SUMNER COUNTY COMMISSION

355 N. Belvedere Drive
Gallatin, Tennessee 37066-5410

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AGENDA
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
5:30 P.M.
February 9, 2026
Mark Harrison, Chairman

Legislative Committee Members:
Mark Harrison, Chairman
Darrell Rogers, Vice-Chairman
Jerry Becker, Commission Chairman
Ben Harris
Shannon Burgdorf
Matthew Shoaf
Danny Sullivan

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Invocation**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
4. **Approval of Minutes from January 12, 2026 (Pages 2-4)**
5. **Recognition of the Public****
6. **Report of the Chairman**
   a. Recent power outages for NES customers in Sumner County
7. **Report of the County Mayor**
8. **Old Business**
9. **New Business**
   a. Veterans Service Report and Presentation **(Pages 5-6)**
   b. City of Gallatin MOA for use of space at EMS building (from Commission) **(Pages 7-8)**
10. **Commission Recognitions and Proclamations**
    a. Recognition Carolyn Templeton 50 Years of Service **(Page 9)**
    b. Recognition of Dustin Hensley **(Page 10)**
    c. Resolution recognizing various individuals for their work in recent winter storm **(Pages 11-12)**
    d. Resolution Deputy Rick Thompson retirement **(Pages 13-14)**
11. **Zoning**
    a. Planning Commission Resolution 2025-02 **(Second Reading)**: Revising requirements to Chapter 11, Section 1101 of the County Zoning Resolution related to regulation of shipping containers.
    The Sumner County Regional Planning Commission forwarded a POSITIVE recommendation related to this item on December 16, 2025. **(Pages 15-16)**
    (On agenda to move to Commission floor for final vote)
12. **Adjournment**

** *Persons wishing to speak on agenda items shall sign up for public comment on the sheet provided at the meeting immediately prior to the commencement of the meeting.*

MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
MARK HARRISON, CHAIRMAN
JANUARY 12,2026

Present:
Mark Harrison, Chairman
Darrell Rogers, Vice-Chairman
Jerry Becker, Commission Chairman
Ben Harris
Shannon Burgdorf
Danny Sullivan
Absent:
Matthew Shoaf

Also Present:
John Isbell, County Mayor
Eric Sitler, Law Director
Jennifer Mitchell, minute taker

Chairman Harrison brought the regular scheduled Legislative Committee meeting to order with an invocation by Comm. Sullivan on Monday, January 12, 202, at 5:30 p.m. Chairman Harrison declared a quorum present to conduct business.

3. Approval of Agenda.

Without objection, Chairman Harrison moved item 10a to the first item under New Business.

Comm. Sullivan moved, seconded by Commission Chairman Becker, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of minutes of December 8, 2025.

Upon motion of Comm. Harris, seconded by Comm. Rogers, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of December 8, 2025.

5. Recognition of the Public.

None

6. Report of the Chairman.

No report

7. Report of County Mayor.

No report

8. Old Business.

a. City of Gallatin IT MOU.

Comm. Sullivan moved, seconded by Comm. Harris, to approve.

County Mayor John Isbell explained it would be temporary while the city builds out their space.

The committee voted unanimously to approve.

9. New Business.

10a. Planning Commission Resolution 2025-02 (First Reading): Revising requirements to Chapter 11, Section 1101 of the County Zoning Resolution related to the regulation of shipping containers. The Sumner County Reginal Planning Commission forwarded a positive recommendation related to this item on December 16, 2025.

Without objection, Chairman Harrison suspended the rules to allow Planning Director Marshall Boyd to speak to the matter.

Law Director Eric Sitler explained the codes department is working on updates and will dovetail into 2nd reading before going to full Commission.

After discussion, Chairman Harrison brought the meeting back in session.

Commission Chairman Becker moved, seconded by Comm. Rogers, to approve the first reading.

Without objection, Chairman Harrison suspended the rules to allow Mr. Boyd to speak to the matter again.

After further discussion, Chairman Harrison brought the meeting back in session.

