

**Agenda**  
**Grainger County Commission Meeting**  
**Monday August 11, 2025 @ 7:00PM**

Meeting will be open to General Public

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge to Flag
4. Roll Call
5. Public Comments
6. Approval of Agenda and Addendums as required
7. Approve minutes and corrections as required for July 14, 2025 meeting.
8. Election of Notaries
9. Approval of Notary Bonds
10. Elections
  - A. For the expired terms of Woody Roach and Dr. Mark Holland on E-911 board please consider both individuals for another four (4) year term. Terms will expire 8.11.2029.
11. Reports-Annual, Quarterly and Monthly
  - A. Mayor - Water Run Off - Kidwell Road
  - B. Sheriff Monthly report-Report will be provided at meeting.
  - C. Trustee Monthly Report-Report included in packet.
12. Committee/Director Reports
  - A. Parks and Recreation report- Report Included in packet.
  - B. EMS report-Report will be provided at meeting.
  - C. 911 report-Report included in packet.
  - D. Sanitation Report-Report included in packet.

13. Budget Amendments
  - A. General Fund - Amendments Included in Packet (EMS Incentive calculations included)
14. Resolutions
  - A. Resolution 8.11.25A - Consider and approve Resolution authorizing a \$12.50 charge by Clerk of every Court in Grainger County having jurisdiction of State misdemeanors and felonies as authorized in TCA 40.3.106. (District Attorney Jimmy Dunn will be at meeting to discuss).
15. New Business
  - A. Jane Fadgen - Requesting lower speed limit set for Howell Rd.
  - B. Penny Warwick - Requesting lower speed limit set for Spencer Hollow Rd.
  - C. Discuss Grainger County Sewer plant maintenance options.
16. Unfinished Business
  - A. Tabled from last month - Review and approve EMS vehicle and equipment purchase (information will be provided at meeting).
17. Misc.
  - A. TCSA Fall Convention Oct 8-10 2025. Registration is now open.

Next Commission meeting: September 8, 2025 @ 7:00 PM  
Adjournment

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STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION  
DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

Knoxville Environmental Field Office  
3711 Middlebrook Pike  
Knoxville, TN 37921  
Phone 865-594-6035 Statewide 1-888-891-8332 Fax 865-594-6105

July 17, 2025

**CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT**  
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Mr. Jorge Lopez  
Red N Tasty, LLC  
P.O. Box 2284  
Sarasota, Florida 24230

Subject: **Advisement Letter/Discharge of Sediment Contaminated Water  
Through a Point Source into a Wet Weather Conveyance**  
Site ID #: 176500  
Parcel 076 00502 000, Kidwell Road  
Grainger County, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Lopez:

On June 18, 2025, Mr. Leigh Yates Jr., with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Water Resources (the division) conducted an investigation at a tomato farm on Parcel 076 00502 000, Kidwell Road in response to a complaint about muddy water runoff and discharge of sediment onto adjacent properties. The investigation found that soil had washed off a tomato field into a drainage ditch along the northeast property boundary onto Kidwell Road and through a culvert under the road as well as into a wet weather conveyance channel that drains to Cherokee Reservoir.

Please note that allowing sediment contaminated water to enter Waters of the State is a violation of the *Tennessee Water Quality Control Act of 1977*, which states that *it is unlawful for any person to discharge any substance into waters of the state or to place or cause any substance to be placed in any location where such substances, either by themselves or in combination with others, cause any of the damages defined in Section 69-3-103(22).*

Please contact Mrs. Leslie Bradley (423) 914-6019 or by email [Leslie.Bradley@tn.gov](mailto:Leslie.Bradley@tn.gov) at the Tennessee Department of Agriculture to obtain assistance regarding appropriate best

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management practices to be used to reduce the discharge of sediment onto adjacent property as well as into water drainage features that drain into Waters of the State.

Your prompt attention to these matters is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, you may contact me at 865-606-0678 or by email at [leigh.yates@tn.gov](mailto:leigh.yates@tn.gov).

