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**MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021 A. D.**

STATE OF TENNESSEE )  
COUNTY OF GRAINGER)

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF GRAINGER COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, AUGUST 9,  
2021 A.D., WITH THE HONORABLE JOHNNY BAKER, COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN  
WAS PRESENT AND PRESIDING, AND THE FOLLOWING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
PRESENT TO-WIT:

WENDY NOE, DARELL STRATTON, SCOTT WYNN, JOHNNY BAKER, RODNEY  
OVERBAY, LUKE STRATTON, ANDY CAMERON, LEON SPOONE, DARRELL  
WILLIAMS, JAMES ACUFF, GARY WAYNE DALTON, MIKE HOLT, BECKY  
JOHNSON AND LARRY JOHNSON. (15)

COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S ABSENT: (0)

OPEN BY: SHERIFF JAMES HARVILLE

PRAYER BY: RODNEY OVERBAY

PLEDGE BY: JAMES ACUFF

JOHNNY BAKER, COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSION OF GRAINGER COUNTY TO ORDER. ANGIE J. LAMB, GRAINGER  
COUNTY CLERK , WAS PRESENT AND THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
WERE RECORDED TO WIT:

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**AGENDA, Approval of**

UPON MOTION of Commissioner MIKE HOLT, Seconded by  
Commissioner ,DARELL STRATTON, the Commission approved the agenda for August 9, 2021 with one  
addendum by Voice Vote.

**Agenda  
Grainger County Commission Meeting  
Monday Aug 9, 2021 @ 7:00PM**

Meeting will be open to General Public

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge to Flag
4. Roll Call
5. Approval of Agenda and Addendums if required
6. Approve minutes for July 12,2021 meeting and corrections if required
7. Election of Notaries:
8. Approval of Notary Bonds:
9. Elections:
10. Reports, monthly, quarterly & annual:
  - A. Mayor - Copy of letter requesting TVA to assist with the funding of Bullen Valley Road project along with invitation to commission meeting.
  - B. Sheriff's Report -
  - C. County Clerk - Approve year-end report (included in packet).
  - D. Chancery Court - Approve year-end report (included in packet).
  - E. Department of Education- Quarterly report (included in packet).
11. Committee/Director Reports:
  - A. Parks and Recreation (included in packet)
  - B. EMS Report (included in packet)
  - C. 911 Report

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12. Budget Amendments:
  - A. General Fund - Amendment requesting funds re-allocated (insurance recovery) for payment of mail machine (included in packet).
  - B. General Fund - Amendment required to pay for Justice center Chiller and rental (included in packet).
  
13. Resolutions:
  - A. Resolution 8.9.21A - Resolution allowing County to secure outlay note, bond, etc. if ARP funding is denied for Election Commission Building purchase.
  - B. Resolution 8.9.21B - Resolution allowing County to secure outlay note, bond etc. if ARP funding is denied for Walk Up windows for Trustee and County Clerk's office.
  
14. New Business:
  - A. Review bids for Grainger County Courthouse roof project. Approve next steps.
  - B. Surplus Justice Center chiller model number - Carrier 30GXR135-A-661CL
  - C. Surplus Emergency Management vehicle - VIN #1GCGK24R7WZ249154
  - D. Approve certified tax rate @ \$2.2966
  - E. Review and approve 2021-22 proposed departmental budgets. Note: Please bring all printed budgets from last month to meeting except for General Fund. Revised General Fund included in packet.
    - a. Resolution to set 2021-22 Tax levy
    - b. Resolution making appropriations for various funds.
    - c. Resolution making appropriations for non-profit organizations (will provide this document at meeting).
  
15. Old Business:
  
16. Misc./Other Business:
  
17. Announcements:
  
18. Next Commission Meeting: September 13, 2021, @ 7:00 PM
  
19. Adjournment



**REPORTS, MONTHLY, QUARTERLY & ANNUALLY, Mayor-Analysis/Letter sent concerning  
Bullen Valley Road**

**NO MOTIONS/INFORMATION ONLY**



County Mayor  
Mike Byrd  
8095 Rutledge Pike, Suite 100  
P.O. Box 126  
Rutledge, TN. 37861

July 26, 2021

J. Bert Robinson  
Tennessee Valley Authority  
400 West Summit Hill Dr., WT 7C  
Knoxville, TN 37902

Re: Bullen Valley Road

Dear Mr. Robinson:

On behalf of the Grainger County Legislative Body and Grainger County Road Superintendent, we are requesting a TVA representative's presence at our commission meeting on August 9, 2021 @ 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Grainger County Justice Center, 270 Justice Center Way, Rutledge Tennessee, 37861.

The purpose of the requested meeting is to discuss assistance with the expense associated with Bullen Valley Road improvements caused by erosion from the Norris/Clinch reservoir. The estimated repair cost for 278 Liner feet of a soil nail/shotcrete application is \$250,000. We are requesting TVA assist with the funding of this project. I have enclosed pictures of the road where the repair is necessary.

Sincerely,

Mike Byrd  
Mayor of Grainger County

cc: U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn  
U.S. Senator Bill Hagerty  
U.S. Congressman Tim Burchett  
Tennessee State Senator Frank Niceley  
Tennessee State Representative Jerry Sexton

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REPORTS, MONTHLY, QUARTERLY & ANNUALLY, County Clerk and Clerk

UPON MOTION of Commissioner ANDY CAMERON, Seconded by Commissioner MIKE HOLT, the Commission approved the annual reports for the County Clerk's Office by Voice Vote.

