

MARCH 23, 2026, 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 Blecher, Linda Bruce, Shane Burton, Alan Carman, Brian Crook, Will Dennis, Jerry Ford, Chris Gregory, Jeff Gregory, Judy Kerr, David Nollner, Lesley Overman, Mark Presley, Amber Russell, David Thomas, and Steve Whittaker.

1. **Open Court** – Sheriff Ray Russell

2. **Invocation** - Jeff Gregory

3. **Pledge to the American Flag** - David Thomas

4. **Roll Call** - Rita Crowder, County Clerk – 18 Present, 2 Absent

5. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion this court approve the minutes as presented.

Motion by Jerry Ford, Second by Jeff Gregory

VOICE VOTE

MOTION CARRIED

6. **Announcements** – None presented.

7. **Set the Agenda**

Motion this court set this agenda.

Motion by Chris Gregory, Second by Linda Bruce

VOICE VOTE

MOTION CARRIED

8. **Citizens' Response to Agenda Items** – No one signed in to speak.

9. **County Mayor Report** - Jack McCall

-The bridge construction on Broadway is now complete. It was completed three months early.

-TEMA along with an engineer visited the property beside the Fire Dept. to assess it for development.

-We have received 2 grants: \$18,500 from TN 250 program and \$75,000 from the 3 Star program, for a total of \$92,500 non-matching funds for the Nature Trail project.

10. **Committee/Board Reports – SEE ATTACHED MINUTES**

A. Parks & Recreation - March 5

B. Public Works - March 5

C. Audit - March 10

D. Codes & Zoning - March 12

E. Budget & Finance - March 16

F. Law Enforcement - March 23

G. First Response - March 23

H. Other Reports

11. **Active Business**

A. **Appointments**

1) **Board of Industrial Development**

- Greg Dahl, assuming the term vacated by Paul Knudsen 12-31-2026

Motion this court approve this appointment.

Motion by Chris Gregory, Second by Brian Crook

ELECTRONIC VOTE – 18 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

B. Resolutions

- 1) **Resolution 2026-03-837** Support of Local Parks and Recreation Funding (LPRF) Application
Motion this court amend this Resolution to remove the pool from the grant and to make the matching funds no more than \$75,000.
Motion by David Thomas, Second by Beverly Atwood
ELECTRONIC VOTE 12 YES, 4 NO, 2 ABSTAINED, 2 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

Motion to amend this amended Resolution to take the matching funds from ARPA funds.
Motion by Jerry Ford, Second by David Thomas
ELECTRONIC VOTE – 11 YES, 6 NO, 1 ABSTAINED, 2 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

Motion this court approve Resolution 2026-03-837 as amended.
Motion by David Thomas, Second by Beverly Atwood
ELECTRONIC VOTE – 13 YES, 5 NO, 2 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED**
- 2) **Resolution 2026-04-838** Surplus Equipment - Fire Department
Motion this court approve this Resolution.
Motion by Jerry Ford, Second by Mark Presley
ELECTRONIC VOTE – 18 YES, 0 NO 2 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED**
- 3) **Resolution 2026-05-839** County Travel Policy
Motion this court approve this Resolution.
Motion by Lesley Overman, Second by Chris Gregory
ELECTRONIC VOTE – 18 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED**

C. Ordinances

PUBLIC HEARING & SECOND READING

- 1) **Ordinance 340-2026-02** HTCG Combined Zoning Regulations
 - 2) **Ordinance 341-2026-03** Rezone A1 to I1 | Parcel 019 014.00 | Halltown Rd
 - 3) **Ordinance 342-2026-04** Annexation | Parcel 019 014.00 | Halltown Rd
- Motion this court close the Public Hearings on all three Ordinances.
Motion by Amber Russell, Second by Jerry Ford
VOICE VOTE **MOTION CARRIED**
- 1) **Ordinance 340-2026-02** HTCG Combined Zoning Regulations
Commissioner David Thomas asked to amend Article 5, Section 5.040 to transfer Temporary Use Permit authority from BZA to the office of Codes and Zoning.
The fee to go before the Board of Zoning and Appeals is \$350.00 and this way the fee would only be \$100.00.