Sincerely,



Leigh Yates Jr., Environmental Scientist  
Division of Water Resources  
Knoxville Field Office

cc : File : Grainger County : Site # 176500  
Heidi.McIntyre-Wilkinson@tn.gov (e-copy)  
Enforcement and Compliance Unit, Nashville (e-copy)

## Photographic Log

Red N Tasty, LLC	Parcel 076 00502 000, Kidwell Road, Grainger County	Site No.: 176500	June 18, 2025
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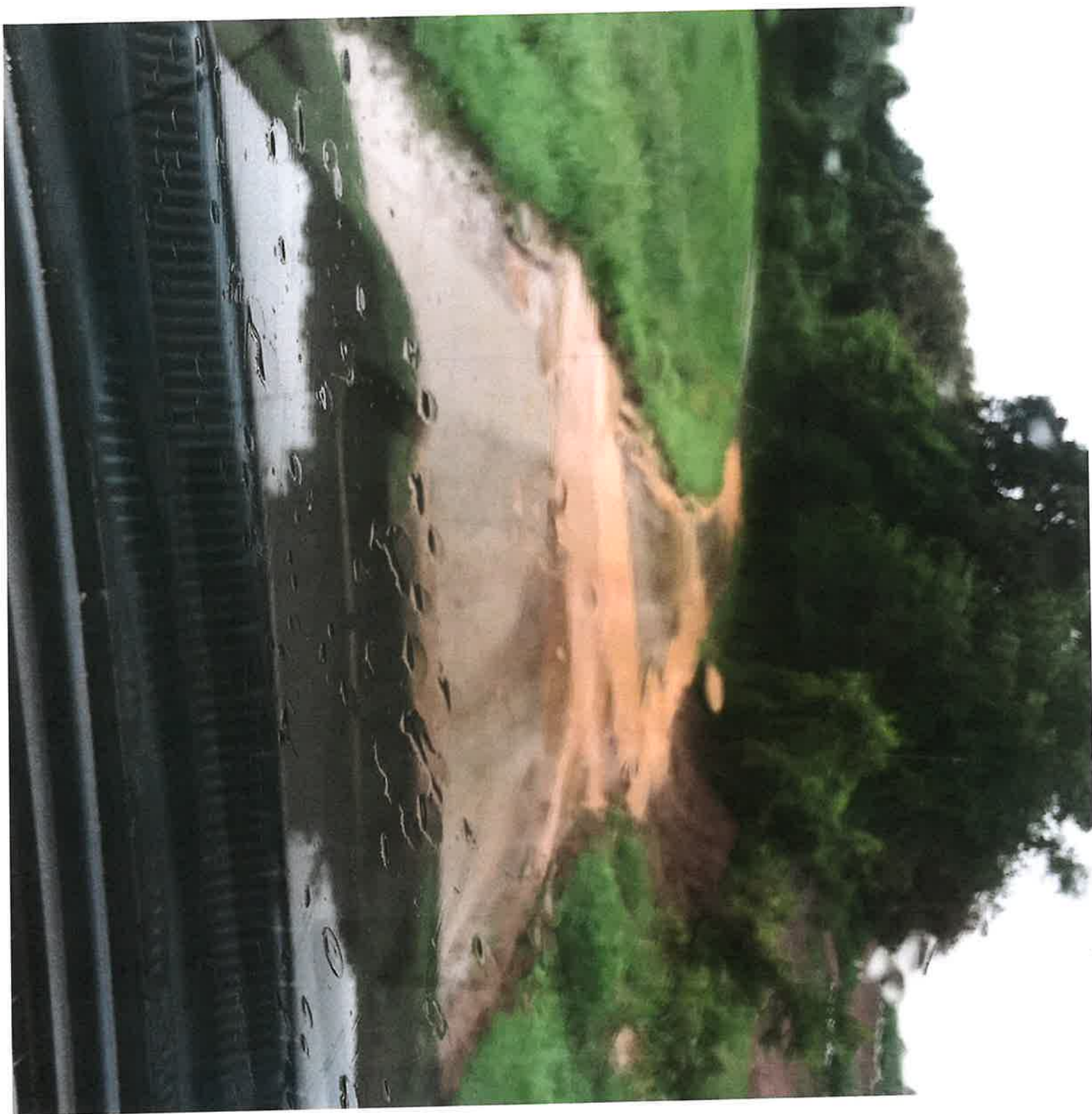
**Photo 1: Previous discharge of sediment from tomato field.**