**County Clerk Annual Report:**

Printed: 07/15/2021

GRAINGER COUNTY CLERK  
GENERAL LEDGER - FINANCIAL REPORT  
YEAR FORMAT  
FISCAL YEAR 2021 - PERIOD ENDING 06/30/2021

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ACCT	DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING BALANCE	GENERAL	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	COMMISSIONS	ENDING BALANCE
21000	CURRENT LIABILITIES						
**	SUB-TOTAL ***	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
22000	OTHER LIABILITIES						
22100	BUSINESS TAX GROSS RECEIPTS	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
22101	BUSINESS TAX INTEREST	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
22102	BUSINESS TAX PENALTY	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
22103	BUSINESS TAX ADJUSTMENTS	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
22500	BUSINESS TAX - STATE GROSS	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
22501	BUSINESS TAX - STATE INTEREST	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
22502	BUSINESS TAX - STATE PENALTY	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
22503	BUSINESS TAX - STATE ADJUSTS	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
**	SUB-TOTAL ***	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
23000	DUE TO STATE OF TENNESSEE						
23110	BUSINESS TAX DUE STATE	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
23120	COUNTY OFFICIAL RETIREMENT TAX	.00	.00	932,739.88	886,102.89	46,636.99	.00
23130	STATE SALES TAX - AUTO	.00	.00	83,439.40	81,183.49	2,255.91	.00
23131	STATE SALES TAX - LOCAL	.00	.00	109,311.21	103,845.52	5,465.69	.00
23132	SALES TAX - BOAT	.00	.00	12,463.41	11,640.23	823.18	.00
23133	SALES TAX - BOAT - LOCAL	.00	.00	39,530.90	37,354.06	1,966.84	.00
23134	AUTO - STATE SINGLE ARTICLE	.00	.00	6,943.57	5,741.39	1,202.18	.00
23135	BOAT - STATE SINGLE ARTICLE	.00	.00	8,658.00	8,658.00	.00	.00
23145	MFG HOME INSTALLATION PERMITS	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
23146	BUILDING PERMIT	.00	.00	2,175.00	2,066.25	108.75	.00
23150	MARRIAGE LICENSE - STATE	.00	.00	6,360.00	6,360.00	.00	.00
23151	STATE PREMARITAL TRAINING	.00	.00	303,138.31	303,138.31	.00	.00
23160	MVD - STATE REGISTRATIONS	.00	.00	6,379.90	6,379.90	.00	.00
23163	EVS NOTICE STATE	.00	.00	687,708.14	687,708.14	.00	.00
23165	MVD - RENEWALS	.00	.00	591.75	591.75	.00	.00
23168	Electric Vehicle Fee	.00	.00	56,834.00	56,834.00	.00	.00
23170	MVD - TITLE APPL - STATE	.00	.00	142.00	117.00	25.00	.00
23210	GAME AND FISH	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
23300	NOTARIES	.00	.00	25,744.00	25,744.00	.00	.00
23301	BIRTH CERT DUE STATE	.00	.00	110.00	110.00	.00	.00
23400	DRIVERS LICENSE	.00	.00	2,283,183.27	2,223,762.18	59,376.11	.00
23405	GUN PERMIT - SAFETY	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
**	SUB-TOTAL ***	.00	.00	2,283,183.27	2,223,762.18	59,376.11	-25.00
24000	DUE TO COUNTY TRUSTEE	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
24110	BUSINESS TAX DUE COUNTY	.00	.00	15,152.38	14,384.77	767.61	.00
24120	WHOLESALE BEER TAX	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
24130	WHEEL TAX	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
24170	NOTELAND TEL TAX	.00	.00	1,450.00	1,377.50	72.50	.00
24210	MARRIAGE LICENSE - DUE COUNTY	.00	.00	250.00	.00	.00	.00
24220	BEER PERMITS	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00

GRAINGER COUNTY CLERK  
 GENERAL LEDGER - FINANCIAL REPORT  
 YEAR FORMAT  
 FISCAL YEAR 2021 - PERIOD ENDING 06/30/2021

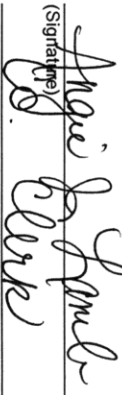
ACCT	DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING BALANCE	GENERAL	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	COMMISSIONS	ENDING BALANCE
24221	BEER TAX PRIVILEGE PERMITS	.00	.00	500.00	500.00	.00	.00
24295	Racetrack License Fee	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
24296	Racetrack Renewal Fee	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
24492	HELPING SCHOOLS TAGS	.00	.00	105.00	105.00	.00	.00
24496	BIRTH CERT DUE COUNTY	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
	*** SUB-TOTAL ***	.00	.00	17,457.38	16,377.27	1,080.11	.00
26000	DUE TO LITIGANTS, HEIRS, & OTHERS	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
26010	ML Specialty Certificate	.00	.00	1,080.35	1,080.35	.00	.00
26315	ORGAN DONOR AWARENESS	.00	.00	6,241.00	6,241.00	.00	.00
26501	CREDIT CARD FEES - BIS	.00	.00	12,841.37	12,841.37	.00	.00
26505	CREDIT CARD FEES - BANK	.00	.00	20,162.72	20,162.72	.00	.00
	*** SUB-TOTAL ***	.00	.00	20,162.72	20,162.72	.00	.00
29900	FEE & COMMISSION ACCOUNT	-16,322.21	.00	190,247.51	246,832.85	-60,456.22	-20,193.09
29901	DATA PROCESSING	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
29902	BAD CHECKS	-1,086.90	.00	1,086.90	.00	.00	.00
29903	ARCHIVES	.00	.00	41,379.00	41,379.00	.00	.00
29904	PAYROLL	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
29905	TITLES RECEIVABLE	-2,077.90	164.50	108.10	.00	.00	-2,021.50
29906	OVERPAYMENTS	.00	.00	60.50	60.50	.00	.00
29907	COMPUTER FEES	.00	.00	3,039.10	3,039.10	.00	.00
29955	EVS NOTICE COUNTY	.00	.00	4,475.00	4,475.00	.00	.00
	*** SUB-TOTAL ***	-19,487.01	164.50	238,222.31	295,786.45	-60,456.22	-22,214.59
	*** TOTAL ***	-19,487.01	164.50	2,559,025.68	2,556,108.60	.00	-22,239.59

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GRAINGER COUNTY CLERK  
GENERAL LEDGER - FINANCIAL REPORT  
YEAR FORMAT  
FISCAL YEAR 2021 - PERIOD ENDING 06/30/2021

ACCT DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING BALANCE	GENERAL	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	COMMISSIONS	ENDING BALANCE
SUMMARY OF ASSETS:						
CASH ON HAND	3,600.00					3,600.00
BANK	-638.03					-25.75
NSF	1,143.90					2,261.15
INTEREST BANK	.00					.00
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	2,077.90					2,021.50
CREDIT CARD	13,303.24					14,382.69
TITLE GIFT VOUCHER	.00					.00
RENEWAL GIFT VOUCHER	.00					.00
*** TOTAL ***	19,487.01					22,239.59

THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 5-8-505, AND/OR 67-5-1902, TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, AND TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF ACCURATELY REFLECTS TRANSACTIONS OF THIS OFFICE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2021.

  
 (Signature) Marie S. Spaul  
 (Date) 7/15/2021  
 (Title) Clerk

This report is to be filed with the County Executive and County Clerk.



**REPORTS, MONTHLY, QUARTERLY & ANNUALLY**, Clerk and Master's Office

UPON MOTION of Commissioner LARRY JOHNSON, Seconded by Commissioner WENDY NOE, the Commission approved the annual reports for the Clerk and Master's Office by Voice Vote.