Motion to amend and approve this Ordinance .
Motion by David Thomas, Second by Chris Gregory
ELECTRONIC VOTE – 16 YES, 1 NO, 1 ABSTAINED, 2 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

- 2) **Ordinance 341-2026-03** Rezone A1 to I1 | Parcel 019 014.00 | Halltown Road
 Motion this court postpone this Ordinance until the property owner gets his Re-Zoning signs up.
 Motion by David Nollner, Second by Shane Burton
ELECTRONIC VOTE – 18 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED**

- 3) **Ordinance 342-2026-04** Annexation | Parcel 019 014.00 | Halltown Road
 Motion this court postpone this Ordinance until the property owner gets his Re-Zoning signs up.
 Motion by Beverly Atwood, Second by David Nollner
ELECTRONIC VOTE – 17 YES, 1 NO, 2 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED**

FIRST READING

- 4) **Ordinance 343-2026-05** Rezone C1/I1 to C1 | Parcel 019K B 019.02 Broadway
 Motion this court approve this Ordinance – **1st Reading**
 Motion by Mark Presley, Second by Linda Bruce
ELECTRONIC VOTE – 17 YES, 1 NO, 2 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED**

D. Budget Amendments

FUND 141 - GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOLS

141-14(30)	Bonus Payout	\$62,091.42
141-15(37)	JSMS Classroom Transition	40,000
141-16(39)	"Grade A" Program Funding	303,571.43

Motion this court take and approve all Budget Amendments.

Motion by Chris Gregory, Second by Beverly Atwood

ELECTRONIC VOTE – 18 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED**

E. Public Notary Applications Approval

Carley Dean – Magnolia

Atrel Thorpe, Jr. – Aregis TKD

Angie White – First National Bank

Betty Anderson – Self-employed

Motion this court the Notary applicants.

Motion by Lesley Overman, Second by Shane Burton

VOICE VOTE **MOTION CARRIED**

12. Other Business

- A. **CoreCivic/TTCC Advisory Committee Report** -The Advisory Committee has submitted their report and Attorney Bellar would like direction from the commission to begin negotiations with Core Civic. Comm. Kerr suggested raising the fee to \$5,000.000; Comm. Atwood thought the committee did a great job but would like to add MOUs with local hospitals and ambulance services for crisis situations. Attorney Bellar noted that the MOUs might be a subtopic rather than a main contract item. He also acknowledged that this recommendation is a global approach including all services and not dollar for dollar.

Motion to authorize Attorney Bellar to proceed with negotiations with Core Civic and TDOC.

Motion by Chris Gregory, Second by Beverly Atwood

VOICE VOTE

MOTION CARRIED

B. Spirit Architect | Jail Proposal

Direction is needed on moving forward with the Wheel Tax, as a means to pay for the new jail. Much discussion on how the money should be divided. Several wanting the money to go specifically for the jail with others stating that it should all go into Fund 171 (capital outlays). Mayor McCall emphasized the need to have a price before we move forward with voting on a Wheel Tax. The change in location will contain more costs depending on whether you build court offices.

Motion this court proceed with a Wheel Tax Ordinance using the amounts that have been presented and have 100% of the money go to Capital Outlays (Fund 171). This would pay for the jail, then after, any other projects such as schools or any future building projects would be paid from that fund.

Motion by David Thomas, Second Chris Gregory

ELECTRONIC VOTE – 16 YES, 2 NO, 2 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

**Comm. Thomas reiterated that this motion is for language only, not passing the Wheel Tax. Comm. Gregory clarified that the direction of the funds could be amended next month to specify jail only, should the commission want to.

C. **Other** – None presented.

13. **Public Comment** – None presented.

14. Adjourn

Motion this court adjourn.

Motion by Lesley Overman, Second by Beverly Atwood

VOICE VOTE

MOTION CARRIED