**Photo 2: Sediment deposits in wet weather conveyance that drains to Cherokee Reservoir.**











Dept Description	Beginning Balance	Adjustments	Receipts	Transfers In	Disbursements	Transfers Out	Commissions	Ending Balance
101 County General	-5,606,936.89	129.34	-395,914.19	0.00	1,745,828.87	0.00	3,623.23	-4,253,269.64
112 Courthouse Funds	-19,569.21	0.00	-131.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.31	-19,698.92
114 Gov Law Library	-10,088.09	0.00	-100.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.01	-10,187.79
116 Solid Waste	-80,633.84	17.76	-104,628.16	-250,000.00	160,698.79	0.00	230.69	-274,314.76
122 Special Fund	-53,232.40	0.00	-10,142.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.43	-63,373.47
123 Parks & Recreation	-186,796.74	3.33	-5,495.47	0.00	33,768.55	0.00	61.43	-158,458.90
127 General Government Special Revenue	-952,776.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,637.86	0.00	0.00	-939,138.67
128 Opioid Abatement	-224,188.16	0.00	-717.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-224,905.70
131 Highway	-3,626,343.46	12.67	-234,430.20	0.00	286,856.81	0.00	2,250.56	-3,571,653.62
141 General Purpose Schools	-16,821,400.36	53.93	-1,110,343.76	10,256.00	3,605,576.08	0.00	3,900.70	-14,311,957.41
142 Federal Projects	-1,600,279.37	0.00	-134,373.47	0.00	863,553.77	0.00	0.00	-871,099.07
143 School Nutrition Program	-1,044,195.41	0.00	-63,677.94	0.00	246,256.66	0.00	0.00	-861,616.69
151 Debt Service	-3,875,274.04	9.97	-235,409.20	0.00	270,633.58	250,000.00	2,382.00	-3,587,657.69
351 City Of Rutledge	0.00	0.00	-32,441.49	0.00	32,117.08	0.00	324.41	0.00

352	City Of Blaine	0.00	0.00	-60,252.82	0.00	59,650.29	0.00	602.53	0.00
353	City Of Bean Station	0.00	0.00	-48,679.99	0.00	48,193.19	0.00	486.80	0.00
21100	Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00	-270.90	0.00	270.90	0.00	0.00	0.00
28310	Undistributed Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
28311	Undistributed Taxes Paid In Advance	-50,800.00	299.09	-14,273.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-64,774.39
29900	Fee/Commission Account	-44,461.59	20.00	0.00	0.00	17,970.26	0.00	-13,866.10	-40,337.43
		-34,196,976.09	546.09	-2,451,282.84	-239,744.00	7,385,012.69	250,000.00	0.00	-29,252,444.15

Summary Of Assets

	Beginning Balance	Ending Balance
11120 Cash On Hand	1,572.00	1,572.00
11130 Cash In Bank	6,195,404.09	3,250,872.15
11300 Investments	28,000,000.00	26,000,000.00
	34,196,976.09	29,252,444.15

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 July 2024.

Debra Spooone  
(Signature)

08-01-25  
(Date)

Grainger County Trustee  
(Title)



GRAINGER COUNTY  
**PARKS**  
& RECREATION

August 1, 2025

Grainger County Commission:

The Grainger County Parks and Recreation Department would like to provide you with a department report covering through August 1, 2025.

### Food Truck Friday

Parks and Recreation has partnered with Grainger County Chamber of Commerce in sponsoring Food Truck Friday at Grainger County Park. The events will take place the First Friday of each month from now to November.

### 5th Annual Fall Festival

The Fall Festival Committee has begun meeting, preparing for this year's Fall Festival. It will be held on Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> at Grainger County Park. We have begun taking applications for vendors, so if you know anyone, please pass the word. If you know anyone who does demonstrations, please have them call me. We would love to have a bunch of different types of demonstrations at the festival. At this time, we have 14 arts and craft vendors and 9 food trucks signed up.

Feel free to contact my office with any questions or concerns at any time at 865-828-9900 or by email at [randy.evans@graingercountyttn.gov](mailto:randy.evans@graingercountyttn.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Randy Evans". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Randy" and last name "Evans" clearly distinguishable.

Randy Evans  
Director  
Grainger County Parks & Recreation



**911 REPORT BY MONTH**  
**2025 (911) AT&T ESInet**

<u>Call Log</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>TEXT to 911</u>	<u>5</u>						
<u>911 Calls</u>	<u>911</u>						
<u>Non- Emerg Calls</u>	<u>1513</u>						
<u>Total Calls Combined</u>	<u>2429</u>						
<u>Calls Created for Dispatch</u> 347	<u>2168</u>						
<u>Departments Dispatched</u> <sub>474</sub>	<u>2465</u>						
<u>Domestic Animal Calls</u>	<u>34</u>						
<u>Farm Animal Calls</u>	<u>10</u>						
<u>Wild Animal Calls</u>	<u>5</u>						
<u>New Addresses</u>	<u>5=H</u> <u>3=M</u> <u>3=CP</u> <u>5=CB</u> <u>TOTAL</u> <u>16</u>						

ADDRESSES: B = BARN / C = CAMPER IN CAMPGROUND / CP = CAMPERS PERSONAL PROPERTY / H = HOUSE / M – MOBILE HOMES / WATER TAP OR WELL / CB – COMMERCIAL BUILDING / O – OTHER (PERSONAL WORKSHOP, STORAGE, WATER TAP OR WELL, ELECTRIC etc..)

