



**Bedford County Board of Commissioners  
Special Called Commissioner Board Meeting**

Date: **Thursday, June 29, 2023**

Time: **7:00 PM**

Location: **Bedford County Historic Courthouse, 2nd Floor, Courtroom**

**Minutes**

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**Call to Order:** Chairman, Mayor Chad D. Graham

**Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**

**Open Meeting:** Sheriff Austin Swing

**Roll Call:** County Clerk Chief Deputy Ann Marie Morton

**PRESENT**

Bill Anderson  
John Boutwell  
Jason Boyette  
Janice Brothers  
Anita Epperson  
Biff Farrar  
Drew Hooker  
Scott Johnson  
Eric Maddox  
Diane Neeley  
Sylvia Pinson  
Julie Sanders  
Tony Smith  
Adam Thomas  
Mark Thomas  
Troy Thompson  
Greg Vick  
Linda Yockey

**2022-23 BUDGET AMENDMENTS – School Budget Amendment No. 4 and County Budget Amendment No. 5**

Anderson called for the Commission to split the budget into 4 votes: school system, sheriff department, highway department, and general fund. He said that, according to Charles Curtiss, president of the County Commissioners Association, it is legal to do this. He said he would not vote for any budget that funds the Bedford County Partnership. Anderson said it is a nonprofit and the County has defunded most nonprofits. He said the City has also defunded the Partnership. He asked to make a motion to pass the school budget, the sheriff budget and discuss the rest. Graham said that would be premature because the item currently before the Commission was 2022-23 Budget Amendments.

Johnson made a motion to approve the amendments together. Seconded by Hooker.

Hooker said that in the finance committee meeting Robert Daniel said that some of the funds moved over from federal funding were used for capital projects and asked if there was a list of those. Graham asked for a show of hands in favor of asking Daniel to speak. 11 commissioners raised their hands, so Daniel came forward. Hooker asked what capital projects were funded by the \$678,000 on page 1. Daniel said that is school growth money that the county receives at the end of the year. It will go toward school projects and that Dr. Tammy Garrett, School Superintendent, would have more information. Upon approval by commissioners, Graham invited Garrett to speak. She said the projects included windows at Thomas, a fire alarm system at Eastside, and 4 units in the gym at Community Middle.

Anderson asked if all students would be out of portables once Liberty was taken care of. Graham said yes.

Motion passed by roll call vote. 18 Ayes 0 Noes

Voting Yea: Anderson, Boutwell, Boyette, Brothers, Epperson, Farrar, Hooker, Johnson, Maddox, Neeley, Pinson, Sanders, Smith, Adam Thomas, Mark Thomas, Thompson, Vick, Yockey

*Copies of the Budget Amendments are on file in the Clerk's office.*

**Resolutions:**

- 1. Resolution No. 24-1 - A Resolution Fixing the Tax Levy in Bedford County, Tennessee for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023**

Yockey made a motion to approve the resolution with the tax rate bundled and waive reading of the resolution. Seconded by Smith.

Vick called the question. Seconded by Brothers. Objection was raised by Epperson and Maddox. County Attorney John T. Bobo stated that since there was an objection, there must be a two thirds majority to call the question. Graham stated that a yes vote is to call the question



and a no vote is to continue discussion. Motion to call the question failed on roll call vote. 9 Ayes 9 Noes

Voting Yea: Boyette, Brothers, Johnson, Pinson, Sanders, Smith, Mark Thomas, Vick, Yockey  
Voting Nay: Anderson, Boutwell, Epperson, Farrar, Hooker, Maddox, Neeley, Adam Thomas, Thompson

Maddox stated that there are things in this budget that we may not really need, such as a fire marshal, \$100k to the Partnership, and people making six figures on the payroll getting substantial raises while other people are struggling. He made a motion to amend the resolution to decrease the total tax rate from \$2.3252 to \$2.1752. Graham asked if Yockey would agree to amend the motion. Yockey did not agree.

Maddox made a motion to amend the resolution to lower the tax rate to \$2.1752. Seconded by Hooker. Boutwell presented data that in 2007 the Bedford County property tax revenue per capita was \$399. In 2022 it was \$536 for an increase of 34.2%. The Consumer Price Index for the same period increased 35.2%. So the property tax increase since 2007 has been slightly less than the rate of inflation.

