

**AGENDA**  
**RHEA COUNTY COMMISSION WORKSHOP**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM, PHIL SWAFFORD BUILDING**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M.**

1. Prayer.
2. Pledge To Flag.
3. Don Massengale to discuss Rhea County Fair sponsorship. - Phillip Dunn
4. Jimmy Vincent/Building inspector to give update on Granicus program. -Mark Cashman
5. Discuss Three Star Grant Amendment. -Tourism Director
6. Tourism Director to address the commission concerning the Graysville Community Garden. -Alex Fine/Tourism Director
7. Tourism Director to address the commission concerning TN 250 Events. -Alex Fine/Tourism Director
8. Discuss TDOT proposal for Harrison Ave, Bridge over Roaring Creek, in Graysville. -Jim Vincent
9. Discuss appointing a member to the Rhea Medical Center Board of Directors. -Jim Vincent
10. Discuss Resolution Of Rhea County, Tennessee, To Authorize Cooperative Purchasing Agreements For The Use And Benefit Of All County Departments. -Finance Department
11. Discuss surplus equipment Solid Waste. -Jim Vincent
12. Public comments.
13. County Official comments.

14. County Executive comments.

15. Commissioner's comments.

16. Adjourn



## GRANT AMENDMENT

<b>Agency Tracking #</b> 33007-03526	<b>Edison ID</b> PO 17156	<b>Contract #</b> PO 17156	<b>Amendment #</b> 1		
<b>Contractor Legal Entity Name</b> Rhea County			<b>Edison Vendor ID</b> 2742		
<b>Amendment Purpose &amp; Effect(s)</b>  Grant Contract Attachment A is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the new attachment A, attached hereto.  Scope Revision – Threestar					
<b>Amendment Changes Contract End Date:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		<b>End Date:</b> 10/26/2028			
<b>TOTAL Contract Amount INCREASE or DECREASE per this Amendment (zero if N/A):</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>		
<b>Funding —</b>					
<b>FY</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Federal</b>	<b>Interdepartmental</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>TOTAL Contract Amount</b>
2026	\$150,000.00				\$150,000.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$150,000.00</b>				<b>\$150,000.00</b>
<b>Budget Officer Confirmation:</b> There is a balance in the appropriation from which obligations hereunder are required to be paid that is not already encumbered to pay other obligations.				<i>CPO USE</i>	
<b>Speed Chart (optional)</b>		<b>Account Code (optional)</b>			

**AMENDMENT 1  
OF GRANT CONTRACT PO 17156**

This Grant Contract Amendment is made and entered by and between the State of Tennessee, **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**, hereinafter referred to as the "State" and **RHEA COUNTY**, hereinafter referred to as the "Grantee." It is mutually understood and agreed by and between said, undersigned contracting parties that the subject Grant Contract is hereby amended as follows:

1. Grant Contract Attachment A is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the new Attachment A, attached hereto.

Required Approvals. The State is not bound by this Amendment until it is signed by the contract parties and approved by appropriate officials in accordance with applicable Tennessee laws and regulations (depending upon the specifics of this contract, said officials may include, but are not limited to, the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, the Commissioner of Human Resources, and the Comptroller of the Treasury).

Amendment Effective Date. The revisions set forth herein shall be effective once all required approvals are obtained. All other terms and conditions of this Contract not expressly amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

RHEA COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

*Jim Vincent*

*2-25-26*

GRANTEE SIGNATURE

DATE

JIM VINCENT, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF GRANTEE SIGNATORY (above)

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

STUART C. MCWHORTER, COMMISSIONER

DATE

## ATTACHMENT A

## DETAILED SCOPE OF SERVICES

Category	Detail
Community Development	The grantee shall utilize grant funding for the Morgantown Community Park and Playground Project. The improvements to the park and playground shall include site prep work, pathways, drainage and utilities. Grant funds shall also be utilized for, but not limited to, basketball and soccer fields, a walking track, playground surface, playground equipment, signage, benches, and trash receptacles.



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

REGION 2 RIGHT OF WAY  
7512 VOLKSWAGEN DRIVE  
CHATTANOOGA, TN 37416  
(423) 892-3430

WILL REID  
COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION

BILL LEE  
GOVERNOR

DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 2026

Jim Vincent, County Executive  
Rhea County  
1475 Market St. Suite 301  
Dayton, TN 37321

RE: **Proposal for Acceptance**  
STATE PROJ. #: **72LCIT-F0-003, 72LCIT-F1-003, 72LCIT-F2-003,  
72LCIT-F3-003**  
FED PROJ. #: **BRZ-7200(36)**  
COUNTY(s) **Rhea**  
PIN #: **124103.00**  
DESCRIPTION: **Harrison Avenue, Bridge over Roaring Creek, LM 0.72  
in Graysville (IA)**

Dear Jim Vincent:

Enclosed you will find an original and two (2) copies of a proposal to be presented before your agency councilmembers for acceptance of same by Ordinance or Resolution, whichever is applicable.

