

Agenda
Grainger County Commission Meeting
Monday January 12, 2026 @ 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 December 8, 2025 meeting.
8. Election of Notaries
9. Approval of Notary Bonds
10. Elections
 - A.
11. Reports-Annual, Quarterly and Monthly
 - A. Sheriff Monthly report-Report will be provided at meeting.
 - B. Trustee Monthly Report-Report will be provided at meeting.
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 will be provided at meeting.
 - D. Sanitation Report-Report included in packet.
13. Budget Amendments
 - A. General Fund & Parks & Recreation- Amendments included in packet.
 - B. Sheriff - Amendment included in packet.
 - C. Department of Education- Amendments included in packet.

14. Resolutions

- A. Resolution 1.12.26A - Resolution approving the funding of EMS (Medic 4) Building from Morgan Family Investments LLC. (**NOTE:** Will need to rescind Reconsider 15A motion dated December 8, 2025 for the purchase of the Blaine Medic 4 building @ \$320,001 which includes 3-year financing).
- B. Resolution 1.12.26B - Resolution to allow Grainger County Trustee to round property taxes and interest.

15. New Business

- A. Discuss Property Value indexing. Donna Shelton (Assessor of Property) and Gabe Looney (CTAS) will be available to discuss process.
- B. Jerry West would like to address the commission in reference to compression brake signage and Ridgeview Road water run-off.
- C. Ed McBee would like to address the commission in reference to solid waste grinder equipment.

16. Unfinished Business

- A.

17. Misc.

- A. Rick Eldridge funding announcement for Grainger County (For information only)

Next Commission meeting: February 9, 2026 @ 7:00 PM

Adjournment



December 30, 2025

Grainger County Commission:

The Grainger County Parks and Recreation Department would like to provide you with a department report covering through December 30, 2025

Youth Basketball league

Sign ups for the youth basketball league started on Monday October 20 and closed on Monday November 24th. Due to me being out of town for a week, the draft was finally held on Sunday December 14th. We had a total of 296 kids registered and we made 33 teams. Practice started on Thursday December 18th and we are using 4 gyms as of now for practice. Game schedules are being made now with the regular season starting on Monday January 19th and going thru Saturday march 7th, 2026.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me 865-617-0059 or you can reach me by email at randy.evans@graingercountytn.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy Evans". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Randy Evans
Director
Grainger County Parks & Recreation

GFL ENVIRONMENTAL DISPOSAL COST TRENDING

	Fuel		
	Haul/Rental	Sur-charge	Total
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
Total	\$601,461.52	\$23,271.52	\$624,733.04
Budget - 2024-25			\$620,000.00

7.31.25	\$54,456.73	\$2,114.58	\$56,571.31
8.31.25	\$53,538.75	\$2,505.66	\$56,044.41
9.30.25	\$51,062.50	\$2,004.41	\$53,066.91
10.31.25	\$53,113.97	\$2,366.46	\$55,480.43
11.30.25	\$51,771.80	\$2,138.03	\$53,909.83
12.31.25			\$0.00
1.31.26			\$0.00
2.29.26			\$0.00
3.31.26			\$0.00
4.30.26			\$0.00
5.31.26			\$0.00
6.30.26			\$0.00
Total	\$263,943.75	\$11,129.14	\$275,072.89
Budget - 2025-26			\$643,750.00

Grainger County Sheriff's Dept

Budget Amendments

(January 2026)

1) From 101-34525-SOR (Reserve account)	\$4,602.79
To 101-54110-431 (LE supplies)	4,602.79

**GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL
BUDGET AMENDMENTS
January 12, 2026**

		Decrease/Revenue/DB	Increase/CR
TSW Grant 25-26 (Amend-In)			
71200-189-TSW26	Other Salaries and Wages		77,897.00
71200-201-TSW26	Social Security		4,830.00
71200-204-TSW26	State Retirement		4,674.00
71200-207-TSW26	Medical Insurance		10,350.00
71200-210-TSW26	Unemployment		105.00
71200-212-TSW26	Medicare		1,130.00
46590-TSW26	Other State Education Funds	98,986.00	
Total		\$ 98,986.00	\$ 98,986.00

		Decrease/Revenue/DB	Increase/CR
TISA Outcomes (Amend-In)			
71100-189-OUT	Other Salaries and Wages		214,869.00
71100-201-OUT	Social Security		13,322.00
71100-204-OUT	State Retirement		19,337.50
71100-212-OUT	Medicare		3,116.00
71100-599-OUT	Other Charges		20,000.00
46510-OUT	TISA - Outcomes	270,644.50	
Total		\$ 270,644.50	\$ 270,644.50

