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**MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026 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,  
JANUARY 12, 2026 A.D., MIKE HOLT, GRAINGER COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIR, WAS  
PRESENT AND PRESIDING, AND THE FOLLOWING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PRESENT  
TO-WIT:

WENDY NOE, DARELL STRATTON, SCOTT WYNN, ED MCBEE, RODNEY OVERBAY  
LUKE STRATTON, ANDY CAMERON, TINA DAVIS, DARRELL WILLIAMS, JAMES  
ACUFF, JUSTIN EPPERSON, JENNIFER HOLT, ANNA BLANKEN, JESSE CLINE AND  
MIKE HOLT. (15)

COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S ABSENT: (0)

OPEN BY: SHERIFF HARVILLE

PRAYER BY: RODNEY OVERBAY

PLEDGE BY: JAMES ACUFF

MIKE HOLT, COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIR, 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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**PUBLIC COMMENTS,**

NONE

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**AGENDA, Approval of**

UPON MOTION of Commissioner ANNA BLANKEN, Seconded by Commissioner ED MCBEE, the Commission approved the agenda with addendums for the January 12, 2026 Meeting by Voice Vote.

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**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.

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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

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**MINUTES**, Approval of

UPON MOTION of Commissioner JESSE CLINE, Seconded by

Commissioner JUSTIN EPPERSON, the Commission approved the minutes for the December 8, 2025 Regular County Meeting by Voice Vote.

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**ELECTION OF NOTARIES,**

UPON MOTION of Commissioner ANDY CAMERON, Seconded by Commissioner ED MCBEE, the Commission approved the following Notary Publics by Voice Vote.

1. DIANE McCANN

RENEWAL

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**ELECTION OF NOTARY OF BONDS,**

UPON MOTION of Commissioner LUKE STRATTON, Seconded by Commissioner JENNIFER HOLT, the Commission approved the Following Notary Bonds by Voice Vote.

1. DIANE McCANN

\$10,000 Bond with State Farm

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**ELECTIONS;**

NONE

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**REPORTS, MONTHLY, QUARTERLY & ANNUALLY, Sheriff**

Report Only

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**Grainger County Sheriff's Department**  
**December Monthly Progress Report**

Year:	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Miles:	59,536	58,772	68,436	56,990	61,984	63,987	56,968	50,542	49,224	49,111	44,352	59,908
Calls Answered:	638	844	966	863	731	789	764	1,100	790	741	697	942
Reports Filed:	110	181	205	176	146	149	150	164	162	140	101	148
Warrants Served:	89	142	143	126	145	133	139	205	135	144	104	78
Inmates Booked:	98	75	98	78	80	84	90	76	71	64	57	51
Inmates Released:	112	87	84	85	72	91	99	76	78	65	69	56
Inmates Fed:	6,579	9,163	7,807	9,451	7,458	6,058	6,416	5,007	5,287	6,430	6,708	3,736
Pounds of Trash:	4,718	4,960	12,380	8,120	11,040	8,160	0	7,080	9,740	14,660	11,500	7,000
Inmate Labor Hours Worked:	0	0	7,807	3,340	3,108	2,361	1,504	1,477	2,184	2,160	2,296	2,526
<b>Total Inmate Population</b>												
TDOC Inmates:	0	0	0	0	10	3	8	4	5	12	7	5
Split Confinement:	0	0	0	0	11	7	15	11	11	7	13	6
County Sentenced:	0	0	0	0	2	9	9	7	12	11	13	2
Pretrial:	0	0	0	0	72	52	45	37	40	49	45	41
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>54</b>