**Clerk and Master Annual Report:**

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Date: 7/22/2021 8:49:46AM  
User: vickie

Grainger Co. Chancery Court  
Annual Financial Report  
For The Year Ended June 30, 2021

Acct #	Description	Beginning Balance	Adjustments	Receipts	Disbursements	Commission Transfers	Ending Balance
<b>Fund: 905 Clerk And Master</b>							
23000	Due To State Of Tennessee						
23111	Litigation Tax	0.00	286.31	4,488.75	-4,473.66	-301.40	0.00
	<b>Totals:</b>	0.00	286.31	4,488.75	-4,473.66	-301.40	0.00
24000	Due To County Trustee						
24140	Litigation Tax - General	0.00	-48.75	9,213.75	-8,546.34	-618.66	0.00
24160	Delinquent Taxes	0.00	-179.96	230,113.84	-218,732.19	-11,201.69	0.00
24360	Officers Costs	0.00	-61.00	2,308.00	-2,134.62	-112.38	0.00
	<b>Totals:</b>	0.00	-289.71	241,635.59	-229,413.15	-11,932.73	0.00
26000	Due To Litigants, Heirs And Others						
26100	Court Funds And Costs	172,623.82	-532.12	68,733.75	-214,656.96	0.00	26,168.49
26200	Officers' Costs - Non-County	0.00	0.00	84.00	-84.00	0.00	0.00
26300	Alimony/Child Support	340.00	400.00	1,529.00	-1,929.00	0.00	340.00
26310	Publications	595.00	110.00	6,617.30	-6,837.30	0.00	485.00
26400	Deposits	112,948.43	0.00	29,289.39	0.00	0.00	142,237.82
26510	Attorney Fees - Delinquent Tax	522.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	522.77
	<b>Totals:</b>	287,030.02	-22.12	106,253.44	-223,507.26	0.00	169,754.08
28000	Other Credits						
29900	Fee/Commission Account	0.00	-1,091.58	49,501.41	-60,643.96	12,234.13	0.00
	<b>Totals:</b>	0.00	-1,091.58	49,501.41	-60,643.96	12,234.13	0.00
<b>Fund Totals:</b>		287,030.02	-1,117.10	401,879.19	-518,038.03	0.00	\$169,754.08

Summary of Assets:

Cash In Bank	\$174,081.59
Cash On Hand	\$0.00
Investments	\$112,948.43

Totals: \$287,030.02

\$27,514  
\$0  
\$142,237  
\$169,754

This report is submitted in accordance with requirements of Section 5-8-505 and/or 67-5-1902, Tennessee Code Annotated, and to the best of my knowledge and belief accurately reflects transactions of this office for the year ended June 30, 2021.

Vickie R. Moore  
(Signature)

Clay D. Masters  
(Title)

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(Date)

**REPORTS, MONTHLY, QUARTERLY & ANNUALLY, Sheriff's Report**  
**NO MOTIONS**

Grainger County Sheriff's Department

July 2021 Monthly Progress Report

Year:	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Miles:	57,679	65,233	60,723	63,257	70,866	68,519	59,425
Calls Answered:	970	1,055	985	909	1,008	1,263	985
Reports Filed:	190	214	206	193	174	220	174
Warrants Served:	116	128	173	184	177	129	191
Inmates Booked:	98	123	95	106	101	107	99
Inmates Released:	101	155	102	113	86	101	95
Inmates Fed:	8,035	9,995	9,854	8,927	9,127	4,291	6,509
Pounds of Trash:	10,140	8,240	13,660	7,300	14,320	0	22,940
Inmate Labor Hours Worked:	0	5,232	3,573	2,136	4,325	1,572	2,556
<b>Total Inmate Population</b>							
TDOC Inmates:	0	0	0	14	24	8	6
Split Confinement:	0	0	0	29	10	5	10
County Sentenced:	0	0	0	18	17	6	9
Pretrial:	0	0	0	37	63	35	61
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>86</b>

**REPORTS, MONTHLY, QUARTERLY & ANNUALLY**, Department of Education Quarterly

UPON MOTION of Commissioner LARRY JOHNSON, Seconded by Commissioner LEON SPOONE, the Commission approved the quarterly report for the Department of Education by Voice Vote.

May 31, 2021

Report of receipts, disbursements, and obligations of Grainger County Schools made by James Atkins, Director of Schools, for The Grainger County Board of Education to the Quarterly County Board of Commissioners for the months of March 2021, April 2021, and May 2021.

SUBMITTED BY James Atkins  
James Atkins, Director of Schools

Signed and sworn before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July  
2021.

James C. Neely  
Notary Public  
Tennessee  
My Commission Expires 8/22/2021  
GRAINGER COUNTY

Quarterly Report

T.C.A. Section 9-238

GENERAL PURPOSE FUND - SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE  
PUBLIC LAW AND SCHOOL BUILDING FUND  
FOR QUARTER ENDING - May 31, 2021

Trustee's Cash Balance--Beginning	2/28/2021	\$16,361,368.35
Less: Outstanding Warrants--Beginning	2/28/2021	\$162,679.52
Cash Balance per Books--Beginning	2/28/2021	\$16,198,688.83
Add: Trustee's Receipts	03/01/21 thru 05/31/21	\$7,474,268.15
Add Voided Checks	Voided Checks	\$5,858.10
Other Additions	Transfers	\$34,527.50
Total Cash Available	03/01/21 thru 05/31/21	\$23,644,287.58
Less: Warrants Issued	03/01/21 thru 05/31/21	\$9,493,253.74
Trustee's Commission	03/01/21 thru 05/31/21	\$15,254.16
Other Deductions	03/01/21 thru 05/31/21	
Cash Balance per Books--Ending	5/31/2021	\$14,135,779.68
Add: Outstanding Warrants--Ending	5/31/2021	\$281,616.23
Other Addition and/or Deductions	5/31/2021	
Cash Balance per Trustee--Ending	5/31/2021	\$14,417,395.91
Outstanding Warrants--Beginning	2/28/2021	\$162,679.52
Warrants Issued	03/01/21 thru 05/31/21	\$9,493,253.74
Voided Warrants Issued	03/01/21 thru 05/31/21	\$5,858.10
Less: Warrants Paid by Trustee	03/01/21 thru 05/31/21	\$9,368,458.93
Less: Transfers	03/01/21 thru 05/31/21	\$0.00
Outstanding Warrants--Ending	5/31/2021	\$281,616.23