# **GFL ENVIRONMENTAL DISPOSAL COST TRENDING**

	Haul/Rental	Fuel Sur-charge	Total
7.31.22	\$44,514.20	\$4,988.18	\$49,502.38
8.31.22	\$43,864.88	\$3,673.66	\$47,538.54
9.30.22	\$43,258.56	\$4,279.98	\$47,610.44
10.30.22	\$43,704.97	\$ 3,738.37	\$47,443.34
11.30.22	\$43,652.91	\$4,159.64	\$47,812.55
12.31.22	\$46,900.33	\$4,525.78	\$51,426.11
1.31.23	\$46,711.19	\$3,212.47	\$49,923.66
2.28.23	\$39,054.54	\$2,985.27	\$42,039.81
3.31.23	\$50,427.76	\$3,436.37	\$53,864.13
4.30.23	\$44,990.98	\$2,734.51	\$47,725.49
5.31.23	\$48,742.30	\$2,755.70	\$51,498.00
6.30.23	\$47,965.60	\$2,370.00	\$50,335.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$543,788.22</b>	<b>\$34,999.72</b>	<b>\$586,720.05</b>

7.31.23	\$48,863.20	\$2,115.51	\$50,978.71
8.31.23	\$48,590.54	\$2,177.25	\$50,767.79
9.30.23	\$49,356.18	\$3,402.70	\$52,758.88
10.31.23	\$48,021.38	\$3,541.71	\$51,563.09
11.30.23	\$49,387.18	\$3,608.46	\$52,995.64
12.31.23	\$49,197.33	\$3,185.28	\$52,382.61
1.31.24	\$44,022.78	\$2,049.83	\$46,072.61
2.29.24	\$47,031.00	\$2,040.61	\$49,071.61
3.31.24	\$51,088.29	\$2,703.21	\$53,791.50
4.30.24	\$52,793.25	\$2,778.35	\$55,571.60
5.31.24	\$49,858.36	\$2,324.65	\$52,183.01
6.30.24	\$49,238.91	\$2,134.25	\$51,373.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$587,448.40</b>	<b>\$32,061.81</b>	<b>\$619,510.21</b>
<b>Budget - 2023-24</b>			<b>\$610,000.00</b>

7.31.24	\$50,822.26	\$2,311.34	\$53,133.60
8.31.24	\$49,987.41	\$2,333.64	\$52,321.05
9.30.24	\$46,002.40	\$1,901.59	\$47,903.99
10.31.24	\$53,047.21	\$2,059.92	\$55,107.13
11.30.24	\$49,990.01	\$1,935.68	\$51,925.69
12.31.24	\$54,170.07	\$1,969.43	\$56,139.50
1.31.25	\$43,527.20	\$1,351.52	\$44,878.72
2.29.25	\$45,694.84	\$1,791.32	\$47,486.16
3.31.25	\$52,841.18	\$2,165.25	\$55,006.43
4.30.25	\$50,690.62	\$1,860.64	\$52,551.26
5.31.25	\$55,220.68	\$2,020.59	\$57,241.27
6.30.25	\$49,467.64	\$1,570.60	\$51,038.24
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$601,461.52</b>	<b>\$23,271.52</b>	<b>\$624,733.04</b>
<b>Budget - 2024-25</b>			<b>\$620,000.00</b>

Various Department Budget Amendments  
August 2025

Please consider the following budget amendments for approval:				
<b>General Fund 101:</b>			<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
<b>County Buildings</b>				
34585	Restricted for Capital Projects (Gaming Reserve)	\$	6,500.00	
51800-335	Maintenance & Repair (HVAC Rutledge Library)			\$ 6,500.00
<b>Sheriff's Department</b>				
34530-SRO	School Resource Officer Reserve	\$	8,718.98	
54110-599-SRO-REF	Other Charges SRO Refund for FY24/25			\$ 8,718.98
<b>EMS</b>				
39000	Fund Balance	\$	96,000.00	
55130-140	Salary Supplements			\$ 96,000.00
<b>Libraries</b>				
46980	Other State Grants - Petway Grant	\$	3,000.00	
56500-599-BS	Other Charges-Bean Station Library			\$ 3,000.00
<b>Total:</b>		\$	<b>114,218.98</b>	\$ <b>114,218.98</b>
<b>Opioid Fund 128:</b>				
<b>Alcohol &amp; Drug Programs</b>				
39000	Fund Balance	\$	15,000.00	
55170-735	Health Equip. Approved March 10, 2025			\$ 15,000.00
<b>Total:</b>		\$	<b>15,000.00</b>	\$ <b>15,000.00</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>		\$	<b>129,218.98</b>	\$ <b>129,218.98</b>