**REPORTS, MONTHLY, QUARTERLY & ANNUALLY, Trustee Monthly Report**

No Motions/Report Only

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Template Name: MTD RDB Report Created By: LGC		Grainger County Trustee YTD RDB Report Thru December 2025		User: Date/Time:		Debra Spooe 1/2/2026 4:33 PM Page 1 of 3		
Dept Description	Beginning Balance	Adjustments	Receipts	Transfers In	Disbursements	Transfers Out	Commissions	Ending Balance
101 County General	-6,413,576.41	-38,417.59	-6,657,595.49	-395,766.15	7,765,010.98	380.00	88,234.96	-5,651,729.70
112 Courthouse Funds	-25,430.47	0.00	-1,410.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.11	-26,827.20
114 Gov Law Library	-11,410.50	0.00	-887.24	0.00	4,339.24	0.00	8.87	-7,949.63
116 Solid Waste	-230,099.25	-5,567.26	-655,305.27	-250,380.00	664,430.58	0.00	10,473.36	-466,447.84
122 Special Fund	-59,088.07	0.00	-832.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.06	-59,912.37
123 Parks & Recreation	-218,746.39	-942.15	-115,790.05	0.00	111,425.29	766.15	1,904.01	-221,383.14
127 General Government Special Revenue	-599,337.75	0.00	-10.87	0.00	178,486.78	0.00	0.11	-420,861.73
128 Opioid Abatement	-220,925.81	0.00	-3,560.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-224,486.32
131 Highway	-4,110,048.13	-3,583.88	-1,772,992.74	0.00	1,808,035.52	0.00	18,603.86	-4,059,985.37
141 General Purpose Schools	-19,092,171.35	-14,833.97	-18,550,885.99	61,536.00	18,431,693.56	0.00	42,215.67	-19,122,446.08
142 Federal Projects	-1,063,441.29	0.00	-1,381,257.62	0.00	1,596,986.69	0.00	0.00	-847,712.22
143 School Nutrition Program	-631,617.93	0.00	-1,186,529.91	0.00	1,285,723.05	0.00	0.00	-532,424.79
151 Debt Service	-4,896,169.33	-36,365.19	-2,107,860.81	0.00	136,225.00	587,000.00	14,544.61	-6,302,625.72
351 City Of Rutledge	0.00	0.00	-193,773.73	0.00	191,835.99	0.00	1,937.74	0.00

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352	City Of Blaine	0.00	0.00	-407,387.86	0.00	403,313.98	0.00	4,073.88	0.00
353	City Of Bean Station	0.00	0.00	-338,016.73	0.00	334,636.55	0.00	3,380.18	0.00
21100	Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00	-1,928.80	0.00	1,928.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
28310	Undistributed Taxes	0.00	-0.39	0.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
28311	Undistributed Taxes Paid In Advance	-49,902.95	75,007.99	-25,205.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-100.00
29900	Fee/Commission Account	-52,310.11	120.00	0.00	58,000.00	121,178.80	0.00	-185,399.42	-58,410.73
		-37,674,275.74	-24,582.44	-33,401,231.47	-526,610.15	33,035,250.81	588,146.15	0.00	-38,003,302.84

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Template Name: MTD RDB Report Created By: LGC		Grainger County Trustee YTD RDB Report Thru December 2025				User: Date/Time:		Debra Spone 1/2/2026 4:33 PM Page 3 of 3	
Summary Of Assets		Beginning Balance		Ending Balance					
11120	Cash On Hand		1,672.00		1,672.00				
11130	Cash In Bank		5,692,393.65		7,998,334.84				
11300	Investments		31,979,435.77		30,000,000.00				
11400	LGC Credit Card Receivable		282.32		0.00				
11410	Accounts Receivable		492.00		3,296.00				
			37,674,275.74		38,003,302.84				

This Report is Submitted In Accordance With Requirements Of Section S-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 December 2025.

Rena Greer  
(Signature)

01-02-2026  
(Date)

Grainger County Trustee  
(Title)

## COMMITTEE/DIRECTOR REPORTS, Parks and Recreation

### Report/No Motions

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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 14<sup>th</sup>. We had a total of 296 kids registered and we made 33 teams. Practice started on Thursday December 18<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> and going thru Saturday march 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me 865-617-0059 or you can reach me by email at [randy.evans@graingercountyn.gov](mailto:randy.evans@graingercountyn.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy Evans".