The motion to approve the first reading failed to carry with a vote of (3-3-0). Comm. Burgdorf, Harris and Harrison voted against the motion.

a. Veterans' Service Report and Presentation.

Veterans Service Director Jeff Oakey gave a brief overview of the report in the packet, no action needed.

b. Vetoed Resolution 2512-12 Gallatin SWIG MOU.

The Committee entered an Executive Session at 6:02 p.m. and reconvened at 6:14 p.m.

Comm. Rogers moved, seconded by Comm. Sullivan, to bring the resolution back unencumbered with no amendments. The motion carried unanimously.

c. Docketing of Open Meetings Act Order.

Commission Chairman Becker moved, seconded by Comm. Burgdorf, to approve. The motion carried unanimously.

d. County Commission Meeting Start Time.

Comm. Harris moved, seconded by Comm. Burgdorf, to set Commission meeting time at 6:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Adjournment. Chairman Harrison declared the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m. upon motion of Comm. Burgdorf and seconded by Comm. Harris.

Prepared by Jennifer Mitchell

SUMNER COUNTY GOVERNMENT
VETERANS SERVICES OFFICE
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Veterans Services Office Monthly Report – January 2026

We helped a 75-year old Purple Heart veteran with his initial VA claim. He received a Permanent and Total Rating and about $8,000 backpay because he has suffered in silence for years. We also helped his spouse with a benefits briefing while he applied for property tax relief. (District 24, VET-TDVS-00268175).

We helped a 31-year old female Air Force veteran who had been living on her sister's couch. We met her at an outreach and helped her gather medical records, helped get a statement from a former supervisor, and tracked the claim for months until the VA awarded her a 100% rating late this month. She called to say thank you and to share that she could now rent an apartment and stay in Sumner County. (District 11, VET-TDVS-00035196).

We helped a 45-year old Army and Navy veteran with a series of appeals (4 claims in last 10 months) and VA finally read all the evidence and increased his rating to 80%. (District 15, VET-TDVS-00080056). Another 45-year old met us at outreach to help him with a claim as he separated from the Army Reserve. After helping him to collect and then reviewing over 500 pages of medical records, the VA returned a 100% rating this month (District 24, VET-TDVS-00000162)

We helped an 84-year old Army veteran we met at outreach to increase his VA rating to 90% after several medical conditions worsened. He became a regular caller and was very happy with the result. (District 3, VET-TDVS-00264746). A 39-year old Army vet (District 20, VET-TDVS-00006003) had the opposite problem – his stress and growing family made him hard to get ahold of. We followed up and were able to increase his compensation and update VA after the birth of a new child.

We found an error with a VA decision and helped a Westmoreland vet (District 1, VET-TDVS-00021106) file an appeal. He went from nothing to an 80% rating and received $44K in backpay due to the error. We fixed another error to help a spouse receive DIC and a free Medicare supplement after her husband died (District 2, VET-TDVS-00271655).

This was a good month but also stressful in the office. One VSO had a death in the family and another has been frequently ill. These absences led to longer wait times and to several days when a single service officer handled as many as 12 veterans' cases in a day. As the County prepares for another budget season, I believe that now is the time to add another part-time position to the staff so we can keep doing the outreach to veterans so they can raise their families in the county. I ask that you support the veterans office in adding the position.