COUNTY OF GRAINGER, TENNESSEE  
OFFICE OF GRAINGER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Fund Accounts	Trustee's	Warrants	Fund	Add Receipts	Warrants Issued	Trustee's	Voided	Checks	Other	Fund Cash	Outstanding	Trustee's Cash	Warrants Paid
	Cash-1st	Outstanding	Cash-	for Month	for Month	Commission				Transfers	From Last	Warrants From	
	of Month	1st of Month	1st of Month			for Month				of Month	Last Month	Last Month	
March, 2021													
Food Service	199,964.19	20,943.97	179,020.32	249,724.09	147,059.13	6,805.33	10,256.00	5,858.10	281,685.28	21,562.76	303,248.04	146,440.24	
General Purpose	15,712,337.26	118,616.98	15,595,720.58	2,583,416.88	2,239,400.24	3,759.50	10,256.00	5,858.10	15,922,675.89	85,232.97	16,007,908.88	2,270,783.95	
Federal Projects	449,068.90	25,118.97	423,947.93	213,419.96	228,567.24	6,805.33	14,015.50	5,858.10	405,041.15	13,660.39	418,701.54	240,025.82	
School Bldg. Fund	16,361,368.35	162,679.52	16,198,688.83	3,046,590.93	2,615,026.61	6,805.33	14,015.50	5,858.10	16,609,402.32	120,456.12	16,729,858.44	2,657,250.01	
Sub-Totals													
Payroll													
Transfers	16,361,368.35	162,679.52	16,198,688.83	3,046,590.93	2,615,026.61	6,805.33	14,015.50	5,858.10	16,609,402.32	120,456.12	16,729,858.44	2,671,265.51	
Totals													
April, 2021													
Food Service	303,248.04	21,562.76	281,685.28	272,322.84	155,476.97	4,564.01	10,256.00	1,153.00	398,531.15	19,030.00	418,161.15	157,409.73	
General Purpose	16,007,908.88	85,232.97	15,922,675.89	2,650,780.49	2,080,586.50	409,690.08	10,256.00	1,153.00	16,476,894.87	53,543.74	16,530,438.61	2,112,277.73	
Federal Projects	418,701.54	13,660.39	405,041.15	400,755.07	409,690.08	4,564.01	10,256.00	1,153.00	398,394.14	17,307.15	415,641.29	404,988.32	
School Bldg. Fund	16,729,858.44	120,456.12	16,609,402.32	3,323,858.40	2,645,755.55	4,564.01	10,256.00	1,153.00	17,273,760.16	90,480.89	17,364,241.05	2,674,655.78	
Sub-Totals													
Payroll													
Transfers	16,729,858.44	120,456.12	16,609,402.32	3,323,858.40	2,645,755.55	4,564.01	10,256.00	1,153.00	17,273,760.16	90,480.89	17,364,241.05	2,684,911.78	
Totals													
May, 2021													
Food Service	418,161.15	19,030.00	398,531.15	316,621.89	183,673.78	3,884.82	10,256.00	4,783.10	531,279.26	22,582.22	553,861.48	180,921.56	
General Purpose	16,530,438.61	53,543.74	16,476,894.87	341,494.11	3,622,708.06	3,884.82	10,256.00	4,783.10	13,186,325.20	252,233.57	13,438,558.77	3,419,233.13	
Federal Projects	415,641.29	17,307.15	398,334.14	445,732.82	425,991.74	3,884.82	10,256.00	4,783.10	418,175.22	6,800.44	424,975.66	436,398.45	
School Bldg. Fund	17,364,241.05	90,480.89	17,273,760.16	1,103,848.82	4,232,471.58	3,884.82	10,256.00	4,783.10	14,135,779.68	281,616.23	14,417,395.91	4,036,553.14	
Sub-Totals													
Payroll													
Transfers	17,364,241.05	90,480.89	17,273,760.16	1,103,848.82	4,232,471.58	3,884.82	10,256.00	4,783.10	14,135,779.68	281,616.23	14,417,395.91	4,046,809.14	
Totals													
Payroll Sub-Totals	50,455,467.84	373,616.53	50,081,851.31	7,474,268.15	9,493,253.74	15,254.16	34,527.50	5,858.10	48,018,942.16	492,553.24	48,511,495.40	9,398,458.93	
Quarter Sub-Totals	50,455,467.84	373,616.53	50,081,851.31	7,474,268.15	9,493,253.74	15,254.16	34,527.50	5,858.10	48,018,942.16	492,553.24	48,511,495.40	9,402,986.43	
Quarter Totals													
Transfers													
Totals													

COMMITTEE/DIRECTOR REPORTS, Parks and Rec report



7/30/2021

Grainger County Commission:

The Grainger County Parks and Recreation Department would like to provide you with a department report covering through July 30, 2021.

**2021 Inaugural Fall Festival**

We have been working hard throughout the last month planning an Inaugural Grainger County Parks & Recreation Fall Festival featuring a Fall Concert Series at Grainger County Park. The all-day festival will be held at Grainger County Park on Saturday, October 2, 2021 and FREE to all visitors! Various types of music will flow through the festival from an outdoor stage. We plan to bring the best in country, bluegrass, and gospel music for a free to the public concert.

Also, throughout the day, various activities such as a Fishing Tournament, Pageant, Power Wheel Derby, Cruise-In, Silent Auction, and Singo will be scheduled along with the opportunity to purchase food, drinks, and snacks for the family. Train rides, bounce house, and obstacle course activities will also be provided for children. The festival will end with a fireworks finale! All activities will be made possible by way of sponsorships. More information will be provided.

**19/20 LPRF County Wide Master Planning Grant Status**

With the approval of the 10-Year Master Plan for Recreation in Grainger County approved at the last County Commission meeting, Community Development Partners have moved forward with submittal to the State for their approval. Once the State approves the plan, everything will be finalized with this project.

**2016 LPRF Grant Status**

Specification manuals and drawings have been supplied by the engineer. The deadline for bids on both the basin work and field repair are due in on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 10:00 am. Any bids obtained will be presented at the August County Commission meeting. Information gathered throughout the month on possibly hiring a contractor as a county employee to complete the required work will also be presented at that time. The State Department of Solid Waste has been notified of the delays concerning the bid process for the basin work.

Please feel free to contact my office with any questions or concerns at any time at 865-828-9900 or by email at [graingerparksandrec1@frontier.com](mailto:graingerparksandrec1@frontier.com).

