

**RHEA COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 12, 2026 PHIL SWAFFORD BUILDING
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING COMMISSION WORKSHOP
AT 6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Present: Jim Reed, Chairman; Jim Vincent, County Executive; Linda Shaver, County Clerk;
Commissioners: Cashman, Dunn, Ellis, Fisher, Francisco, Stephens, Welch
A legal quorum being present the meeting was opened by Chairman Jim Reed immediately following Commission Workshop.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion Commissioner Cashman, second Commissioner Dunn to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on April 21, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED BY UPLIFTED HAND VOTE

BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS

Motion Commissioner Fisher, second Commissioner Cashman to approve Amendments #98 through #103, fund 101, county general budget. Amendments follow next pages.

VOTED: ALL NAY: NONE ABSENT: THEDFORD

MOTION CARRIED

Motion Commissioner Fisher, second Commissioner Ellis to approve Amendment #8, fund 116, Solid waste budget. Amendment follows next pages.

VOTED: ALL NAY: NONE ABSENT: THEDFORD

MOTION CARRIED

Motion Commissioner Fisher, second Commissioner Dunn to approve Amendment #14, fund 131, Highway department budget. Amendment follows next pages.

VOTED: ALL NAY: NONE ABSENT: THEDFORD

MOTION CARRIED

Motion Commissioner Fisher, second Commissioner Francisco to approve Amendment #20, Fund 141, school budget. Amendment follows next pages.

VOTED: ALL NAY: NONE ABSENT: THEDFORD

MOTION CARRIED

READ INTO MINUTES RHEA COUNTY COMMITTEE MINUTES

- a. Rhea Medical Center Board of Directors' March
- b. Rhea County Budget Committee February and March
- c. Rhea County 911 Emergency Communications District Board of Directors February

Motion Commissioner Cashman, second Commissioner Ellis to Read Into Minutes of the Rhea County Commission the above committee minutes. Minutes follow next pages.

VOTED: ALL NAY: NONE ABSENT: THEDFORD

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #26-05-42 TO DECLARE A 2007 VISION TRAVEL TRAILER AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING ITS DONATION TO THE CHATTANOOGA BOMB SQUAD UNIT

Motion Commissioner Welch, second Commissioner Francisco to approve Resolution #26-05-42 to surplus and dispose of equipment. Resolution follows next pages.

VOTED: ALL NAY: NONE ABSENT: THEDFORD

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #26-05-43 TO DECLARE CERTAIN SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VEHICLES AND PARTS AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND TO AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL BY PUBLIC AUCTION

Motion Commissioner Francisco, second Commissioner Dunn to approve Resolution #26-05-43
Resolution follows next pages.

VOTED: ALL NAY: NONE ABSENT: THEDFORD

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #26-05-44 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS FOR MENTAL HEALTH PATIENT TRANSPORT SERVICES

Motion Commissioner Welch, second Commissioner Francisco to approve Resolution #26-05-44
Resolution and Agreements follow next pages.

VOTED: ALL NAY: NONE ABSENT: THEDFORD

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #26-05-45 WAIVING THE RHEA COUNTY PURCHASING RULES, AUTHORIZING THE RETIREMENT OF POLICE SERVICE DOG "GATOR" AND APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP TO SGT. JESSE AILEY

Motion Commissioner Stephens, second Commissioner Welch to approve Resolution #26-05-45
Resolution follows next pages

VOTED: ALL NAY: NONE ABSENT: THEDFORD

MOTION CARRIED

NOTARY PUBLIC AND APPROVE BOND

Motion Commissioner Dunn, second Commissioner Ellis to approve the following to be a notary public and approve their bond.

Melissa D Case, Candace Dallas, Patrick Drake Newby

VOTED: ALL NAY: NONE ABSENT: THEDFORD

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Commissioner Cashman, second Commissioner Stephens that the meeting of the commission adjourn.

Approved by Chairman: Jim Reed