Thank you for your support and service,

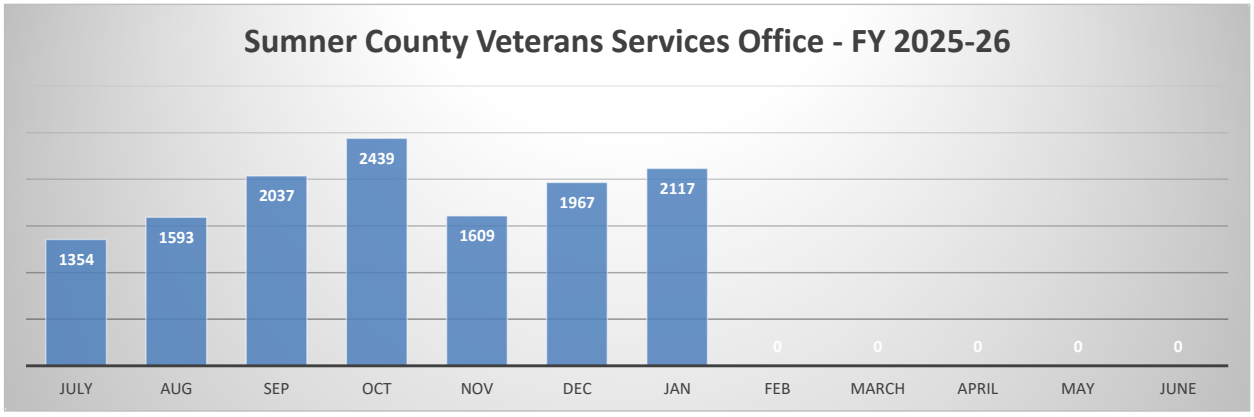
Jeff Oakey, Director

Sumner County Veterans Service Office
Monthly Report

Sumner County Veterans Services Office - Activity Report FY 2025-2026

County Veteran Population (2025 VA VetPop Table 9L)	11,130		
VA Annual Compensation Paid (2025 GDX report)	$96,990,829.00		
VA AnnualHealth Care Paid (2025 GDX report)	$67,752,478.00		
Estimated Poverty / Vet Disability rate (US census ACSS 2021)	4.50%		
Veteran suicides in TN (2022 VA state data)	184	???	Homeless vets in Sumner Co. (Jan 25 PIT survey)

Office Activity	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
Interviews												
Appointments	51	79	86	88	53	79	55					
Walk-ins	106	95	89	124	73	96	86					
Total Inverviews	**157**	**174**	**175**	**212**	**126**	**175**	**141**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Letters Mailed Out	2	2	3	2	3	3	1					
Faxed/ In & Out	108	58	49	90	59	87	64					
Phone calls Returned	211	318	289	373	201	309	329					
Emails returned	357	429	420	541	406	389	618					
Claims filed	100	101	156	163	104	169	149					
Health Care Filed	4	4	8	9	5	7	8					
DoD-related Assistance	3	4	2	0	1	1	3					
Other claim related activities (packages submitted, forms completed, communication notes)	372	424	839	992	669	784	745					
Total Office Activities	**1314**	**1514**	**1941**	**2382**	**1574**	**1924**	**2058**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Outreach												
Westmoreland	0	1	0	0	0	0	0					
Portland	3	5	3	0	2	3	3					
Hendersonville	5	11	13	6	4	10	7					
Assisted Living Facility/ Nursing Home	1	1	3	1	1	1	4					
In-Home Visits	1	3	3	1	1	1	3					
Community Engagements (incl. Churches)	1	2	5	3	2	2	4					
VSO engagements (e.g. VFW, American Legion)	1	3	3	4	5	2	4					
Total Outreach Activities	**12**	**26**	**30**	**15**	**15**	**19**	**25**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Other Activity												
Training	3	21	41	3	6	3	3					
Hours donated by volunteers (in office & outreach)	6	4	0	2	2	0	2					
DD214 - TN War Records & other states	11	13	7	19	4	11	10					
National Personnel Records Request	6	7	8	6	3	4	5					
DPRIS	2	8	10	12	5	6	14					
Total Other Activity	**28**	**53**	**66**	**42**	**20**	**24**	**34**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Total Monthly Activity	**1354**	**1593**	**2037**	**2439**	**1609**	**1967**	**2117**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**



STATE OF TENNESSEE
Sumner County

Date: **JANUARY 26, 2026**

Board of County Commissioners

RESOLUTION

No. **2601-12**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) WITH THE CITY OF GALLATIN CONCERNING USE OF SPACE IN THE SUMNER COUNTY EMS BUILDING

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 26th day of January 2026, that this body hereby approve a memorandum of agreement with the City of Gallatin concerning use of space in the Sumner County EMS building as set forth in the attachment hereto.

