
Jeff	Gregory	District 9
T Bubba	Gregory	District 4
Landon	Gulley	District 2
Judy	Kerr	District 7
David	Nollner	District 1
Lesley	Overman	District 5
Mark	Presley	District 1
Amber	Russell	District 6
Lonnie	Taylor	District 4
David	Thomas	District 9
Steve	Whittaker	District 8



















## Electronic Voting

Voting question	Start	End	Results
<b>ROLL CALL</b>	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	PRESENT <b>17</b> ABSENT <b>3</b>

Name	Vote
Beverly Atwood	Yes ●
Tommy Belcher	Yes ●
Linda Bruce	Yes ●
Shane Burton	Yes ●
Alan Carman	Absent
Brian Crook	Yes ●
Will Dennis	Yes ●
Jerry Ford	Yes ●
Chris Gregory	Yes ●
Jeff Gregory	Yes ●
T Bubba Gregory	Absent
Landon Gulley	Yes ●
Judy Kerr	Yes ●
David Nollner	Yes ●
Lesley Overman	Yes ●
Mark Presley	Yes ●
Amber Russell	Yes ●
Lonnie Taylor	Yes ●
David Thomas	Absent
Steve Whittaker	Yes ●

	Start	End	Results
Voting question			Yes <b>12</b>
<b>SET THE AGENDA</b>	7:04 PM	7:04 PM	Abstain <b>2</b>
			No <b>3</b>

Name	Vote
Beverly Atwood	Abstain 
Tommy Belcher	Yes 
Linda Bruce	Yes 
Shane Burton	No 
Alan Carman	Absent
Brian Crook	Yes 
Will Dennis	Yes 
Jerry Ford	Yes 
Chris Gregory	No 
Jeff Gregory	Yes 
T Bubba Gregory	Absent
Landon Gulley	No 
Judy Kerr	Yes 
David Nollner	Yes 
Lesley Overman	Yes 
Mark Presley	Abstain 
Amber Russell	Yes 
Lonnie Taylor	Yes 
David Thomas	Absent
Steve Whittaker	Yes 

	Start	End	Results
Voting question			Yes <b>15</b>
<b>RES 2025-06-824 VOLUNTEER PER DIEM</b>	7:14 PM	7:14 PM	Abstain <b>0</b>
			No <b>2</b>




Name	Vote
Beverly Atwood	Yes ●
Tommy Belcher	Yes ●
Linda Bruce	Yes ●
Shane Burton	Yes ●
Alan Carman	Absent
Brian Crook	Yes ●
Will Dennis	Yes ●
Jerry Ford	No ●
Chris Gregory	Yes ●
Jeff Gregory	Yes ●
T Bubba Gregory	Absent
Landon Gulley	Yes ●
Judy Kerr	Yes ●
David Nollner	No ●
Lesley Overman	Yes ●
Mark Presley	Yes ●
Amber Russell	Yes ●
Lonnie Taylor	Yes ●
David Thomas	Absent
Steve Whittaker	Yes ●

	Start	End	Results
Voting question			Yes <b>17</b>
<b>RES 2025-07-825 COUNTY ROADS 2025</b>	7:15 PM	7:15 PM	Abstain <b>0</b>
			No <b>0</b>

Name	Vote
Beverly Atwood	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/>
Tommy Belcher	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/>
Linda Bruce	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/>
Shane Burton	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/>
Alan Carman	Absent
Brian Crook	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/>
Will Dennis	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/>
Jerry Ford	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/>
Chris Gregory	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/>
Jeff Gregory	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/>
T Bubba Gregory	Absent
Landon Gulley	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/>
Judy Kerr	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/>
David Nollner	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/>
Lesley Overman	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/>
Mark Presley	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/>
Amber Russell	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/>
Lonnie Taylor	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/>
David Thomas	Absent
Steve Whittaker	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/>

	Start	End	Results
Voting question			Yes <b>17</b>
<b>RES 2025-08-826 CONTINUING BUDGET OPERATIONS</b>	7:16 PM	7:16 PM	Abstain <b>0</b>
			No <b>0</b>

Name	Vote
Beverly Atwood	Yes ●
Tommy Belcher	Yes ●
Linda Bruce	Yes ●
Shane Burton	Yes ●
Alan Carman	Absent
Brian Crook	Yes ●
Will Dennis	Yes ●
Jerry Ford	Yes ●
Chris Gregory	Yes ●
Jeff Gregory	Yes ●
T Bubba Gregory	Absent
Landon Gulley	Yes ●
Judy Kerr	Yes ●
David Nollner	Yes ●
Lesley Overman	Yes ●
Mark Presley	Yes ●
Amber Russell	Yes ●
Lonnie Taylor	Yes ●
David Thomas	Absent
Steve Whittaker	Yes ●

	Start	End	Results
Voting question			Yes 
<b>ORD 321-2025-08 1R   REZONE A1 TO C1 HWY 25</b>	7:22 PM	7:22 PM	Abstain 
			No 