Vick asked where the .15 would come from. Maddox said his motion to amend includes striking the .15 from General Debt Service for a total tax rate of \$2.1752. Vick said the county would not be able to pay its debt. Maddox said this would reduce the budgeted revenue from \$16M to \$14M. He said projected debt expenditures for debt service for the upcoming fiscal year are \$9.6M which would leave a surplus of over \$4M. Funding for approved projects is expected to come from interest. Cutting the .15 will have minimal impact on the income number since interest is being paid on the fund balance which is not being reduced. He recommended cutting new revenue flowing into the account.

The motion to amend the resolution failed on roll call vote. 4 Ayes 14 Noes

Voting Yea: Anderson, Boutwell, Boyette, Brothers, Farrar, Johnson, Pinson, Sanders, Smith, Adam Thomas, Mark Thomas, Thompson, Vick, Yockey  
Voting Nay: Epperson, Hooker, Maddox, Neeley

Yockey said this budget is not perfect, but it takes care of important things such as raises for employees and teachers, SROs, and getting all students out of portables.

Original motion to approve the resolution passed by roll call vote. 18 Ayes 0 Noes

Voting Yea: Anderson, Boutwell, Boyette, Brothers, Epperson, Farrar, Hooker, Johnson, Maddox, Neeley, Pinson, Sanders, Smith, Adam Thomas, Mark Thomas, Thompson, Vick, Yockey

#### RESOLUTION NO. 24-1

#### RESOLUTION FIXING THE TAX LEVY IN BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023

**SECTION 1.** BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Bedford County, Tennessee, assembled in special called session on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023, that the uniform tax rate for Bedford County, Tennessee, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, shall be \$2.3252 on each \$100.00 of taxable property county-wide. This is to provide revenue for each of the following funds and otherwise conform to the following levies:

<b>FUND</b>	<b>RATE</b>
<b>General</b>	<b>\$1.4300</b>
<b>Highway/Public Works</b>	<b>0.0900</b>
<b>General Purpose School</b>	<b>0.6200</b>
<b>General Debt Service</b>	<b>0.1500</b>
<b>County Capital Projects</b>	<b>0.0352</b>
<b>Total Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$2.3252</b>

**SECTION 2.** BE IT RESOLVED, that there is hereby levied a Gross Receipts Tax as provided by law. The proceeds of the Gross Receipts Tax herein shall accrue to the General Fund.


**SECTION 3.** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions of the Board of County Commissioners of Bedford County, Tennessee, which are in conflict, are hereby repealed.

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

Adopted this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

  
County Mayor

  
County Clerk



**2. Resolution No. 24-2 - A Resolution Making Appropriations for the Various Funds, Departments, Institutions, Offices and Agencies of Bedford County, Tennessee, for The Year Beginning July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2024.**

Motion to approve made by Boutwell. Seconded by Vick.

Anderson made a motion to vote for the school budget, sheriff budget, highway budget and general fund separately. Seconded by Epperson. Graham stated that the 2023-24 Budgets will be voted on as the last item. Anderson withdrew the motion.

Motion to approve the resolution passed by voice vote. 18 Ayes 0 Noes

Voting Yea: Anderson, Boutwell, Boyette, Brothers, Epperson, Farrar, Hooker, Johnson, Maddox, Neeley, Pinson, Sanders, Smith, Adam Thomas, Mark Thomas, Thompson, Vick, Yockey

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-2**

**A RESOLUTION MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS FUNDS, DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, OFFICES AND AGENCIES OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024**

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Bedford County, Tennessee, assembled in a special called session on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023, that the amounts hereafter set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various funds, departments, institutions, offices and agencies of Bedford County, Tennessee, for the capital outlay, and for meeting the payment of principal and interest on the county's debt maturing during the year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, according to the following schedule:

**GENERAL FUND**

51100 County Commission	\$ 164,612
51210 Board of Equalization	8,000
51220 Beer Board	1,000
51230 Budget and Finance Committee	3,003
51300 County Mayor	367,002
51310 Personnel Office	99,197
51400 County Attorney	65,000
51500 Election Commission (Including Voter Registration)	253,695
51600 Register of Deeds	405,614
51720 Planning	281,187
51750 Codes Compliance	208,143
51760 Geographical Information Systems	67,935
51800 County Buildings	1,693,545
51910 Preservation of Records	122,406
52100 Accounting & Budgeting	932,998
52300 Property Assessor's Office	467,867
52310 Reappraisal Program	140,191
52400 County Trustee's Office	443,564
52500 County Clerk's Office	698,295
52600 Data Processing	397,256
53100 Circuit Court	966,512
53300 General Sessions Court	284,459
53400 Chancery Court	424,581
53500 Juvenile Court	245,260
53700 Judicial Commissioners	265,816
53900 Other Administration of Justice	162,776
53910 Probation Services	501,292
54110 Sheriff's Department	5,845,751
54130 Traffic Control	43,246
54210 Jail	4,460,763
54240 Juvenile Services	709,857
54490 Other Emergency Management	2,673,334
54610 County Coroner/Medical Examiner	55,000
54900 Other Public Safety	843,869
55110 Local Health Center	824,107
55120 Rabies and Animal Control	405,663

55130 Ambulance/Emergency Medical Services	\$ 5,415,090
55190 Other Local Health Services	74,016
55390 Appropriation to State	54,000
55510 General Welfare Assistance	75,070
55732 Convenience Centers	1,791,236
56100 Adult Activities	5,700
56300 Senior Citizens Assistance	16,000
56500 Libraries	181,305
57100 Agriculture Extension Service	145,758
57500 Soil Conservation	68,000
57900 Other Agriculture & Natural Resources	110,389
58110 Tourism	2,369
58190 Other Economic & Community Development	110,000
58300 Veterans' Services	105,781
58400 Other Charges	563,000
58500 Contributions to Other Agencies	185,000
58900 Miscellaneous	1,473,424

Total General Fund \$ 35,908,934

**DRUG CONTROL FUND**

58900 Miscellaneous	\$ 100
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Total Drug Control Fund \$ 100

**HIGHWAY/PUBLIC WORKS FUND**

58500 Contributions to Other Agencies	\$ 7,000
61000 Administration	408,618
62000 Highway and Bridge Maintenance	1,784,187
63100 Operation and Maintenance of Equipment	702,494
64000 Litter and Trash Collection	114,405
65000 Other Charges	218,801
66000 Employee Benefits	61,129
68000 Capital Outlay	4,650,000
99000 Other Uses	25,011

Total Highway/Public Works Fund \$ 7,971,645

**GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND**

71000 Instruction	\$ 42,837,789
71100 Regular Instruction Program	827,834
71150 Alternative Instruction Program	4,294,238
71200 Special Education Program	5,736,447
71300 Career and Technical Education Program	507,721
72110 Attendance	833,717
72120 Health Services	



72130 Other Student Support	\$	3,127,305
72210 Regular Instruction Program		2,290,519
72220 Special Education Program		529,655
72230 Career and Technical Education Program		28,938
72250 Technology		4,199,004
72310 Board of Education		1,483,249
72320 Office of the Superintendent		591,546
72410 Office of the Principal		5,333,397
72520 Human Services (Resources) Personnel		324,287
72610 Operation of Plant		7,715,828
72620 Maintenance of Plant		3,027,238
72710 Transportation		4,053,801
73100 Food Service		57,199
73300 Community Services		183,209
73400 Early Childhood Education		805,318
76100 Regular Capital Outlay		5,804,352
99000 Other Uses		143,177
<b>Total General Purpose School Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>94,735,768</b>
<b>CHILD NUTRITION FUND</b>		
72310 Board of Education	\$	54,000
73100 Food Service		6,373,896
99000 Other Uses		22,012
<b>Total Child Nutrition Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,449,908</b>
<b>SCHOOL AGE CARE PROGRAM FUND</b>		
72310 Board of Education	\$	1,800
73300 Community Services		719,755
<b>Total Extended School Program Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>721,555</b>
<b>GENERAL DEBT SERVICE FUND</b>		
82100 General Government	\$	1,966,255
82130 Education		2,786,845
82210 General Government		1,031,111
82230 Education		3,671,863
82300 Other Debt Service - General Government		165,749
<b>Total General Debt Service Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,621,823</b>
<b>EDUCATION CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND</b>		
91300 Educational Capital Projects	\$	40,159,052
<b>Total Education Capital Projects Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>40,159,052</b>
<b>COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND</b>		
91130 General Administration Projects	\$	96,000
91130 Public Safety Projects		763,547
91190 Other General Government Projects		1,927,543
91300 Education Capital Projects		40,000,000
<b>Total County Capital Projects Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>42,787,090</b>