Randy Evans  
Director  
Grainger County Parks & Recreation

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## **COMMITTEE/DIRECTOR REPORTS, EMS**

## Report/No Motions



GRAINGER COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

## **County Commission**

## Information for the month of December 2025

January 12, 2026

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

- **351 including 245 transports** (01/06/2026 - ESO)
  - Monthly Average Response Time: 14:27 (189 Emergency Responses)
  - Annual Average Response Time: 14:41 (2,362 Emergency Responses)

UNIT	TRANSPORTS	TOTAL CALLS
Medic 1	77	103
Medic 2	76	114
Medic 3	30	49
Medic 4	58	80
Medic 5	4	4
Medic 11	0	1

**B. REVENUE COLLECTED** **(December)**

➤ **Monthly Total:** **\$142,935.00** (01/02/2026 – Trustee)  
➤ **FY Rolling Total:** **\$616,541.42** (01/02/2026 – Trustee)

### C. STAFFING

Paramedic	Advanced EMT	EMT
Full-Time 14	Full-Time 6	Full-Time 3
Part-Time 4	Part-Time 4	Part-Time 4

#### **D. VEHICLES**

**(December)**

**AMBULANCE: MILEAGE / STATUS**

(01/06/2026 – EmStat~Pro)

UNIT	ASSIGNMENT	MAKE	MODEL	MONTHLY MILEAGE	TOTAL MILEAGE
79	Reserve - (Washburn)	Chevrolet	2014	49	370,420
81	Reserve - (Rutledge)	Chevrolet	2017	1,182	200,994
82	Washburn	Chevrolet	2019	3,113	195,309
83	Reserve - (Blaine)	Chevrolet	2017	874	204,935
85	Bean Station	Chevrolet	2023	4,982	97,354
86	Blaine	Chevrolet	2023	4,298	75,987
87	Rutledge	Chevrolet	2023	4,255	55,423
88	Pre-Licensed	Ford	2026	0	203

Mardy J. Bowen, EMTP  
Director of EMS

270 Justice Center Drive, Suite 101  
P.O Box 499  
Rutledge, Tennessee 37861

Office: (865) 828-3682  
Fax: (865) 828-3713  
Mobile: (865) 456-7012

COMMITTEE/DIRECTOR REPORTS; E-911

No Motions/Report Only

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**911 REPORT BY MONTH**

**2025 (911) AT&T ESInet**

Call Log	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
<u>TEXT to 911</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>911 Calls</u>	<u>911</u>	<u>869</u>	<u>736</u>	<u>729</u>	<u>663</u>	<u>744</u>	<u>4652</u>
<u>Non- Emerg Calls</u>	<u>1513</u>	<u>1443</u>	<u>1392</u>	<u>1424</u>	<u>1292</u>	<u>1507</u>	<u>8571</u>
<u>Total Calls</u>							
<u>Combined</u>	<u>2429</u>	<u>2312</u>	<u>2129</u>	<u>2158</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>2253</u>	<u>13,237</u>
<u>Calls Created</u>							
<u>for Dispatch</u>	<u>2168</u>	<u>2446</u>	<u>2253</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1754</u>	<u>1897</u>	<u>12,510</u>
<u>347</u>							
<u>Departments</u>							
<u>Dispatched</u> <sup>474</sup>	<u>2465</u>	<u>2757</u>	<u>2515</u>	<u>2258</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2200</u>	<u>14,211</u>
<u>Domestic</u>							
<u>Animal Calls</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>213</u>
<u>Farm Animal</u>							
<u>Calls</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>84</u>
<u>Wild Animal</u>							
<u>Calls</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>31</u>
<u>New</u>	<u>5=H</u>	<u>9- H</u>	<u>12-H</u>	<u>21-H</u>	<u>12-H</u>	<u>7-H</u>	
<u>Addresses</u>	<u>3=M</u>	<u>11-M</u>	<u>8-M</u>	<u>4-M</u>	<u>1-M</u>	<u>2-M</u>	<u>230</u>
	<u>3=CP</u>	<u>2-CP</u>	<u>4-B</u>	<u>2-B</u>	<u>1-CP</u>	<u>4-C</u>	
	<u>5=CB</u>	<u>1-B</u>	<u>8-APT</u>	<u>7-C</u>	<u>1-B</u>	<u>1-O</u>	
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>10-C</u>	<u>1-0</u>	<u>1-APT</u>	<u>84-TH</u>	
	<u>16</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>98</u>	