Sincerely,

*Stacie Defrees*  
Stacie Defrees  
Director

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**COMMITTEE/DIRECTOR REPORTS**, Parks and Rec/Hiring Jimmy Frye and Phil Branch to finish the Ball Fields at Washburn

UPON MOTION of Commissioner JUSTIN EPPERSON, Seconded by Commissioner JAMES ACUFF, the Commission approved to hire Jimmy Frye and Phil Branch by PRN at \$25.00 per hour for each of them. They will use their own staff, insurance and equipment when possible. If the rest of the money allotted for the ball parks is depleted, Staci Defrees, Parks and Rec director, will inform the County Commission, so they may decide how to proceed with the project, by Roll Call Vote as Follows:

**AYE:** WENDY NOE, DARELL STRATTON, SCOTT WYNN, JOHNNY BAKER, RODNEY OVERBAY, LUKE STRATTON, ANDY CAMERON, LEON SPOONE, DARRELL WILLIAMS, JAMES ACUFF, GARY WAYNE DALTON, JUSTIN EPPERSON, MIKE HOLT, BECKY JOHNSON AND LARRY JOHNSON. (15)

**NAY:** (0)

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**COMMITTEE/DIRECTOR REPORTS, EMS**

**NO MOTIONS**



**GRAINGER COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE**

*County Commission*

INFORMATION FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

August 9, 2021

**A. NUMBER OF CALLS (JULY)**

➤ 256 including 185 transports (07/27/2021 – EmStat+Pro : ESO)

UNIT	TRANSPORTS	TOTAL CALLS
Medic 1	20	25
Medic 2	67	103
Medic 3	39	46
Medic 4	56	79
Medic 6	1	1
Medic 12	1	1
Medic 14	1	1

**B. REVENUE COLLECTED (JULY)**

➤ \$51,954.99 (07/26/2021 - Trustee)

**C. STAFFING**

Understaffed by 4 Paramedic's and 4 EMT's. Two of our longest tenure employees have advised me that they have been offered higher paying jobs at another local EMS. If these employees leave, then we will be understaffed by ten full-time employees. We do not have the staffing to provide adequate emergency medical service for all areas of the county. I have developed a tentative solution that would possibly improve our staffing, and at the same time should not cost the county an extreme additional amount of money to fund it.

**D. VEHICLES**

**AMBULANCE: MILEAGE (JULY)**

UNIT	ASSIGNMENT	MAKE	MODEL	MONTHLY MILEAGE	TOTAL MILEAGE
79	Reserve	Chevrolet	2014	229	316,783
80	Reserve	Chevrolet	2015	673	235,915
81	Washburn	Chevrolet	2017	3,047	60,808
82	Rutledge	Chevrolet	2019	1,283	57,313
83	Blaine	Chevrolet	2017	3,273	60,497
84	Bean Station	Ford	2021	4,613	39,021
95	Reserve	Chevrolet	2014	23	274,734

Created: (July 27, 2021)

Mardy Bowen, EMS Director  
 Mobile Phone: (865) 456-7012  
 mardy.bowen@graingercountyttn.gov

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**COMMITTEE/DIRECTOR REPORTS, E 911**

**NO MOTIONS**

**Grainger County Emergency Communications District – E911**

**Randy A. Holt, Director**  
270 Justice Center Drive, Suite 103  
P.O. Box 560  
Rutledge, Tennessee 37861  
Phone - 865-828-3311 Fax - 865-828-6116  
raholt911@frontiernet.net

**Grainger County 911**

<b>911 calls answered in July 2021</b>	<b>870</b>
<b>Nonemergency calls answered in July 2021</b>	<b><u>1,167</u></b>
<b>Total calls</b>	<b>2,037</b>

Total calls created for dispatch	1,978
Total departments dispatched	2,306
Domestic-related animal calls	34
Farm-related animal calls	42
Wild-related animal calls	3

**2,577** calls for service were processed in **July 2020**.

**17** new addresses were issued in **July 2021**.  
**22** new addresses were issued in **July 2020**.

**168** new addresses have been issued in **2021**.

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**BUDGET AMENDMENTS; General Fund A & B, Mail Machine and Chiller**

UPON MOTION of Commissioner ANDY CAMERON, Seconded by Commissioner BECKY JOHNSON, the Commission approved to combine A & B Budget Amendments requesting funds to be reallocated (insurance recovery) for payment of the new mail machine that was replaced the one that was vandalized and approved an amendment to pay for the Justice Center Chiller and rental by Voice Vote.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS FOR THE  
GENERAL FUND #101**

Please consider the following budget amendment needed to pay for the new chiller for the Justice Center and pay for the replacement of the mail machine that was vandalized:

GENERAL FUND	
DEBIT	CREDIT
46990-STATE FUNDING \$130,227.00	101-51810-335 OTHER FACILITIES MAINTENANCE & REPAIR \$130,227.00
49700-INSURANCE RECOVERY \$8,957.41	101-58900-599 MISCELLANEOUS OTHER CHARGES \$8,957.41

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**RESOLUTIONS, 8.9.21A, Outlay Note for Election Commission Building (If ARP funding is denied)**

UPON MOTION of Commissioner DARRELL WILLIAMS, Seconded by Commissioner WENDY NOE, the Commission approved Resolution 8.9.21A, allowing Grainger County to secure an outlay note, bond, etc, if ARP funding is denied for the Election Commission Building purchase by Voice Vote.

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**RESOLUTIONS, 8.9.21B, Outlay Note for Walk-Up Windows (If ARP money is denied)**

UPON MOTION of Commissioner BECKY JOHNSON, Seconded by Commissioner LUKE STRATTON, the Commission approved Resolution 8.9.21B, allowing Grainger County to secure an outlay note, bond, etc, if ARP funding is denied for the walk up windows for the Trustee's Office and the County Clerk's Office by Voice Vote.

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**NEW BUSINESS, Roof for Grainger County Courthouse/MBI**

The Commission requested an estimate to cover the existing roof with a membrane roof for the Courthouse.

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**NEW BUSINESS, Surplus Justice Center Chiller**

UPON MOTION of Commissioner ANDY CAMERON, Seconded by Commissioner LUKE STRATTON, the Commission approved to make the old Justice Center Chiller surplus property by Voice Vote.

**Grainger County Commission Meeting  
August 9, 2021**

Please surplus and scrap Justice Center Chiller – Carrier 30GXR135-A-661CL. Funds collected will be deposited in Sanitation Fund Balance.

**NEW BUSINESS, Surplus Emergency Management Vehicle**

UPON MOTION of Commissioner RODNEY OVERBAY, Seconded by Commissioner LUKE STRATTON, the Commission approved to declare the following EMS vehicle surplus by Voice Vote.

**Grainger County Commission Meeting**

**August 2021**

**Grainger County Emergency Management requests that the following property be declared surplus and sold at govdeals.com.**

- **1998 Chevrolet pickup VIN # 1GCGK24R7WZ249154  
Mileage 179,625**

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**NEW BUSINESS**, Certified the Tax Rate

UPON MOTION of WENDY NOE, Seconded by Commissioner

BECKY JOHNSON, the Commission approved the certified tax rate of \$2.2966 by Voice Vote.