CERTIFICATE OF ACTION

COUNTY MAYOR

COUNTY CLERK

DATE

Ayes: ____ Nays: ____ Abs: ____

APPROVED: ☐ REJECTED: ☐

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
The City of Gallatin
and
Sumner County

1. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to establish a partnership between the City of Gallatin and Sumner County, whereby Sumner County will provide a space within the Sumner County EMS building, located at 255 Airport Rd., Gallatin, TN 37066 to house backup server hardware and software for the City of Gallatin.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES:

City of Gallatin
The City of Gallatin will:

1. Provide and maintain its own internet connection and backhaul network connection separate from Sumner County.
2. Provide and maintain 1-2 network racks, wall backboard for necessary networking components, and all necessary components comprising the City of Gallatin's backup site.
3. Make reasonable efforts to notify Sumner County in advance when access is needed, but acknowledges that there may be occasions when that is not possible.

Sumner County
Sumner County will:

1. Provide a footprint within the Sumner County EMS building to accommodate 1-2 network racks, along with wall space for necessary network components, and sufficient power to run all the components comprising the City of Gallatin's backup site.
2. Provide escorted access to the EMS building when needed, acknowledging that the City of Gallatin will make reasonable efforts to notify in advance when access is needed, but that there may be occasions when that is not possible.

I have reviewed this Memorandum of Understanding and agree with its purpose and conditions.

Paige Brown, Mayor (City)	John Isbell, Mayor (County)
Date	Date

The Sumner County Board

of

County Commissioners,

meeting in regular session on this the

23rd day of February 2026,

does hereby honor and congratulate

Carolyn Templeton, Sumner County Clerk

for her 50 years of service to the public in the Sumner County Clerk's Office.

County Commission Chairman	**County Mayor**	**Commissioner**
Commissioner	**Commissioner**	**Commissioner**

The Sumner County Board

of

County Commissioners,

meeting in regular session on this the

23rd day of February 2026,

does hereby honor and recognize

Dustin Hensley

for selflessly helping his neighbors on Sweet Oak Ridge during the recent winter storm by clearing the road and removing trees with his own personal equipment.

County Commission Chairman	**County Mayor**	**Commissioner**
Commissioner	**Commissioner**	**Commissioner**

STATE OF TENNESSEE
Sumner County

Date: _____

Board of County Commissioners

RESOLUTION

No. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE SUMNER COUNTY COMMISSION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING LINEMEN, TREE CREWS, HIGHWAY PERSONNEL, AND FIRST RESPONDERS FOR THEIR SERVICE DURING AND AFTER WINTER STORM FERN

WHEREAS, Winter Storm Fern caused widespread power outages, downed trees, blocked roadways, and hazardous conditions throughout Sumner County, disrupting daily life and threatening the safety and well-being of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, linemen worked tirelessly before, during, and after the storm—often in freezing temperatures, icy conditions, and dangerous environments—to restore electrical service as quickly and safely as possible; and

WHEREAS, tree crews labored under difficult and hazardous conditions to clear fallen trees and debris, enabling the restoration of power, access to roadways, and the safety of residents; and

WHEREAS, Sumner County Highway Department personnel worked extended hours to clear and treat roadways, ensuring safer travel and access for emergency services and the public; and

WHEREAS, first responders, including law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical personnel, continued to serve on the front lines throughout the storm and recovery efforts, responding to emergencies and protecting lives and property despite extreme conditions; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated professionals demonstrated exceptional skill, courage, commitment, and selflessness by working long hours, often away from their families, to ensure homes, businesses, hospitals, and critical infrastructure were restored and protected; and

WHEREAS, their combined efforts were essential to the recovery of Sumner County and exemplify the highest standards of public service, professionalism, and community dedication;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Commission that the Commission hereby recognizes, commends, and expresses its sincere gratitude to the linemen, tree crews, highway personnel, and first responders for their outstanding service during and following Winter Storm Fern.