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

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## COMMITTEE/DIRECTOR REPORTS; Sanitation

No Motions/Report

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### GFL ENVIRONMENTAL DISPOSAL COST TRENDING

	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	<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>
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	<b>\$263,943.75</b>	<b>\$11,129.14</b>	<b>\$275,072.89</b>
<b>Budget - 2025-26</b>			<b>\$643,750.00</b>

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## **BUDGET AMENDMENTS;13A; General Fund**

UPON MOTION of Commissioner ANDY CAMERON, Seconded by Commissioner ED MCBEE, the Commission approved the budget amendments for the General Fund by Roll Call Vote as Follows:

**AYE:** WENDY NOE, DARELL STRATTON, SCOTT WYNN, ED MCBEE, RODNEY OVERBAY, LUKE STRATTON, ANDY CAMERON, TINA DAVIS, DARRELL WILLIAMS, JAMES ACUFF, JUSTIN EPPERSON, JENNIFER HOLT, ANNA BLANKEN, JESSE CLINE AND MIKE HOLT. (15)

**NAY:** (0)

### **13A-Various Offices**

Budget Amendments  
January 2026

**BUDGET AMENMENTS;13B; Sheriff's Department**

UPON MOTION of Commissioner DARRELL WILLIAMS, Seconded by Commissioner TINA DAVIS, the Commission approved the budget amendments for the Sheriff's Department by Roll Call Vote as Follows:

**AYE:** WENDY NOE, DARELL STRATTON, SCOTT WYNN, ED MCBEE, RODNEY OVERBAY, LUKE STRATTON, ANDY CAMERON, TINA DAVIS, DARRELL WILLIAMS, JAMES ACUFF, JUSTIN EPPERSON, JENNIFER HOLT, ANNA BLANKEN, JESSE CLINE AND MIKE HOLT. (15)

**NAY:** (0)

**13 B- Sheriff's Department**

13B

**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

**BUDGET AMENMENTS;13C;** Department of Education

UPON MOTION of Commissioner WENDY NOE, Seconded by Commissioner ED MCBEE, the Commission approved the budget amendments for the Sheriff's Department by Roll Call Vote as Follows:

**AYE:** WENDY NOE, DARELL STRATTON, SCOTT WYNN, ED MCBEE, RODNEY OVERBAY, LUKE STRATTON, ANDY CAMERON, TINA DAVIS, DARRELL WILLIAMS, JAMES ACUFF, JUSTIN EPPERSON, JENNIFER HOLT, ANNA BLANKEN, JESSE CLINE AND MIKE HOLT. (15)

**NAY:** (0)

**13C;Department of Education**

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL  
BUDGET AMENDMENTS  
January 12, 2026

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		Decrease/Revenue/DB	Increase/CR
<b>TSW Grant 25-26 (Amend-In)</b>			
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	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 98,986.00</b>	<b>\$ 98,986.00</b>

		Decrease/Revenue/DB	Increase/CR
<b>TISA Outcomes (Amend-In)</b>			
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	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 270,644.50</b>	<b>\$ 270,644.50</b>

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

**RESOLUTIONS;14;** Rescind/Reconsider 15A Dated December 8, 2025 (Medic 4 Building)

UPON MOTION of Commissioner DARRELL WILLIAMS, Seconded by Commissioner ANNA BLANKEN, the Commission rescinded/reconsidered 15A, dated December 8, 2025, for the purchase of the Blaine Medic 4 Building at \$320,001 which included 3 (three) year financing, by Voice Vote.