Following acceptance, two (2) copies of the proposals should be returned to me, each accompanied by a **certified copy** of the Ordinance or Resolution, whichever is applicable. Please note on the original Ordinance or Resolution the book and page number where same has been properly **recorded**. A sample Resolution is enclosed should the city not already have one available.

It is important that this proposal be accepted as soon as possible in order not to delay the project from being let to contract as scheduled. If you have any questions or anticipate any delay in the acceptance of the proposal, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely yours,

TDOT Regional ROW Manager  
Phone: 423-510-1238

Enclosures: Proposals (Originals & 2 copies)  
Sample Resolution  
Plans

STATE OF TENNESSEE

\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

RHEA COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS

**RESOLUTION**

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Authorization for the Mayor of \_\_\_\_\_ to sign a  
Proposal with Tennessee Department of Transportation  
For Project No. \_\_\_\_\_

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislative Body of the  
City of \_\_\_\_\_ meeting in regular session this \_\_\_\_th day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ that the Mayor be authorized to sign a Proposal  
with the Tennessee Department of Transportation for the road  
improvement project.

We, the undersigned City Council members, move the adoption of the  
above Resolution.

Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_ moved to adopt the  
resolution.

Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion.

Voting in Favor \_\_\_\_\_ Voting Against \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Rhea County

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

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THE COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_, TENNESSEE

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
WILL REID  
COMMISSIONER

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
LESLIE SOUTH  
GENERAL COUNSEL

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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

# RHEA MEDICAL CENTER

VIA EMAIL  
[jimbrm@gmail.com](mailto:jimbrm@gmail.com)

January 29, 2026

The Honorable Jim Vincent  
Rhea County Executive  
1475 Market Street, #301  
Dayton, TN 37321

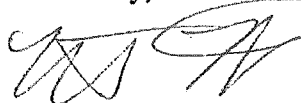
Dear Mr. Vincent,

I hope this finds you having a pleasant day. The term for Board Member Lebron Purser will expire February 28, 2026.

On behalf of the Rhea Medical Center Board of Directors, I would like to recommend that Lebron Purser be considered for reappointment to the hospital Board of Directors.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Billy Thedford, Chairman  
Board of Directors  
Rhea Medical Center

BT:tr  
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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF RHEA COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO AUTHORIZE  
COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENTS FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF  
ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, *Tennessee Code Annotated (TCA) 12-3-1205 (b) (1)* allows for master cooperative purchasing agreements upon the approval and consent of the local legislative body; and

**WHEREAS**, cooperative purchasing agreements allow local governments to purchase goods and services from other local, state, and national cooperative purchasing alliances that have been competitively bid under the same circumstances required by law by the purchasing entity; and

**WHEREAS**, these master cooperative agreements reduce time and personnel resources needed to competitively bid goods and services at the local level, but still allow local governments to take advantage of the lowest and best pricing available for the needed goods and services; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee state law was amended for all Tennessee counties to take advantage of cooperative purchasing agreements in effect throughout our state and nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section *12-3-1205 (b) (1) and (2)*, states as follows:

(b) (1) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, any municipality, county, utility district, or other local government of the state may participate in, sponsor, conduct, or administer a cooperative purchasing agreement for the procurement of any goods, supplies, services, or equipment with one (1) or more other governmental entities outside this state, to the extent the laws of the other state permit the joint exercise of purchasing authority, in accordance with an agreement entered into between or among the participants; provided, such goods, supplies, services, or equipment were procured in a manner that constitutes competitive bidding and were advertised, evaluated, and awarded by a governmental entity and made available for use by other governmental entities.

(2) A municipality, county, utility district, or other local government of the state may participate in a master agreement by adopting a resolution accepting the terms of the master agreement. If a participant in a joint or multi-party agreement is required to advertise and receive bids, then it will be deemed sufficient for those purposes that the purchasing entity or the entity that procured the bid complied with its own purchasing requirements. The participant shall acquire and maintain documentation that the purchasing entity or entities that procured the bid complied with its own purchasing requirements.

**WHEREAS**, Rhea County desires to take advantage of this law and reduce the taxpayer burden for duplication of services while still taking advantage of the lowest and best pricing under the master cooperative agreements that have been competitively bid under the same circumstances required by law by the purchasing entity.

NOW THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and County Commission of Rhea County, Tennessee, meeting this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026, that it agrees to the terms of the created law and authorizes use of the following master cooperative purchasing agreement:

1) Omnia Partners

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the established list of authorized cooperative purchasing agreements may be amended at any time by the Mayor and County Commission of Rhea County, Tennessee.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

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County Executive Jim Vincent

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Attest

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Date