## Grainger County Emergency Medical Service

Bonus	Employee	D.O.B		Months (FT)	Hours (PT)
\$0.00	Acres, Jeff	6/20/2025	PT		
\$4,000.00	Banks, Byron	2/4/2022	FT	12	
\$4,000.00	Bowen, Mardy	10/7/2019	FT	12	
\$3,333.00	Bowers, Cody	9/30/2024	FT	10	
\$4,000.00	Calloway, Whitney	8/15/2016	FT	12	
\$0.00	Cole, Megan	6/12/2025	PT		
\$4,000.00	Connolly, Eddie	3/28/2022	FT	12	
\$4,000.00	Dean, Garrett	7/17/2023	FT	12	
\$4,000.00	English, Michael	8/23/2024	FT	12	
\$4,000.00	Ereth, Jason	7/1/2022	FT	12	
\$4,000.00	Fagundes, Joseph	10/1/2021	FT	12	
\$4,000.00	Foust, Thomas	8/28/2020	FT	12	
\$0.00	Hammer, Jasmine	4/3/2025	PT		
\$4,000.00	Hearn, Airyonna	12/18/2023	FT	12	
\$4,000.00	Hildebrand, Lisa	7/7/2021	FT	12	
\$3,667.00	Holt, Steve	8/1/2024	FT	11	
\$1,332.00	Johnson, Amy	3/31/2025	FT	4	
\$0.00	Majors, Chris	11/21/2024	PT		
\$4,000.00	Merritt, Chrissy	6/10/2024	FT	11	
\$0.00	Neal, Scott	6/29/2021	PT		
\$4,000.00	O'Quinn, Bradley	11/14/2019	FT	12	
\$0.00	Osborne, Randy	7/18/2018	PT		
\$333.00	Rice, David	5/29/2025	FT	1	
\$4,000.00	Rose, Forest	12/21/2023	FT	12	
\$4,000.00	Saylor, James	10/1/2020	FT	12	
\$0.00	Shaver, Brian	10/24/2024	PT		
\$0.00	Shular, Robert	11/21/2024	PT		
\$4,000.00	Smith, Brendalyn	11/2/2019	FT	12	
\$4,000.00	Smith, Josh	11/1/2020	FT	12	
\$4,000.00	Strange, Mary Beth	10/15/2015	FT	12	
\$0.00	Taylor, Brandon	11/6/2024	PT		
\$4,000.00	Thompson, Philip	7/27/2022	FT	12	
\$333.00	Trent, Sara	6/27/2025	FT	1	
\$0.00	Walton, Marjorie	4/23/2025	PT		
\$4,000.00	Williams, Richard	9/1/2020	FT	12	
\$0.00	Wilson, Brittany	2/20/2022	PT		
\$4,000.00	Wolfe, Victor	6/13/2023	FT	12	
\$92,998.00	Does not include part-time employee payouts				
\$3,002 Remaining					



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Bonus	Employee	D.O.B		Months (FT)		Hours (PT)
\$60.07	Acres, Jeff	6/20/2025	PT			72.00
\$4,000.00	Banks, Byron	2/4/2022	FT	12		
\$4,000.00	Bowen, Mardy	10/7/2019	FT	12		
\$3,333.00	Bowers, Cody	9/30/2024	FT		10	
\$4,000.00	Calloway, Whitney	8/15/2016	FT	12		
\$91.78	Cole, Megan	6/12/2025	PT			110.00
\$4,000.00	Connolly, Eddie	3/28/2022	FT	12		
\$4,000.00	Dean, Garrett	7/17/2023	FT	12		
\$4,000.00	English, Michael	8/23/2024	FT	12		
\$4,000.00	Ereth, Jason	7/1/2022	FT	12		
\$4,000.00	Fagundes, Joseph	10/1/2021	FT	12		
\$4,000.00	Foust, Thomas	8/28/2020	FT	12		
\$272.42	Hammer, Jasmine	4/3/2025	PT			326.50
\$4,000.00	Hearn, Airyonna	12/18/2023	FT	12		
\$4,000.00	Hildebrand, Lisa	7/7/2021	FT	12		
\$3,667.00	Holt, Steve	8/1/2024	FT		11	
\$1,332.00	Johnson, Amy	3/31/2025	FT		4	
\$91.78	Majors, Chris	11/21/2024	PT			110.00
\$4,000.00	Merritt, Chrissy	6/10/2024	FT		11	
\$624.93	Neal, Scott	6/29/2021	PT			749.00
\$4,000.00	O'Quinn, Bradley	11/14/2019	FT	12		
\$251.14	Osborne, Randy	7/18/2018	PT			301.00
\$333.00	Rice, David	5/29/2025	FT			1
\$4,000.00	Rose, Forest	12/21/2023	FT	12		
\$4,000.00	Saylor, James	10/1/2020	FT	12		
\$590.51	Shaver, Brian	10/24/2024	PT			707.75
\$38.80	Shular, Robert	11/21/2024	PT			46.50
\$4,000.00	Smith, Brendalyn	11/2/2019	FT	12		
\$4,000.00	Smith, Josh	11/1/2020	FT	12		
\$4,000.00	Strange, Mary Beth	10/15/2015	FT	12		
\$700.23	Taylor, Brandon	11/6/2024	PT			839.25
\$4,000.00	Thompson, Philip	7/27/2022	FT	12		
\$333.00	Trent, Sara	6/27/2025	FT			1
\$170.21	Walton, Marjorie	4/23/2025	PT			204.00
\$4,000.00	Williams, Richard	9/1/2020	FT	12		
\$110.13	Wilson, Brittany	2/20/2022	PT			132.00
\$4,000.00	Wolfe, Victor	6/13/2023	FT	12		
\$96,000.00 Total		Part-time payouts based on hours worked x 0.834352% of \$3,002.00				