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**RESOLUTIONS;14A;** Medic 4 Building

UPON MOTION of Commissioner DARRELL WILLIAMS, Seconded by Commissioner ED McBEE, the Commission approved Resolution 14A, to approve funding for EMS (Medic 4) building from Morgan Family Investments, LLC for \$300,000 to be paid for from Debt Service by Roll Call Vote as Follows:

**AYE:** WENDY NOE, DARELL STRATTON, ED MCBEE, RODNEY OVERBAY, LUKE STRATTON, ANDY CAMERON, TINA DAVIS, DARRELL WILLIAMS, JAMES ACUFF, JUSTIN EPPERSON, JENNIFER HOLT, ANNA BLANKEN, JESSE CLINE AND MIKE HOLT. (14)

**NAY:** SCOTT WYNN. (1)

14A

**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 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

ATT~~E~~ST:

County Clerk

## County Mayor

### Commission Chairman

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**RESOLUTIONS;14B; County Trustee/Rounding Property Tax and Interest**

UPON MOTION of Commissioner LUKE STRATTON, Seconded by Commissioner JAMES ACUFF, the Commission approved Resolution 14B, authorizing the Grainger County Trustee to round property taxes and interest by Roll Call Vote as Follows:

**AYE:** WENDY NOE, DARELL STRATTON, SCOTT WYNN, ED MCBEE, RODNEY OVERBAY, LUKE STRATTON, ANDY CAMERON, TINA DAVIS, DARRELL WILLIAMS, JAMES ACUFF, JUSTIN EPPERSON, JENNIFER HOLT, ANNA BLANKEN, JESSE CLINE AND MIKE HOLT. (15)

**NAY:** (0)

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**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 Luke Stratton and seconded by James Acuff that this resolution be adopted.

Voting - aye: 15

Voting - nay: 0

Pass - 0

The Commission Chair declared the Resolution adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026

Mike Holt

COMMISSION CHAIR

ATTEST: Aly J. Lewis  
COUNTY CLERK



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**NEW BUSINESS, 15A; Property Value Indexing**

UPON MOTION of Commissioner JAMES ACUFF, Seconded by Commissioner DARELL STRATTON, the Commission approved the Property Value Indexing - property assessment every 4 (four) years and indexing every 2 (two) years, by Roll Call Vote as Follows:

**AYE:** WENDY NOE, DARELL STRATTON, SCOTT WYNN, ED MCBEE, RODNEY OVERBAY, LUKE STRATTON, ANDY CAMERON, DARRELL WILLIAMS, JAMES ACUFF, JUSTIN EPPERSON, JENNIFER HOLT, ANNA BLANKEN, JESSE CLINE AND MIKE HOLT. (14)

**NAY:** (0)

**PASS:** TINA DAVIS. (1)

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**NEW BUSINESS, 15B; Brake Signage**

UPON MOTION of Commissioner SCOTT WYNN, Seconded by Commissioner JAMES ACUFF, the Commission tabled the request for the Commission to ask the State of Tennessee for brake signage on 25-E until County Attorney Lane Wolfenbarger looks at it by Voice Vote.

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## 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.

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Chapter No. 405]

PUBLIC ACTS, 2005

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PASSED: May 26, 2005

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2005

  
PHIL BREDesen  
PHIL BREDesen, GOVERNOR

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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)

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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**