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CERTIFICATE OF ACTION	COUNTY MAYOR
_____	_____
COUNTY CLERK	DATE
Ayes: ____ Nays: ____ Abs: ____	APPROVED: ☐ REJECTED: ☐

STATE OF TENNESSEE
Sumner County

Date: _____

Board of County Commissioners

RESOLUTION

No. _____

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DEPUTY RICK THOMPSON ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE SUMNER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AFTER MORE THAN 31 YEARS OF SERVICE AND GIFTING DEPUTY THOMPSON HIS SERVICE WEAPON

WHEREAS, Deputy Rick Thompson has honorably and faithfully served the citizens of Sumner County through his employment with the Sumner County Sheriff's Office from **December 19, 1994, through March 27, 2026**, totaling more than **thirty-one (31) years of dedicated public service**; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, Deputy Thompson demonstrated professionalism, integrity, courage, and an unwavering commitment to public safety, earning the respect of his fellow deputies, county leadership, and the citizens he served; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Thompson's service has contributed significantly to the safety, security, and well-being of Sumner County, and his legacy of service reflects great credit upon himself, the Sumner County Sheriff's Office, and Sumner County as a whole; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that Sumner County formally recognize Deputy Thompson's exemplary career and express gratitude for his years of faithful service; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to applicable law and longstanding custom, the Sumner County Commission desires to award Deputy Thompson his issued service weapon and badge as **additional compensation** in recognition of his retirement and dedicated service.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Commission meeting in regular session this 23rd day of February, 2026 that said body does hereby recognize, commend,

and congratulate **Deputy Rick Thompson** upon his retirement from the Sumner County Sheriff's Office and extend sincere appreciation for his more than three decades of honorable service to Sumner County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as additional compensation upon retirement, Deputy Rick Thompson shall be awarded his issued service weapon, a **Glock 22 Gen 4, serial number BKWC115**, along with his official badge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Sumner County Commission and a copy presented to Deputy Rick Thompson as a lasting token of the County's gratitude and esteem.

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CERTIFICATE OF ACTION — COUNTY MAYOR

_____ _____

COUNTY CLERK — DATE

Ayes: ____ Nays: ____ Abs: ____ APPROVED: ☐ REJECTED: ☐

ITEMS TO BE PLACED

ON THE

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA

DATE OF MEETING: **February 9, 2026**

TO: **Eric Sitler**

FROM: **Planning and Engineering Department**

SUBJECT: **PC RESOLUTION 2025-02**
(Second Reading)

PC Resolution 2025-02: Revising requirements to Chapter 11, Section 1101 of the County Zoning Resolution related to regulation of shipping containers.

The Sumner County Regional Planning Commission forwarded a POSITIVE recommendation related to this item on December 16, 2025.

CC: Commissioner Mark Harrison
Jennifer Mitchell
Steve Weiner

PUBLIC NOTICE / RESOLUTION

There will be a public hearing at the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting on **Monday, February 23, 2026 at 7:00 p.m**. related to proposed revisions of the County Zoning Resolution. This meeting shall be held at the Sumner County Administration Building in the County Commission Chambers, located at 355 North Belvedere Drive, Gallatin, Tennessee.

At this meeting, the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners will discuss and potentially vote on proposed revisions to the Sumner County Zoning Resolution as recommended by the Sumner County Regional Planning Commission. These proposed changes include the following:

PC Resolution 2025-02: Revising requirements to Chapter 11, Section 1101 of the County Zoning Resolution related to regulation of shipping containers.

The Sumner County Regional Planning Commission forwarded a POSITIVE recommendation related to this item on December 16, 2025.

The public is invited to attend and opportunity for public comment will be provided. A copy of the proposed revisions is available for review at the Sumner County Planning & Engineering Department during regular business hours and is available on the Planning & Engineering Department's website.

A copy of this notice is on file at the Sumner County Planning and Engineering Department in the Sumner County Administration Building located at 355 North Belvedere Drive, Room 202 Gallatin, TN, 37066.

Anyone having any interest or desiring to ask questions concerning this item is invited to attend this meeting or call 615-451-6097.