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**NEW BUSINESS**, Proposed 2021-2022 budget for the Department of Education

UPON MOTION of Commissioner, DARELL STRATTON, Seconded by Commissioner

SCOTT WYNN, the motion to set the Department of Education’s Budget as the same money amount as the 2020-2021 budget, FAILED, by Roll Call Vote as Follows:

**AYE:** DARELL STRATTTON, SCOTT WYNN, JOHNNY BAKER, RODNEY OVERBAY, LUKE STRATTON AND LEON SPOONE. (6)

**NAY:** WENDY NOE, ANDY CAMERON, DARRELL WILLIAMS, JAMES ACUFF, GARY WAYNE DALTON, JUSTIN EPPERSON, MIKE HOLT BECKY JOHNSON AND LARRY JOHNSON. (9)

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**NEW BUSINESS**, Proposed 2021-2022 budget for the Department of Education

UPON MOTION of Commissioner LARRY JOHNSON, Seconded by Commissioner

GARY WAYNE DALTON, the Commission approved the amount as the 2021-2022 Department of Education Budget by Roll Call Vote as Follows:

**AYE:** WENDY NOE, ANDY CAMERON, DARRELL WILLIAMS, JAMES ACUFF, GARY WAYNE DALTON, JUSTIN EPPERSON, MIKE HOLT BECKY JOHNSON AND LARRY JOHNSON. (9)

**NAY:** DARELL STRATTTON, SCOTT WYNN, JOHNNY BAKER, RODNEY OVERBAY, LUKE STRATTON. (5)

**ABSTAIN:** LEON SPOONE. (1)

(Department of Education Budget at the end of the Minutes)

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**NEW BUSINESS, Resolution to set Tax Levy**

UPON MOTION of Commissioner ANDY CAMERON, Seconded by Commissioner JUSTIN EPPERSON, the Commission approved the 2021-2022 Tax Levy with a \$2.2966 tax rate by Roll Call Vote as Follow:

**AYE:** WENDY NOE, SCOTT WYNN, LUKE STRATTON, ANDY CAMERON, LEON SPOONE, DARRELL WILLIAMS, JAMES ACUFF, GARY WAYNE DALTON, JUSTIN EPPERSON, MIKE HOLT, BECKY JOHNSON AND LARRY JOHNSON.  
(12)

**NAY:** DARELL STRATTON, JOHNNY BAKER AND RODNEY OVERBAY. (3)

**RESOLUTION FIXING THE TAX LEVY IN GRAINGER COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021**

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Grainger County, Tennessee, assembled at a regular scheduled meeting on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021 that the combined property tax rate for Grainger County, Tennessee, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 shall be \$2.2966 on each \$100.00 of Taxable Property, which is to provide revenue for each of the following funds and otherwise conform to the following levies:

FUND	TAX RATE
County General	\$1.2056
Highway Department	\$ .1312
General Purpose School	\$ .5583
Debt Service	\$ .2132
Parks & Recreation	\$ .0245
Solid Waste & Sanitation	\$ .1638
<b>TOTAL TAX RATE</b>	<b>\$2.2966</b>

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions of the Board of Commissioners of Grainger County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the delinquent County Property Taxes for the year 2021 and prior years and interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2022 shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2021. The Trustee is hereby authorized and directed to make such apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This Resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Commissioners.

SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there is a levied bank excise tax as provided by law. The proceeds of the excise tax herein levied shall accrue to the General Fund.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Andy Cameron seconded by Commissioner Justin Epperson, that the foregoing Resolution be adopted, a call of roll was had with the following Commissioners voting:

AYE: 12  
NAY: 3

Done this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021

  
David M. Byrd, County Mayor

  
Johnny Baker  
Chairman

  
Angie J. Lamb, County Clerk



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**NEW BUSINESS**, Various Funds for Departments, Institutions, Offices and Agencies of Grainger Co.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner ANDY CAMERON, Seconded by Commissioner LUKE STRATTON, the commission approved a Resolution making appropriations for Various Funds for Departments, Institutions, Offices, and Agencies of Grainger County by Roll Call Vote as Follows:

**AYE:** WENDY NOE, DARELL STRATTON, SCOTT WYNN, JOHNNY BAKER, RODNEY OVERBAY, LUKE STRATTON, ANDY CAMERON, LEON SPOONE, DARRELL WILLIAMS, JAMES ACUFF, GARY WAYNE DALTON, JUSTIN EPPERSON, MIKE HOLT, BECKY JOHNSON AND LARRY JOHNSON. (15)

**NAY:** (0)

**A RESOLUTION MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS FUNDS, DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, OFFICES AND AGENCIES OF GRAINGER COUNTY, TENNESSEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022.**

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Grainger County, Tennessee, assembled at a regular scheduled meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021 that the amounts hereafter attached as exhibit A are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various funds, departments, institutions, offices and agencies of Grainger County, Tennessee, for the capital outlay, and for meeting the payment of principal and interest on the County's debt maturing during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there are also hereby appropriated certain portions of the commissions and fees for collecting taxes and licenses and for administering other funds which the Trustee, County Clerk, Circuit Court Clerk, Register of Deeds, Sheriff and the Clerk and Master and their officially authorized deputies and assistants may severally be entitled to receive under State laws heretofore or hereafter enacted. Expenditures out of commissions, and/or fees collected by the Trustee, County Clerk, Circuit County Clerk, Clerk and Master, Register of Deeds and the Sheriff may be made for such purposes and in such amounts as may be authorized by existing law or by valid order of any court having power to make such appropriation. Any excess commission and/or fees collected over and above the expenditures duly and conclusively authorized shall be paid over to the Trustee and converted into the County General Fund as provided by the law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any fee officials, as enumerated in Section 8-22-101 T.C.A., operate under provisions of Sections 8-22-104, T.C.A., provisions of the preceding paragraph shall not apply to those particular officials.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if need shall arise, the Budget Committee may, with the approval of any official, head of any Department or division which may be affected, transfer any amount with any major appropriation category and also the approval of the Board of Commissioners must be obtained as required by law for transfers between major appropriations categories within the same fund. The director of Schools must also receive the approval of the Board of Education for transfers within each major appropriation category of the budget and at the approval of the Board of Commissioners for transfers between these major categories as required by law, according to Section 5-9-407, T.C.A.

One copy of this authorization shall be filled with the County Clerk, one with the chairman of the Budget Committee, and one with each divisional or departmental head concerned. Aforesaid authorization shall clearly state the reasons for the transfer, but this provision shall in no case whatsoever be construed as authorizing transfer from one fund to another, but shall apply solely to transfers with a certain fund.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any appropriation made by this Resolution which covers the same purpose for which a specific appropriation is made by statute is made in lieu of but not in addition to said statutory appropriation. The salary, wages, or remuneration of each officer, employee, or agent of the County shall not be in excess of the amounts authorized by existing law or as set forth in the estimate of expenditures which accompanies this Resolution. Provided, however, that appropriations for such salaries, wages, or other remunerations hereby authorized shall in no case be construed as permitting expenditures for an office, agency, institution, division or department of the County in excess of the appropriation made herein for such office, agency, institution, division or department of the County. Such appropriation shall constitute the limit to the expenditures of any office, agency, institution, division or department ending June 30, 2020. The aggregate expenditures for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to these made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue of other funds, actually to be provided during the fiscal year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation. Said appropriation resolution shall be submitted to and approved by the State Director of Local Finance after its adoption as provided by Section 9-21-403, T.C.A., inclusive.