Name	Vote
Beverly Atwood	No 
Tommy Belcher	Yes 
Linda Bruce	No 
Shane Burton	No 
Alan Carman	Absent
Brian Crook	Yes 
Will Dennis	No 
Jerry Ford	Yes 
Chris Gregory	Yes 
Jeff Gregory	No 
T Bubba Gregory	Absent
Landon Gulley	No 
Judy Kerr	Yes 
David Nollner	Abstain 
Lesley Overman	No 
Mark Presley	No 
Amber Russell	No 
Lonnie Taylor	Yes 
David Thomas	Absent
Steve Whittaker	Abstain 

	Start	End	Results
Voting question			Yes <b>17</b>
<b>ORD 322-2025-09 1R   REZONE A1 TO R1 HWY 141N</b>	7:27 PM	7:27 PM	Abstain <b>0</b>
			No <b>0</b>

Name	Vote
Beverly Atwood	Yes ●
Tommy Belcher	Yes ●
Linda Bruce	Yes ●
Shane Burton	Yes ●
Alan Carman	Absent
Brian Crook	Yes ●
Will Dennis	Yes ●
Jerry Ford	Yes ●
Chris Gregory	Yes ●
Jeff Gregory	Yes ●
T Bubba Gregory	Absent
Landon Gulley	Yes ●
Judy Kerr	Yes ●
David Nollner	Yes ●
Lesley Overman	Yes ●
Mark Presley	Yes ●
Amber Russell	Yes ●
Lonnie Taylor	Yes ●
David Thomas	Absent
Steve Whittaker	Yes ●

	Start	End	Results
Voting question			Yes <b>0</b>
<b>ORD 323-2025-10 1R   REZONE R1 TO C2 MCMURRY</b>	7:31 PM	7:31 PM	Abstain <b>2</b>
			No <b>15</b>

Name	Vote
Beverly Atwood	No 
Tommy Belcher	No 
Linda Bruce	Abstain 
Shane Burton	No 
Alan Carman	Absent
Brian Crook	No 
Will Dennis	No 
Jerry Ford	No 
Chris Gregory	No 
Jeff Gregory	No 
T Bubba Gregory	Absent
Landon Gulley	No 
Judy Kerr	No 
David Nollner	No 
Lesley Overman	No 
Mark Presley	No 
Amber Russell	No 
Lonnie Taylor	No 
David Thomas	Absent
Steve Whittaker	Abstain 

	Start	End	Results
Voting question			Yes 
<b>ORD 324-2025-11 1R   REZONE R2 TO R3 MORRISON</b>	7:37 PM	7:37 PM	Abstain 
			No 

Name	Vote
Beverly Atwood	No 
Tommy Belcher	No 
Linda Bruce	No 
Shane Burton	No 
Alan Carman	Absent
Brian Crook	No 
Will Dennis	No 
Jerry Ford	Yes 
Chris Gregory	No 
Jeff Gregory	Yes 
T Bubba Gregory	Absent
Landon Gulley	Yes 
Judy Kerr	No 
David Nollner	No 
Lesley Overman	No 
Mark Presley	No 
Amber Russell	No 
Lonnie Taylor	Yes 
David Thomas	Absent
Steve Whittaker	Abstain 

	Start	End	Results
Voting question			Yes <b>12</b>
<b>ORD 325-2025-12 1R   REZONE A1 TO R1 WALNUT GROVE</b>	7:41 PM	7:41 PM	Abstain <b>0</b> No <b>5</b>

Name	Vote
Beverly Atwood	No ●
Tommy Belcher	Yes ●
Linda Bruce	Yes ●
Shane Burton	No ●
Alan Carman	Absent
Brian Crook	Yes ●
Will Dennis	No ●
Jerry Ford	Yes ●
Chris Gregory	No ●
Jeff Gregory	Yes ●
T Bubba Gregory	Absent
Landon Gulley	Yes ●
Judy Kerr	Yes ●
David Nollner	Yes ●
Lesley Overman	No ●
Mark Presley	Yes ●
Amber Russell	Yes ●
Lonnie Taylor	Yes ●
David Thomas	Absent
Steve Whittaker	Yes ●

	Start	End	Results
Voting question			Yes <b>17</b>
<b>BUDGET AMENDMENTS AS PRESENTED   ALL FUNDS</b>	7:42 PM	7:42 PM	Abstain <b>0</b>
			No <b>0</b>

Name	Vote
Beverly Atwood	Yes ●
Tommy Belcher	Yes ●
Linda Bruce	Yes ●
Shane Burton	Yes ●
Alan Carman	Absent
Brian Crook	Yes ●
Will Dennis	Yes ●
Jerry Ford	Yes ●
Chris Gregory	Yes ●
Jeff Gregory	Yes ●
T Bubba Gregory	Absent
Landon Gulley	Yes ●
Judy Kerr	Yes ●
David Nollner	Yes ●
Lesley Overman	Yes ●
Mark Presley	Yes ●
Amber Russell	Yes ●
Lonnie Taylor	Yes ●
David Thomas	Absent
Steve Whittaker	Yes ●