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, clerk and master, register, and the sheriff and their officially authorized deputies and assistants may 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 court clerk, clerk and master, register and 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 appropriations. Any excess commissions and/or fees collected over and above the expenditures duly and conclusively authorized shall be paid over to the trustee and converted into the General Fund as provided by law.

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

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any amendment to the budget, except for amendments to the budget for funds under supervision of the director of schools, shall be approved as provided in Section 5-9-407, Tennessee Code Annotated. The director of schools must receive approval of the Board of Education for transfers within each major category of the budget, and approval of both the Board of Education and Board of County Commissioners for transfers between major categories as required by law.

One copy of each amendment shall be filed with the county clerk, one copy with the chairman of the Financial Management Committee, and one copy with each divisional or departmental head concerned. The reason(s) for each transfer shall be clearly stated; however, this section shall in no case whatsoever be construed as authorizing transfer from one fund to another, but shall apply solely to transfers within a certain fund.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any appropriations made by this resolution which cover 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 remuneration 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 for the year ending June 30, 2024. 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 County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made to meet such additional appropriation. Said appropriating resolution shall be submitted to and approved by the state director of Local Finance after its adoption as provided by Section 9-21-403, Tennessee Code Annotated.

SECTION 6. 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 state director of Local Finance, to pay for the expenses herein authorized until the taxes and other revenue for the year 2023-24 have been collected. The proceeds of loans for each individual fund shall not exceed 60% of the appropriations of each fund and shall be used only to pay the expenses and other requirements of the fund for which the loan is made. The loan shall be paid out of revenue from the fund for which money is borrowed. The notes evidencing the loans authorized under this section shall be issued under the applicable sections 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, 2024.

SECTION 7. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent county property taxes for the year 2022 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2024, shall be apportioned to the various county funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2022. The clerk and master and the trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such apportionment accordingly.


SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2024.

SECTION 9. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which heretofore has been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict with any provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 10. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2023. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Adopted this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

APPROVED:

  
County Mayor

ATTEST:

  
County Clerk

### 3. Resolution No. 24-3 - A Resolution Making Appropriations to Nonprofit Charitable Organizations of Bedford County, Tennessee For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2024.

Motion made by Smith. Seconded by Pinson. Motion passed by roll call vote. 18 Ayes 0 Noes

Voting Yea: Anderson, Boutwell, Boyette, Brothers, Epperson, Farrar, Hooker, Johnson, Maddox, Neeley, Pinson, Sanders, Smith, Adam Thomas, Mark Thomas, Thompson, Vick, Yockey



RESOLUTION NO. 24-3

A RESOLUTION MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO NONPROFIT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS OF BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

WHEREAS, Section 5-9-109, Tennessee Code Annotated, authorizes the Board of County Commissioners of Bedford County to make appropriations to various nonprofit charitable organizations and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Bedford County recognizes the various nonprofit charitable organizations providing services in Bedford County have great need of funds to carry on their charitable work.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Bedford County, Tennessee assembled in a special called session on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

SECTION 1. That six hundred sixty three thousand seven hundred forty dollars (\$663,740) be appropriated to nonprofit organizations in Bedford County as reflected below:

Account No.	Agency	Amount
101 County General Fund		
101-55190-316	Community Development Center	\$ 7,000
101-55510-309	Tennessee Rehabilitation Center	74,470
101-56100-316	Skills Development Center	5,700
101-56300-316	Senior Citizens Center	16,000
101-56500-316	Argie Cooper Public Library	181,305
101-57500-316	Soil & Water Conservation Service	68,000
101-58110-316	South Central Tourism Association	300
101-58110-316	Tennessee Backroads Heritage	2,069
101-58190-316	Shelbyville Partnership Economic Dev.	100,000
101-58500-316	Fire Station #2	25,000
101-58500-316	Fire Station #3	25,000
101-58500-316	Fire Station #4	25,000
101-58500-316	Fire Station #5	25,000
101-58500-316	Fire Station #6	25,000
101-58500-316	Fire Station #7	25,000
101-58500-316	Fire Station #9 - Frank Martin Road	25,000
101-58900-316	Arts Council	4,350
101-58900-316	Caregiver Relief	2,280
101-58900-316	Chamber of Commerce	3,000
101-58900-316	Gilliland Center	570
101-58900-316	Haven of Hope	2,947
101-58900-316	South Central Human Resource Agency	8,749
101-58900-316	CASA	5,000
	Sub Total	\$ 656,740
131 Highway Fund/Public Works Fund		
101-58500-316	Senior Citizens Center	\$ 7,000
	Sub Total	\$ 7,000
	Total	\$ 663,740

In-Kind Donations (Based on the value of Office Space)	
Junior's House	\$ 10,200
Community Clinic	48,419
Middle Tennessee Spay & Neuter Clinic	15,000
Shelbyville Partnership Economic Dev.	8,250
Bedford County/Shelbyville Tourism & Marketing	7,480
Total	\$ 89,349

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all appropriations enumerated in Section 1 above are subject to the following conditions:

1. That the nonprofit organizations to which the funds are appropriated shall file with the County Clerk and the disbursing officials a copy of an annual report of its business affairs and transactions and the proposed use of the County's funds. Such annual report shall be prepared and certified by the Chief Financial Officer of such nonprofit organization in accordance with Section 5-9-109(c), Tennessee Code Annotated.
2. That said funds must only be spent by the named nonprofit charitable organizations in furtherance of their nonprofit charitable purposes benefiting the general welfare of the residents of Bedford County.
3. That it is the expressed interest of the County Commission of Bedford County providing these funds to the above named non-profit charitable organizations to be fully in compliance Section 5-9-109, Tennessee Code Annotated and any and all other laws which may apply to County appropriations to non-profit organizations and so this appropriation is made subject to compliance with any and all of these laws and regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in full force from and after July 1, 2023. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commission this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

APPROVED:

  
County Mayor

ATTEST:

  
County Clerk

4. Resolution 24-4 - Resolution to Authorize Payment of Additional Compensation to Certain Court Clerks

Motion made by Vick. Seconded by Yockey. Passed by roll call vote. 18 Ayes 0 Noes

Voting Yea: Anderson, Boutwell, Boyette, Brothers, Epperson, Farrar, Hooker, Johnson, Maddox, Neeley, Pinson, Sanders, Smith, Adam Thomas, Mark Thomas, Thompson, Vick, Yockey

RESOLUTION NO. 24-4

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION TO CERTAIN COURT CLERKS

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly, in passing Chapter 195 of the Public Acts of 2005, provided that clerks of court who serve more than one court may be paid additional compensation for the additional duties and time required in serving multiple courts; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-24-102, as amended by Chapter 195 of the Public Acts of 2005, now provides that the Board of County Commissioners of Bedford County may pay such a clerk an additional ten percent (10%) of the clerk's base salary, provided that such additional compensation is authorized by a resolution of the county legislative body; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Bedford County has determined that the base salary of court clerks in Bedford County is \$102,042; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Bedford County has determined that two (2) court clerks in Bedford County are currently serving as clerk for the following courts: Circuit, General Sessions, Juvenile, Chancery and Probate and that, in the opinion of the Board of County Commissioners, it is appropriate to provide additional compensation to the clerk serving these courts.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Bedford County, Tennessee, assembled in the special called session on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023, at Shelbyville, Tennessee, that:

SECTION 1. The Board of County Commissioners of Bedford County, Tennessee, authorizes the clerk serving the courts listed above to receive additional compensation beginning July 1, 2023, equivalent to ten percent (10%) of the base salary paid the clerk as a general officer of the county.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall be effective upon its passage and approval, the public welfare requiring it.

Adopted this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

APPROVED:

  
County Mayor

ATTEST:

  
County Clerk



**5. Resolution No. 24-5 - To Provide for Education Incentive Payments to Full-Time Elected Officials of Bedford County Government**

Motion made by Mark Thomas. Seconded by Anderson.