SECTION 6. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certain school funds, designated as "Clearing Accounts" have been included in the revenue and appropriations for the year ending June 30, 2021, as memorandum only. It is expressly understood that the County Board of Education may not create or incur expenditures from the funds above actual revenue of such funds. It is further directed that no transfers may be affected between the Clearing Accounts and the operation school funds accounts.

SECTION 7. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the budget for the School Federal Fund shall be the budget for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and the Grainger County Board of Education.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Mayor and County Clerk are hereby authorized to borrow money on revenue anticipation notes, provided such notes are first approved by the Director of Local Finance, to pay for expenses herein authorized until the taxes and other revenue for the fiscal year 2021-2022 have been collected, not exceeding sixty percent (60%) of the appropriations of each individual fund. The proceeds of loans for each individual fund shall be used only to pay the expenses and other requirements of the fund for which the loan is made and the loan shall be paid out of revenue of the fund for which money is borrowed. The notes evidencing the loans authorized under this section shall be issued under the authority of Title 9, Chapter 21, Tennessee Code Annotated. Said notes shall be signed by the County Mayor and countersigned by the County Clerk and shall mature and be paid in full without renewal not later than June 30, 2021.

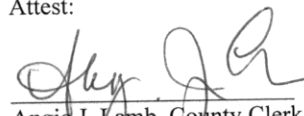
SECTION 9. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the fiscal year at June 30, 2022.

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Andy Cameron, Seconded by Commissioner Luke Stratton, that the foregoing resolution be adopted, a call of the roll was had with the following Commissioners voting:

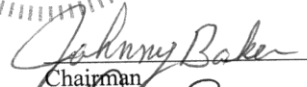
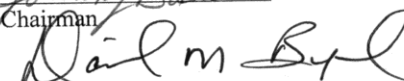
AYE: Wendy Noe, Darrell Stratton, Scott Wynn, Johnny Baker, Rodney Overbay, Luke Stratton, Andy Cameron, Leon Spaine, Darrell Williams, James Acuff, Gary Wayne Dalton, Justin Epperson, Mike Holt, Becky Johnson and Larry Johnson. (15)  
NAY: (0)

Done this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

Attest:

  
Angie J. Lamb, County Clerk



  
Chairman  
  
David M. Byrd, County Mayor

**NEW BUSINESS, Making Appropriations for Non-Profit organizations**

UPON MOTION of Commissioner LARRY JOHNSON, Seconded by Commissioner WENDY NOE, the Commission approved a Resolution making appropriations for Non- Profit Organizations by Roll Call Vote as Follows:

**AYE:** WENDY NOE, DARELL STRATTON, SCOTT WYNN, JOHNNY BAKER, RODNEY OVERBAY, LUKE STRATTON, ANDY CAMERON, LEON SPOONE, DARRELL WILLIAMS, JAMES ACUFF, GARY WAYNE DALTON, JUSTIN EPPERSON, MIKE HOLT, BECKY JOHNSON AND LARRY JOHNSON. (15)

**NAY:** (0)

**A RESOLUTION MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO NON-PROFIT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS OF GRAINGER COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022**

WHEREAS, Section 5-932, Tennessee Code Annotated, authorized the County Legislative Body to make appropriations to non-profit charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Grainger County Legislative Body recognizes the various non-profit charitable organizations located in Grainger County have great need of funds to carry on their non-profit work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissions of Grainger County, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

SECTION 1. That Twelve-Thousand Dollars (\$12,000), be appropriated to alternate facilities to promote the public welfare of Grainger County, by furnishing emergency shelter to the youth of Grainger County through the Juvenile Court Systems.

SECTION 2. That Seven-Thousand Dollars (\$7,000), be appropriated to the East Tennessee Human Resource Agency to promote the public welfare by providing transportation to the elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged through the use of the Dial-A-Ride Van, Homemaker Program, and to assist in the operation of the Senior Citizens Center.

SECTION 3. That Three-Thousand Dollars (\$3,000), be appropriated to the Bean Station Senior Citizens Organization, Three-Thousand Dollars (\$3,000), be appropriated to the Grainger County Senior Citizens Organization, and Three-Thousand (\$3,000), be appropriated to the Washburn Senior Citizens, and Three Thousand (\$3,000), be appropriated Blaine Senior Citizens to assist in promoting the public welfare by providing services to the Senior Citizens of Grainger County.

SECTION 4. That One-Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), be appropriated to the Senior Citizens Home Assistance Service, Inc. to promote public welfare by providing in home care to the Senior Citizens of Grainger County.

SECTION 5. That Two-Thousand Dollars (\$2,000), be appropriated for the "JOBS NOW" program of East Tennessee Economic Development Agency and Regional Partners to promote the creation of quality jobs for the East Tennessee Region which includes Grainger County.

SECTION 6. That One-Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), be appropriated to the Grainger County Chamber of Commerce for the promotion of Tourism, Retail, Commercial, and Industrial Development and sponsorship of the Grainger County Leadership Program.

SECTION 7. That One-Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), be appropriated to the Grainger County Tomato Festival for the promotion and coordinating of the event.

SECTION 8. That Four-Hundred, Twenty Dollars (\$420), be appropriated to the Association of Tennessee Valley Governments whose primary goal is to work with Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) on behalf of local governments.

SECTION 9. That One-Thousand, Eight-Hundred, Eighteen Dollars (\$1,818), be appropriated to East Tennessee Development District to assist Grainger County with planning and development services.

SECTION 10. That One-Thousand, Three-Hundred, Twenty Dollars (\$1,320), be appropriated to the Tennessee County Services Association whose purpose is to improve county government by assisting all County Officials.

SECTION 11. That One-Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), be appropriated to the Imagination Library to promote reading in Pre-School children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all appropriations enumerated in Sections 1-16 above are made subject to the following conditions,

1. That the non-profit charitable organizations to which funds are appropriated shall file with the County Clerk and the disbursing official a copy of an annual report of its business affairs and transactions and the proposed use of the county's funds in accordance with the rules promulgated by prepared and certified by the Chief Financial Officer of such non-profit organization in accordance with Section 5-932(c), T.C.A.
2. That said funds must only be used by the named non-profit charitable organization in furtherance of their non-profit charitable purposes benefiting the general welfare of the residents of the County.
3. That it is the expressed interest of the County Commission of Grainger County in providing these funds to the above named non-profit charitable organizations to be fully in compliance with Chapter 0390-2-7 of the Rules of Comptroller of the Treasury, and Sections 5-932 of Tennessee Code Annotated, and any and all other laws which may apply to non-profit organizations and so this appropriation is made subject to compliance with any and all of these laws and regulations.

