

HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

**LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE**

*Linda Bruce  
Shane Burton  
Brian Crook  
Chris Gregory*

*Judy Kerr  
David Nollner  
Amber Russell  
Steve Whittaker*

*Ray Russell, Sheriff  
Wayland Cothron, Chief Deputy*

FEBRUARY 23, 2026 | 6:00 PM | TC COURTHOUSE

**Agenda**

1. Open Meeting
2. Review minutes from January 5, 2026
3. Discussion
  - A. Sheriff Report
  - B. Medical Contract for Inmates
  - C. Other
4. Public Comments
5. Adjourn

**Monthly Report Items**

- Personnel/Staff
- Vehicle Fleet
- Call Reports
- Training Activities
- Maintenance Needs
- Budget concerns/requests
- Pending Grants

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LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Meeting Date:** January 5, 2026, 6 p.m., Trousdale County Courthouse

**Present:** Chris Gregory, David Nollner, Shane Burton, Steve Whittaker, Brian Crook, Linda Bruce.

**Others Present:** Sheriff Ray Russell, Amy Thomas, EMS Director Matt Batey

Chris Gregory called the meeting to order at 6 p.m., noting the absence of Chairman Amber Russell due to death in the family and Vice Chair Judy Kerr because of medical procedure.

Minutes of November 13, 2025 meeting were reviewed. **Motion to approve by Crook, second by Burton. Motion approved.**

Sheriff Ray Russell presented department's report. Patrol has close to full crew, 3 certified officers, 1 who has to go to transition school in coming weeks. One started academy previous day. Hopes to have full staff by summer 2026. Jail is currently two women, one man short.

No vehicle fleet changes. New work crew truck has been ordered, expected to arrive in late January or early February. Nollner asked what kind of truck ordered, it is Ford F250. TCSD received \$9800 from insurance for Bronco totaled in wreck, was deemed a collectible.

No call report update was available. 2025 training has been completed, department is beginning 2026 training.

Budget needs: Russell noted TCSD is still behind other nearby departments. Lebanon gave 6% raise in July, then another 11% recently, now at \$31/hr non-certified, \$33-\$34 certified.

Six new Flock cameras have been added and are running. Bruce asked how many cameras county has, now at 12 per sheriff.

Gregory asked if TCSD is paying \$2 to new staff, noting the issue had come up in Budget Committee. Sheriff said yes. Crook said some staff has told him they did not receive increase, was told to refer them to Amy Yates.

No update on radio tower, sheriff has not heard anything from engineer Evan White out of Lafayette. Bruce asked if county has paid engineer, told would have to check with mayor.

Trousdale prison quieting down, per sheriff, but still about 200 cases in court system.

No meeting scheduled yet, will be set by Chairman Amber Russell.

**Motion to adjourn by Nollner, second by Bruce. Motion approved.**

*Minutes presented by Chris Gregory*