**RESOLUTION-8.11.25A AUTHORIZING A TWELVE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENT CHARGE BY THE CLERK OF EVERY COURT IN GRAINGER COUNTY HAVING JURISDICTION OF STATE MISDEMEANORS AND FELONIES FOR THE PURPOSES AUTHORIZED AND SET OUT IN T.C.A. § 40-3-106**

WHEREAS, upon adoption of an appropriate resolution by a county legislative body, T.C.A. § 40-3-106 makes it the duty of the clerk of every court in that county having jurisdiction of state misdemeanors and felonies to include in every misdemeanor and felony cost bill, a charge of twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) that must be remitted to the county government, except in counties that are part of a multiple county judicial district as defined in T.C.A. § 16-2-506, in which case this charge must be remitted to the office of the executive director of the district attorneys general conference for the purpose of providing supplemental funding for the office of the District Attorney General within that judicial district. Any unencumbered moneys and any unexpended balance of such funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year do not revert to the state general fund but must be carried forward for the purpose for which they were originally intended; and

WHEREAS, under T.C.A. § 40-3-106 the aforesaid clerks may only charge the twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) upon adoption of a resolution by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the county legislative body of such county; and

WHEREAS, the county legislative body in Grainger County, Tennessee finds that implementation and collection of the foregoing charge is in the best interests of the county.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Grainger County, Tennessee, meeting in \_\_\_\_\_ session at Rutledge, Tennessee, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of August, 2025, that:

SECTION 1. The clerk of every court in Grainger County having jurisdiction of state misdemeanors and felonies shall include in every misdemeanor and felony cost bill, a charge of twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) that must be remitted to the county government, except in counties that are part of a multiple county judicial district as defined in T.C.A. § 16-2-506, in which case this charge must be remitted to the office of the executive director of the district attorneys general conference for the purpose of providing supplemental funding for the office of the District Attorney General in this judicial district. Any unencumbered moneys and any unexpended balance of such funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year do not revert to the state general fund but must be carried forward for the purpose for which they were originally intended;

SECTION 2. All costs collected by Grainger County government pursuant to this Resolution must be used for providing support services for the purpose of promoting public safety at the sole discretion of the District Attorney General for the Fourth Judicial District;

SECTION 3. Grainger County may supplement the funds of the District Attorney General system to promote public safety. The costs collected by Grainger County under this Resolution are supplemental and in addition to any funds received under T.C.A. § 40-3-106 or under title 8, chapter 7 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, relative to district attorneys general;

SECTION 4. In every misdemeanor and felony prosecution in which restitution is ordered or the privilege tax for the criminal injuries compensation fund established by T.C.A. § 40-24-107 is also levied, the cost imposed by this Resolution does not have priority over collection of that restitution or privilege tax; and

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval, the public welfare requiring it.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of August, 2025 by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Grainger County legislative body.

APPROVED:

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Mike Byrd  
Grainger County Mayor

ATTEST:

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Angie J. Lamb  
County Clerk



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 369**

**SENATE BILL NO. 547**

**By Stevens, Rose**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 547

By Cochran, Lamberth, Bricken, Howell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, relative to public safety.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 3, is amended by adding the following new section:

**40-3-106.**

(a) This section takes effect in any county immediately upon approval by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the county legislative body.