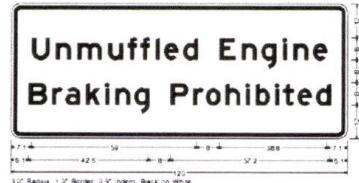
Conventional Hwy's



Approx. Cost

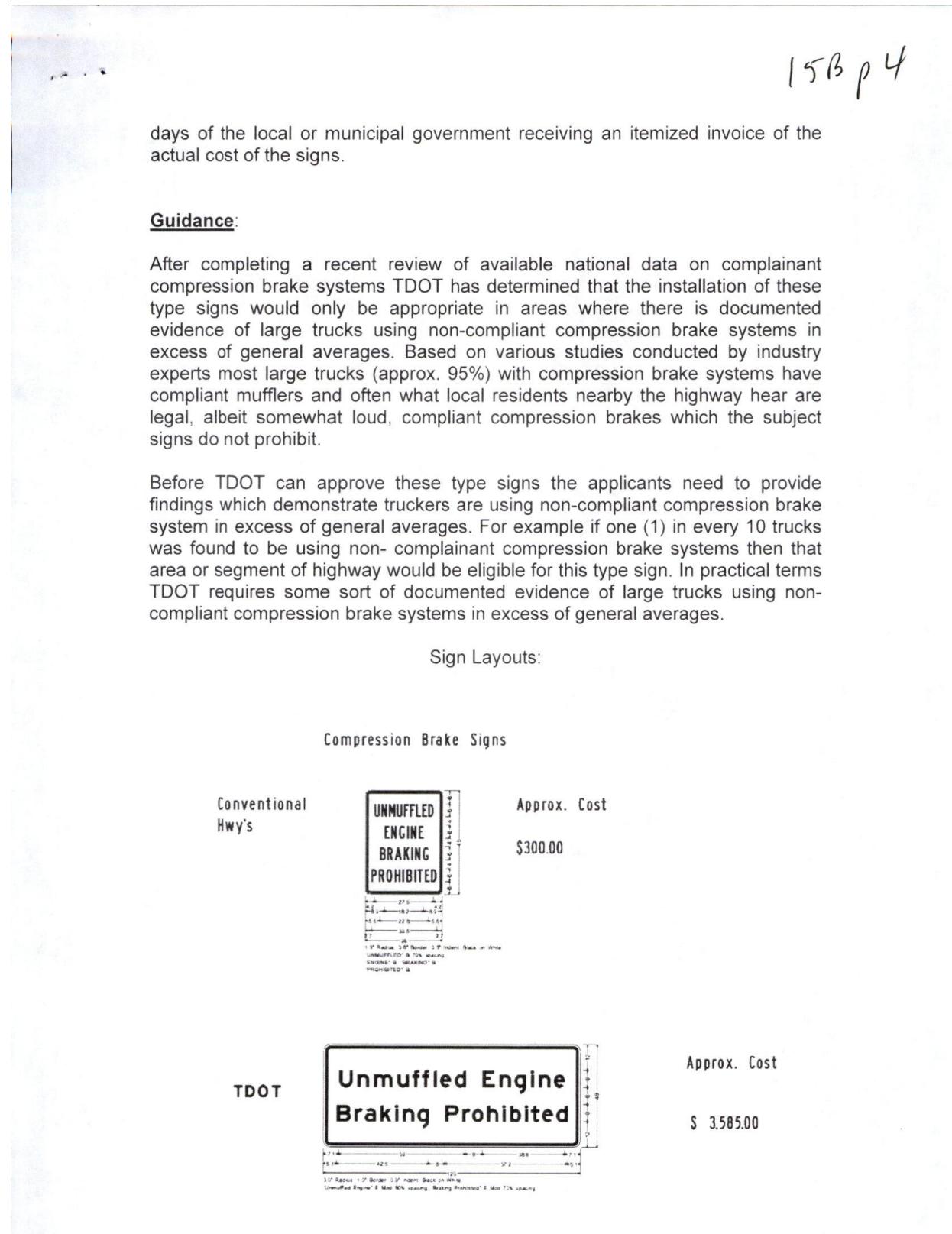
\$300.00

TDOT



Approx. Cost

\$ 3,585.00



**NEW BUSINESS, 15C; Solid Waster Grinder Equipment**

Sanitation Director Ed McBee presented a video to the Commission of a Grinder in Jefferson County. Information only-No Motions

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS, 16A**

NONE

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**MISC.,17A; Representative Rick Eldridge-Secured \$773,000 for Grainger County**

Rick Eldridge funding announcement for Grainger County for Infrastructure and Safety Improvements.



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** Dec. 8, 2025  
 Contact: Carson Burns, 615-741-1100 (ext. 44514)  
[carson.burns@capitol.tn.gov](mailto: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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### **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 February 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. by Voice Vote.

Meeting ended at 7:59 p.m.

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MIKE HOLT, COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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ANGIE J. LAMB, GRAINGER COUNTY CLERK

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