UPON MOTION: Commissioner Larry Johnson, Seconded by Commissioner Wendy Noe.

AYE: (15) Wendy Noe, Darrell Stratton, Scott Wynn, Johnny Baker, Rodney Overbay, Luke Stratton, Andy Cameron, Leon Spone, Darrell Williams, James Acuff, Gary Wayne Dalton, Justin Epperson,  
NAY: (0) Mike Holt, Becky Johnson and Larry Johnson.

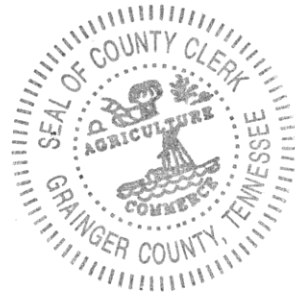
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Done this 9<sup>th</sup> day August, 2021.

Johnny Baker  
Chairman

Approved: David M. Byrd  
David M. Byrd, County Mayor

Attest: Angie J. Lamb  
Angie J. Lamb, County Clerk



**NEW BUSINESS**, Letter to Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Vilsack, etc, concerning drought in our county that effects beef cattle farmers

UPON MOTION of Commissioner ANDY CAMERON, Seconded by Commissioner JUSTIN EPPERSON, the commission approved to send a letter to the Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Vilsack, Senator Marsha Blackburn, Senator Bill Hagerty, Congressman Tim Burchett, Governor Bill Lee, TN Commissioner of Agriculture Charlie Hatcher, Senator Frank Niceley and State Representative Jerry Sexton concerning the drought in Grainger County that is affecting the Beef Cattle Farmers by Voice Vote.

### Grainger County Cattlemen's Association

Honorable Grainger County Commissioners:

In speaking to many of our local beef producers here in Grainger County over the past several weeks, the most common subject of discussion centers around the lack of significant rainfall to produce both pasture and a second cutting of hay to feed our animals throughout the winter. Typically, the first of August is when most producers harvest their second cutting so the fields will have time to grow back before the first frost in mid- to late October (which is less than 2 months away).

Per our County Agent Anthony Carver: "The lack of rain and freeze event in May caused a 38% loss of the first cutting hay crop. Additionally, the drought this summer has dealt farmers a second devastating blow inasmuch as there is essentially no hay crop to harvest (commonly referred to as "the second cutting"). This has resulted in two uncommon situations: first, some producers have been forced to allow their livestock to go ahead and graze in their hay fields; and, secondly, there has been no growth in hay fields as a result of essentially no significant rainfall. The next big problem is that farmers are having to feed hay now to offset no pasture. This sets the stage for farmers starting the winter feeding season with extremely low hay supplies and having to either purchase hay from other sources, or being forced to reduce their herds now to match up with their hay supplies or having to do so when—essentially—they run out of hay on into the season."

In researching this issue and speaking with the FSA (Farm Service Agency) director Shenna Jones in Morristown last week, it was brought to my attention that Grainger County is in "Week 4 of a D1 drought." To be eligible for federal assistance, we must endure a total of eight weeks of a D1 drought, although varied other weather conditions could arise in the interim to cause us to reach a D2 or even D3 drought status much sooner. Other counties adjacent to Grainger are also experiencing drought conditions—to a lesser degree—which are currently classified as "D0" by the FSA and are highlighted on the attached Tennessee Drought Monitor. The next Drought Monitor will be released on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, which will be "Week 8" of our county's current drought, and as a point of reference, August and September are typically our driest months for hay and other agricultural production.

What makes our current drought so much worse than the drought of 2016 when the Gatlinburg wildfires occurred is that it started during the growing season rather than the end of harvest as the 2016 drought did. Technically speaking, we have been in a drought from the middle of June to the present date.

In closing, I would like to ask that the Grainger County Commission send a letter to Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, Senator Marsha Blackburn, Senator Bill Hagerty, Congressman Tim Burchett, Governor Bill Lee, Tennessee Commissioner of Agriculture Charlie Hatcher, Senator Frank Niceley, and State Representative Jerry Sexton along with a copy of this letter which more specifically outlines the drought issues that need to be addressed by them. Our farmers should be entitled to some relief monies to help them offset funds that will be needed to either purchase hay to keep their livestock fed or to cover losses when they are forced to reduce their herds to correspond to the amount of hay they have been able to produce this year. Grainger is primarily an agricultural county with approximately 23,000 cattle, which is more or less equivalent to its human population. Cattle production plays a key role in the financial well-being of a huge number of Grainger County's citizens. The stage is set for its cattle producers to incur significant financial loss. Financial assistance is not a "want"; this year it is a full-blown "need."

Respectfully,

**James O. Acuff, President**  
Grainger County Cattlemen's Association  
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# U.S. Drought Monitor Tennessee

**August 3, 2021**

(Released Thursday, Aug. 5, 2021)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	93.10	6.90	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 07-27-2021	95.81	4.19	0.32	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Month s Ago</b> 05-04-2021	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12-29-2020	95.54	44.46	7.16	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-29-2020	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 08-04-2020	67.57	32.43	0.89	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Intensity:**

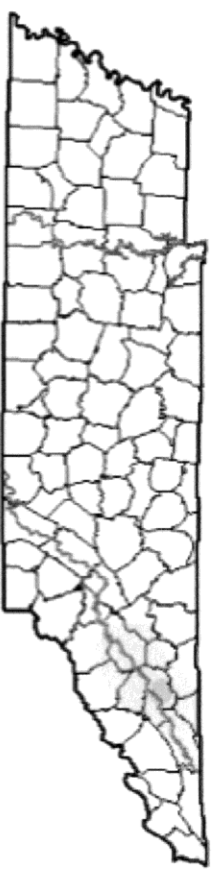
- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/about.aspx>

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**OLD BUSINESS,**

**NO MOTIONS**

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**MISC./OTHER BUSINESS,**

**NONE**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS,**

**NONE**

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**ADJOURN,**

UPON MOTION of Commissioner RODNEY OVERBAY, Seconded by Commissioner LUKE STRATTON, the Commission adjourned until the next regular called meeting on September 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting ended at 8:40 p.m.

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JOHNNY BAKER, COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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ANGIE J. LAMB, GRAINGER COUNTY CLERK