(b) It is the duty of the clerk of every court having jurisdiction of state misdemeanors and felonies to include in every misdemeanor and felony cost bill, a charge of twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) that must be remitted to the county government, except in counties that are part of a multiple county judicial district as defined in § 16-2-506, in which case this charge must be remitted to the office of the executive director of the district attorneys general conference for the purpose of providing supplemental funding for the office of the district attorney general within that judicial district. Any unencumbered moneys and any unexpended balance of such funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year do not revert to the state general fund but must be carried forward for the purpose for which they were originally intended.

(c) All costs collected by county governments pursuant to this section must be used for providing support services for the purpose of promoting public safety at the sole discretion of the district attorney general for that county's respective judicial district.

(d) A county may supplement the funds of the district attorney general system to promote public safety. The costs collected by the county under this section are supplemental and in addition to any funds received under this chapter or under title 8, chapter 7, relative to district attorneys general.

(e) This section does not apply to nonmoving traffic violations.

(f) In every misdemeanor and felony prosecution in which restitution is ordered or the privilege tax for the criminal injuries compensation fund established by § 40-24-107 is also levied, the cost imposed by this section does not have priority over collection of that restitution or privilege tax.

(g) A district attorney general receiving or directing funding pursuant to this section shall submit a report to the district attorneys general conference no later than January 1 of each year detailing the amount of costs charged and collected and the purposes for which the funds were used in the year immediately preceding such date. The district attorneys general conference shall provide a corresponding report no later than February 15 of each year to the chair of the judiciary committee of the senate, the chair of the criminal justice committee of the house of representatives, and the chairs of the finance, ways and means committees of the senate and the house of representatives, providing such information in aggregate and by district.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.



SENATE BILL NO. 547

PASSED: April 17, 2025

  
RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025

  
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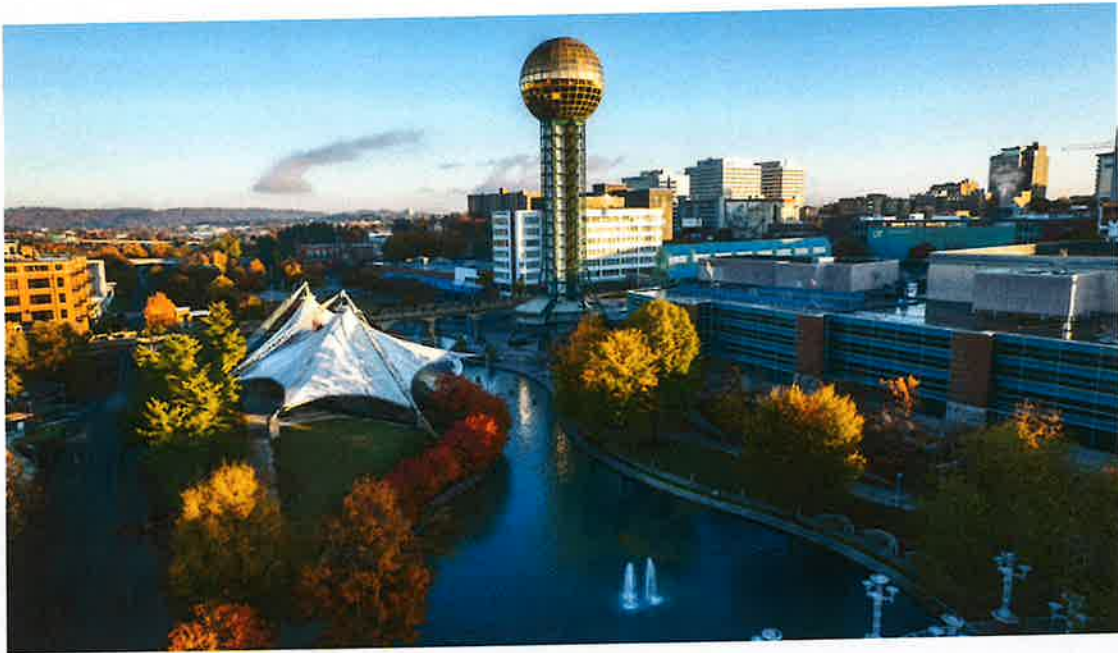
FW: 📧 TCSA 2025 Fall Conference Registration Now Open

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## TCSA Fall Conference Registration Now Available

TCSA is excited to announce that our highly anticipated **2025 Fall Conference & Trade Show** registration is now open!

Mark your calendars for **October 8–10, 2025**, and join us at the **Knoxville Convention**

October 2025

**8-10**

**REGISTER NOW**

**Center in Knox County** for an exceptional event featuring opportunities for county officials to network, learn, and collaborate on the future of county government in Tennessee.