Hooker asked whether all county employees can participate in this. Graham said this particular program is a state program for elected officials only. Any employee can participate in the Certified Public Administrator Program, but that is not addressed in this resolution.

Motion passed by roll call vote. 18 Ayes 0 Noes

Voting Yea: Anderson, Boutwell, Boyette, Brothers, Epperson, Farrar, Hooker, Johnson, Maddox, Neeley, Pinson, Sanders, Smith, Adam Thomas, Mark Thomas, Thompson, Vick, Yockey

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-5**

**TO PROVIDE FOR EDUCATION INCENTIVE PAYMENTS TO FULL-TIME ELECTED OFFICIALS OF BEDFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

WHEREAS, under T.C.A. 5-1-310(i), counties are authorized and encouraged to provide in the annual budget for payment of an educational incentive to full-time elected county officials who attain the designation of "Certified Public Administrator" under the University of Tennessee County Technical Assistance Service's County Officials Certificate Training Program (COCTP); and

WHEREAS, Bedford County desires to provide for such an incentive payment in its budget for the fiscal year 2023-24;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Bedford County, Tennessee, assembled in a special called meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023, that:

SECTION 1. Any full-time elected county official and the Clerk and Master of Bedford County who has completed the COCTP and attained the designation of Certified Public Administrator and who submits to the county mayor proof of such attainment on or before October 1, 2023, shall be paid in an amount not to exceed the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) less any payment received from the State of Tennessee as provided in subsection (a). The incentive provided by this section shall be paid in one (1) payment, no later than October 31, 2023, from county funds appropriated for that purpose for the fiscal year 2023-24.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval, the public welfare requiring it.

ADOPTED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

  
County Mayor

  
County Clerk

**6. Resolution No. 24-6 - A Resolution Making All Federal Grants to Bedford County in Regard to Education Conform to The Federal Regulations of Such Grant**

Motion made by Epperson, Seconded by Anderson.

Voting Yea: Anderson, Boutwell, Boyette, Brothers, Epperson, Farrar, Hooker, Johnson, Maddox, Neeley, Pinson, Sanders, Smith, Adam Thomas, Mark Thomas, Thompson, Vick, Yockey

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-6**

**A RESOLUTION MAKING ALL FEDERAL GRANTS TO BEDFORD COUNTY IN REGARD TO EDUCATION CONFORM TO THE FEDERAL REGULATIONS OF SUCH GRANT**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bedford County Schools' Federal Projects Fund for the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) projects shall be the budget approved for the separate projects within the fund by the Bedford County Board of Education. Be it further resolved that the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA - Part B and Preschool) and Carl Perkins Vocational projects shall be the budget approved for the separate projects within the fund by the Bedford County Board of Education and the Tennessee Department of Education.

SECTION 1. 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, Clerk and Master, Register and the Sheriff and their officially authorized deputies and assistants may severally be entitled to receive under State laws theretofore or hereafter enacted. Expenditures out of commissions, and/or fees collected by the Trustee, County Clerk, Circuit Court Clerk, Clerk and Master, Register and the Sheriff may be authorized by existing law or by valid order of any court having power to make such appropriations. Any excess commissions and/or fees collected over and above the expenditures duly and conclusively authorized shall be paid over to the Trustee and converted into the General Fund as provided by law.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any fee officials, as enumerated in Section 8-22-101, T.C.A., operate under provisions of Section 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 any amendment to the budget shall be approved as provided for in Section 5-9-407, T.C.A.

One copy of each amendment shall be filed with the County Clerk, one copy with the Chairman of the Financial Management Committee, and one with each divisional or departmental head concerned. The reason(s) for each transfer shall be clearly stated; however, this section shall in no case whatsoever construed as authorizing transfer from one fund to another, but shall apply solely to transfers within a certain fund.