		Decrease/Revenue/DB	Increase/CR
Youth Risk Behavior Survey (Amendment)			
72210-499-YOUTH	Other Supplies and Materials		90.00
34770	Reserves	90.00	
Total		\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00

RESOLUTION NUMBER – 1.12.26A
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE
BUILDING (BLAINE MEDIC 4)

WHEREAS, Grainger County Emergency Management Service department has provided the citizens of Grainger County emergency services for many years; and

WHEREAS, the County continues to require said services; and

WHEREAS, Grainger County Emergency Management Services requires a station for its on duty personnel to provide emergency services 24/7 three hundred and sixty-five days per year; and

WHEREAS, the Grainger County Legislative Body recognizes a need for Emergency Medical Station (Blaine Medic 4) be purchased for emergency services and also consider the lowest/best proposal with minimal timeframe for delivery.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Grainger County Legislative Body authorizes Grainger County Mayor, Mike Byrd enter into a purchase agreement for building in the amount not to exceed \$300,000 to be paid in full to Morgan Family Investments LLC once title search and deed have been completed. Funds will be utilized from Debt Service (2024-25 Investment Income).

Fund 151: Debit 39000 (Fund Balance) Credit 99100-590 (Transfer Out-Investment Inc.)

Fund 101: Debit 49800 (Transfer In) Credit 55130-732 (Building Purchases)

APPROVED AND ADOPTED, by the Grainger County Legislative Body this 12th day of January, 2026.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commission Chairman

County Mayor

RESOLUTION NUMBER- 1.12.26B
BY GRAINGER COUNTY, TENNESSEE
TO ALLOW GRAINGER COUNTY TRUSTEE
TO ROUND PROPERTY TAXES AND INTERESTS

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-5-102(a)(1) authorizes counties to levy an ad valorem tax upon all property subject to such tax; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-5-102(a)(2) directs that the amount of such tax shall be fixed by the county legislative body of each county; and

WHEREAS, the rounding of ad valorem property tax amounts to the nearest dollar would simplify and expedite the payment and collection of property taxes in the county; and

WHEREAS, the rounding of property taxes and interests will not significantly impact the revenues of Grainger County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the rounding of property taxes and interests will be a convenience to county taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Grainger County Legislative Body desires to authorize the office of the Grainger County Trustee to round property taxes and interests to the nearest dollar; NOW

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Grainger County Commission meeting in regular session on the 12th day of January, 2026, that the office of the Grainger County Trustee is hereby authorized to round individual ad valorem property taxes and interests to the nearest dollar. Such rounding shall be applied uniformly to all property tax bills in the county for real and personal property, whether such property is locally assessed or centrally assessed and shall be accomplished by rounding amounts ending in \$0.01 to \$0.49 down to the nearest dollar amounts ending in \$0.50 to \$0.99 up to the nearest dollar. Such rounding shall apply to both the tax amount and any interest added to delinquent taxes.

THIS RESOLUTION SHALL be effective for the 2025 tax year and subsequent tax years, the public welfare requiring it.

WHEREFORE, it was moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that this resolution be adopted.

Voting - aye:

Voting - nay:

Pass -

The Commission Chair declared the Resolution adopted this ____ day of _____, 20__.

 COMMISSION CHAIR

ATTEST: _____

COUNTY CLERK

CHAPTER NO. 405

SENATE BILL NO. 853

By Harper, Henry

Substituted for: House Bill No. 476

By Odom, Briley, Bone, Campfield

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to engine compression brakes.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by inserting the following as a new, appropriately designated section thereto:

(a) Truck tractors and semitrailers, as defined in § 55-8-101, shall not use an engine compression braking device unless the engine compression braking device is equipped with an operational, approved muffler.

(b) As used in this section, "approved muffler" means any muffler that complies with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations on noise emissions, 49 CFR 325, et seq.

(c) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. Any local or municipal government may request that the department of transportation place signage to effectuate the purposes of this act within its jurisdiction. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. The department of transportation shall have the authority to develop appropriate signage, sign usage, and manufacture and installation guidelines regarding such signs. The local or municipal government shall remit to the department of transportation the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the local or municipal government paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the local cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department within thirty (30) days of the local or municipal government receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 3. The commissioner of transportation is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 26, 2005


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 17th day of June 2005


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR

TDOT - General Guidance for Implementation of Compression Brake Signs

July 2018

TDOT HQ Traffic Engineering Office – Per Jason Oldham & Joseph Sweat

The general guidance for TDOT is set forth by Public Chapter 405 which was passed in 2005 by the Tennessee General Assembly.