### **New Registration Pricing Details in Effect This Year:**

To help with staffing and planning, **conference registration pricing will look a little different this year**. We strongly encourage you to register early—for both your convenience and ours! Early registration allows our team better to prepare materials, name badges, and meals.

- Conference Registration: [Register on the TCSA website](#) or fill out a [paper registration](#).
  - **Conference registration costs**
    - **July 16 - September 30, 2025:**
      - TCSA Members & Elected Officials – \$375
      - Non-Elected Officials and County Staff – \$400
    - **October 1- 7, 2025:**
      - TCSA Members & Elected Officials – \$425
      - Non-Elected Officials and County Staff – \$450

- On-site registration is available, but space is limited. We encourage early registration to guarantee your participation and proper name badge availability.

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## **IMPORTANT NOTICE! Changes in Registration Policies**

We have experienced an increasing number of conference registrations where individuals select the “pay later” option, attend the event, and then fail to pay for their conference registration. It takes a tremendous amount of time and effort following events for the staff to collect these past-due registrations. When officials attend an event and then never pay, they are driving up the registration costs for officials who have paid their registration fees.

**As a result, we are instituting the following policies:**

1. We will no longer be accepting fax registrations. You can register online through the Engagifii platform or by phone by calling our office during normal business hours.
2. We will still accept mailed-in paper registrations, but they **must** be accompanied by a check for payment. **Mailed registrations will be charged based on the date they're postmarked (the earlier, the better!)**
3. For any registrations made online using the “pay later” option, the association **must** have received payment at least 48 hours prior to the conference, **or the registration will be canceled.**
4. On-site registrations must be paid for with a check or by credit card at the time of registration and will be charged an additional \$50 fee.
5. In order to get an accurate count for planning meals, training, and event functions at conferences, we encourage members to register in advance.

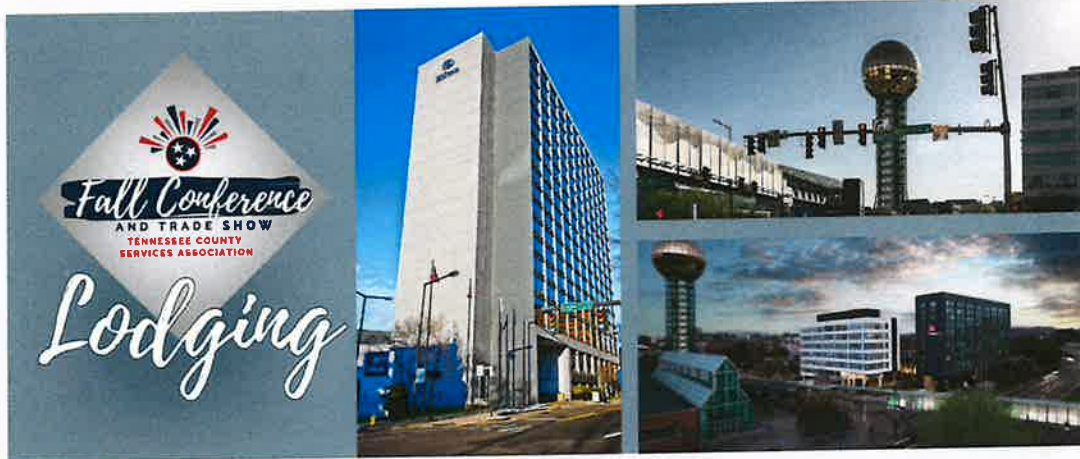


Late registrations (which applies to any registration on or after October 1 for the 2025 fall conference) will be charged an additional \$50 per registration.

6. Going forward, **any conference registrant with an unpaid, outstanding invoice for a prior conference will be unable to register for future events until the invoice has been paid.**

We understand that many counties need to process a payment through their purchasing or finance office, and for that reason, we do not want to eliminate the “pay later” option, but we may be forced to do so if these changes do not correct the problem.

Thank you for your understanding of these policy changes. We look forward to seeing everyone in October in Knox County for the exciting TCSA Fall Conference and Trade Show!



## Lodging:

We have room blocks available at the Marriott Knoxville Downtown and the Hilton Knoxville—both within walking distance of the Knoxville Convention Center.

### Marriott Knoxville Downtown

- Room Rate: \$157
- Call 800-228-9290 or 865-522-2800
- [Booking Link](#)

### Hilton Knoxville

- Room Rate: \$175
- Call 865-523-2300, use code TCSA
- [Booking Link](#)

We look forward to seeing you in Knoxville this October!

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