Adopted this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

  
County Mayor

  
County Clerk



7. **Resolution 24-7 - To Authorize the Bedford County Highway Department To Perform Work For All City/County Governmental Entities In Bedford County**

Motion made by Epperson. Seconded by Pinson. Passed by roll call vote. 18 Ayes 0 Noes

Voting Yea: Anderson, Boutwell, Boyette, Brothers, Epperson, Farrar, Hooker, Johnson, Maddox, Neeley, Pinson, Sanders, Smith, Adam Thomas, Mark Thomas, Thompson, Vick, Yockey

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-7**

**TO AUTHORIZE THE BEDFORD COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
TO PERFORM WORK FOR ALL CITY/COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL  
ENTITIES IN BEDFORD COUNTY**

WHEREAS, under Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 54-7-202 (d) (2), empowers the county governing body (Board of County Commissioners) to authorize the county road department to perform work for other governmental entities so long as the cost of the projects so authorized is reimbursed to the county road department, and

WHEREAS, Numerous Governmental Entities in Bedford County have requested that the Bedford County Highway Department perform certain work for these entities, and

WHEREAS, the Bedford County Superintendent of Highways advises that such work can be performed by the county highway department without any adverse effects upon the county work;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Bedford County, Tennessee, assembled in a special called meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023, that:

The Bedford County Highway Department under the direction of the Superintendent of Highways of Bedford County, is authorized to perform work for Governmental Entities in Bedford County during the 2023-24 fiscal year. The said Superintendent of Highways shall itemize the costs to the full amount of such costs incurred by the Bedford County Highway Department and bill these entities for the full amount of such costs incurred by the Bedford County Highway Department, which shall be paid immediately upon completion of said work to the Bedford County Trustee. The County Trustee shall deposit all funds received from these entities by reason of this authorization to the county highway fund. This authorization shall be effective upon adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

ADOPTED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



County Mayor



County Clerk

**2023-24 BUDGETS** (Includes County General Fund 101, Drug Control Fund 122, Highway/Public Works Fund 131, General Purpose School Fund 141, Child Nutrition Fund 143, School Age Care Program Fund 146, General Debt Service Fund 151, Jail/Justice Center Capital Project Fund 171, Education Capital Project Fund 177, and County Capital Projects Fund 178)

Anderson made a motion to unbundle the budgets and vote on them individually. Seconded by Epperson. Graham stated that conflict of interest would come into play if it affects pay or benefits for you or your spouse.

Hooker said that it is important to vote on each budget individually so that those who have a conflict of interest will not vote and so that there can be discussion on individual line items. Epperson said she spoke with Charles Curtiss and he said that if the budgets are not bundled, employees cannot vote on their own budget. Graham said that if any commissioners have a conflict and cannot vote on a particular budget, the majority number of votes needed will change accordingly.

Vick said that the budget is a 52-week process and those who attend budget meetings are continually discussing and questioning how numbers are arrived at. He said the budget committee has worked on it since February. He said the tax rate has already been adopted and the expenditures for various departments have already been approved, as well as appropriations for nonprofits, education incentives, and so forth. There is no tax increase. Unbundling is just a way to be able to line item veto and that is prohibited.

Anderson called the question. The motion failed on roll call vote. 8 Ayes 10 Noes

Voting Yea: Anderson, Epperson, Farrar, Hooker, Maddox, Neeley, Adam Thomas, Thompson

Voting Nay: Boutwell, Boyette, Brothers, Johnson, Pinson, Sanders, Smith, Mark Thomas, Vick, Yockey

Vick made a motion to approve the budgets all together as proposed. Seconded by Boutwell. Motion passed by roll call vote. 18 Ayes 0 Noes

Voting Yea: Anderson, Boutwell, Boyette, Brothers, Epperson, Farrar, Hooker, Johnson, Maddox, Neeley, Pinson, Sanders, Smith, Adam Thomas, Mark Thomas, Thompson, Vick, Yockey

*Copies of Budgets on file in the Clerk's Office.*

**Announcements**

- Boutwell thanked Representative Pat Marsh, Senator Shane Reeves, and Governor Bill Lee for the new TISA funding formula which resulted in more funds for schools.
- Anderson thanked Highway Superintendent Mark Clanton for helping out at the Ag Center and Mayor Graham for helping them get a better truck.

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by several Commissioners. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

**Attestation**

I certify that the minutes were completed on the 7th day of July 2023 and delivered to the Bedford County Mayor's office.



Donna Thomas  
Bedford County Clerk

I certify that I received these minutes on the 10 day of July 2023.



Chad Graham  
Bedford County Mayor