- For conventional state routes located in a county, the county must pay TDOT for signs and TDOT will install.
- For conventional state routes located in a city, the city must use our design, but may fabricate and install the signs themselves.
- For fully controlled access routes such as interstates, a city or county must request TDOT to review and concur, and must pay for the signs. TDOT must install the signs.
- When funding for signs is required, please refer inquiries to Joseph Sweat at HQ traffic Engineering Office 615-532-3431. Upon final approval for the signs, the department will provide the local or municipal government with an estimate for the signs as well as where the fees are to be sent.
- Please Note: These signs, as designed by TDOT, are the required standard for all public roads in Tennessee regardless of jurisdiction. These standard signs shall be used on any road, county or city, where such signs are required. Material specifications must conform to the Tennessee Department of Transportation's Standard Specifications for Roads and Bridge Construction and shall be installed in accordance with the requirements set forth by the current edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Funding

The local or municipal government shall remit to the department of transportation the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture and installation of such signs.

The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the local or municipal government paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of the signs. If the cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such cost shall be remitted to the department within thirty (30)

days of the local or municipal government receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost of the signs.

Guidance:

After completing a recent review of available national data on complainant compression brake systems TDOT has determined that the installation of these type signs would only be appropriate in areas where there is documented evidence of large trucks using non-compliant compression brake systems in excess of general averages. Based on various studies conducted by industry experts most large trucks (approx. 95%) with compression brake systems have compliant mufflers and often what local residents nearby the highway hear are legal, albeit somewhat loud, compliant compression brakes which the subject signs do not prohibit.

Before TDOT can approve these type signs the applicants need to provide findings which demonstrate truckers are using non-compliant compression brake system in excess of general averages. For example if one (1) in every 10 trucks was found to be using non-compliant compression brake systems then that area or segment of highway would be eligible for this type sign. In practical terms TDOT requires some sort of documented evidence of large trucks using non-compliant compression brake systems in excess of general averages.

Sign Layouts:

Compression Brake Signs

Conventional
Hwy's

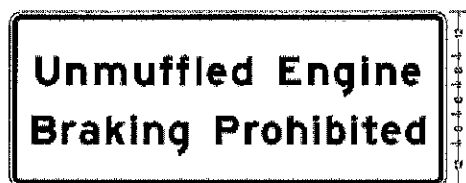


Approx. Cost

\$300.00

1 3/4" Radius, 3/8" Border, 3/8" Inset Black on White.
"UNMUFFLED" & "BRAKING" B.
"PROHIBITED" B.

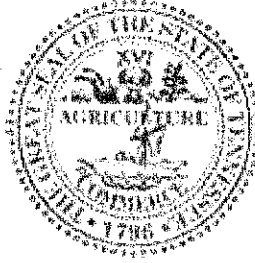
TDOT



Approx. Cost

\$ 3,505.00

1 3/4" Radius, 1 1/8" Border, 3/8" Inset Black on White.
"Unmuffled Engine" & Mod 10% spacing, "Braking Prohibited" B Mod 10% spacing.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Dec. 8, 2025

Contact: Carson Burns, 615-741-1100 (ext. 44514)

carson.burns@capitol.tn.gov

Rep. Rick Eldridge announces \$773K for Grainger County infrastructure, safety improvements

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — **State Rep. Rick Eldridge**, R-Morristown, announced \$772,850 in grant funding has been awarded to the towns of **Bean Station** and **Blaine** for local infrastructure and safety improvements.

The funds are from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, administered by the **Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development (TNECD)**, which aims to assist communities with water and sewer improvements along with health and safety projects.

"From improving a busy intersection to equipping our local firefighters with the tools they need, these investments make our communities safer and stronger," Eldridge said. "I'm grateful for TNECD's continued partnership and commitment to serving the people of Grainger County."

The town of Bean Station was awarded \$510,450 to make roadway and pedestrian safety improvements at the intersection of Main Street and Broadway Drive which is near the Bean Station History Museum and Harris Court Park.

The town of Blaine was awarded \$262,400 to purchase SCBA, or self-contained breathing apparatus, and spare cylinders for the Blaine Volunteer Fire Department.

As part of broader efforts to strengthen local infrastructure, Eldridge secured \$1.5 million in state funding earlier this year for Bean Station's new sewer project, which is now underway.

This year, 44 communities across the state received CDBG funding totaling \$26.2 million, according to TNECD.

Rick Eldridge represents District 10 which includes Grainger and part of Hamblen Counties.

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