

**JUNE 30, 2025 - BE IT REMEMBERED**, that the Hartsville/Trousdale County Commission met in a Special Called Meeting 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, T. "Bubba" Gregory, Landon Gulley, David Nollner, Lesley Overman, Mark Presley, Amber Russell, and Steve Whittaker.

1. **Open Court** - Chief Wayland Cothron
2. **Invocation** - Mark Presley
3. **Pledge to the American Flag** - David Nollner
4. **Roll Call** - Rita Crowder, County Clerk - 17 PRESENT, 3 ABSENT
5. **FY2026 BUDGET ORDINANCES**  
County Attorney, Brandon Bellar read aloud TCA Code 5-5112 that talks about conflicts of interest when voting. To summarize, you are allowed to vote as long as you disclose your conflict before doing so.

The following commissioners read aloud their conflict of interest statement: Lesley Overman, Brian Crook, Shane Burton, Mark Presley, Landon Gulley, and T. "Bubba" Gregory.

**FIRST READING**

- A. **Ordinance 325-2025-13** General Services Appropriations FY2026  
Chris Gregory made a motion to amend this Ord. to take 1/2 of the extra \$64,000 that was being given to the school system for coaches' supplements and give to EMS for salary raises.  
Motion by Chris Gregory, Second by Amber Russell  
**ELECTRONIC VOTE - 7 YES, 10 NO, 3 ABSENT** **MOTION FAILED**
- Motion was then made to approve **Ordinance 325-2025-13** as presented.  
Motion by Beverly Atwood, Second by Lesley Overman  
**ROLL CALL/ELECTRONIC VOTE - 6 YES, 11 NO, 3 ABSEN** **MOTION FAILED**
- Chairman Taylor opened the floor for a proposed amendment that would allow us to approve this Ord., 1st reading.  
Comm. Gulley made a motion to amend **Ordinance 325-2025-13** to give EMS \$3,000 to be paid in a lump sum or other method, not as an hourly increase and not a bonus. They would receive this \$3,000 each year in whatever way it is decided that it would be paid. He also said this will add an additional 1 cent to the tax rate.  
Motion by Landon Gulley, Second by Jerry Ford  
**ELECTRONIC VOTE - 12 YES, 5 NO, 3 ABSENT** **MOTION CARRIED**
- Motion this court approve **Ordinance 325-2025-13** as amended - **1st Reading**  
Motion by Landon Gulley, Second BY Steve Whittaker  
**ELECTRONIC VOTE - 11 YES, 6 NO, 3 ABSENT** **MOTION CARRIED**
- B. **Ordinance 327-2025-14** General Services Tax Levy 2025  
Motion this court amend this Ord. to say \$2.10.  
Motion by Landon Gulley, Second by Lesley Overman  
**ELECTRONIC VOTE - 13 YES, 4 NO, 3 ABSENT** **MOTION CARRIED**
- Motion this court approve this **Ordinance 327-2025-14** as amended - **1st Reading**  
Motion by Landon Gulley, Second by Lesley Overman  
**ELECTRONIC VOTE - 13 YES, 4 NO, 3 ABSENT** **MOTION CARRIED**

C. **Ordinance 328-2025-15** Urban Services Appropriations FY2026

Motion this court approve this Ordinance - **1st Reading**

Motion by T. "Bubba" Gregory, Second by Lesley Overman

**ELECTRONIC VOTE - 15 YES, 2 NO, 3 ABSENT**

**MOTION CARRIED**

D. **Ordinance 329-2025-16** Urban Services Tax Levy 2025

Motion this council approve this Ordinance - 1 Reading

Motion by Mark Presley, Second by T. "Bubba" Gregory

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

6. **Public Comment**

Johnny Kerr, on behalf of the School Board, thanked the commission for voting on the full amount they had asked for to give the coaches a much needed raise. He stated that for far too long, counties had balanced budgets on the back of the school systems. He was glad that this commission had the guts not to stop doing that tonight. They really appreciate it.

Kendrick Jones, an EMS employee, thanked the county for the opportunity he's been given and would like to make a career working for the EMS. He stated that he's 30 yrs. old and currently makes \$15.88 an hr. Someday, he would like to purchase a home and have a family. He said most of the EMS employees were living paycheck to paycheck. He would be able to make do this year, but next year, at this rate, he and others would have to be looking elsewhere to work.

7. **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
06/30/2025	7:00 PM	7:40 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 <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 <b>ABSENT</b>
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	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/>
Landon Gulley	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/>
Judy Kerr	Absent <b>ABSENT</b>
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 <b>ABSENT</b>
Steve Whittaker	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/>

	Start	End	Results
Voting question			Yes <b>7</b>
<b>AMEND ORD 326   TAKE \$32K FROM F141 SCHOOLS, MOVE TO F118 EMS</b>	7:10 PM	7:10 PM	Abstain <b>0</b>
			No <b>10</b>

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

	Start	End	Results
Voting question			Yes <b>6</b>
<b>APPROVE ORD 326 GEN SERV APPRO. AS PRESENTED</b>	7:15 PM	7:15 PM	Abstain <b>0</b>
			No <b>11</b>

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

	Start	End	Results
Voting question			Yes <b>12</b>
<b>AMEND ORD 326   F118 EMS INCREASE \$3,000 FLAT</b>	7:22 PM	7:22 PM	Abstain <b>0</b>
			No <b>5</b>

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

	Start	End	Results
Voting question			Yes <b>11</b>
<b>APPROVE ORD 326 W/ AMEND TO F118</b>	7:25 PM	7:25 PM	Abstain <b>0</b>
			No <b>6</b>

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

	Start	End	Results
Voting question			Yes <b>13</b>
<b>AMEND ORD 327   GEN SERV TAX AT 2.1000</b>	7:28 PM	7:28 PM	Abstain <b>0</b>
			No <b>4</b>

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




	Start	End	Results
Voting question			Yes <b>13</b>
<b>APPROVE ORD 327 W/ AMEND OF 2.1000</b>	7:29 PM	7:29 PM	Abstain <b>0</b>
			No <b>4</b>

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

	Start	End	Results
Voting question			Yes <b>15</b>
<b>APPROVE ORD 328 URBAN SERV APPROPRIATIONS</b>	7:35 PM	7:35 PM	Abstain <b>0</b>
			No <b>2</b>

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

	Start	End	Results
Voting question			Yes <b>3</b>
<b>APPROVE ORD 329 URBAN SERV TAX LEVY 0.6731</b>	7:37 PM	7:37 PM	Abstain <b>0</b>
			No <b>0</b>

Name	Vote
T Bubba Gregory	Yes 
Mark Presley	Yes 
Lonnie Taylor	Yes 

**\*\* ONLY MEMBERS OF THE US COUCIL MAY VOTE ON THE US TAX LEVY**