SUMNER COUNTY COMMISSION

355 N. Belvedere Drive
Gallatin, Tennessee 37066-5410

Commissioners
Terry Moss- 1
Terry Wright- 2
Mark Harrison- 3
Dillon Lamberth- 4
Darrell Rogers- 5
David Klein- 6
Danny Sullivan- 7
Baker Ring- 8
Mary Genung- 9
Benjamin A. Harris 10
Kevin Pomeroy- 11
Deborah Holmes- 12
Terri Boyt- 13
Jamie Teachenor- 14
J. Wes Wynne- 15
Jeremy Mansfield- 16
Robert B. Brown III- 17
Don Schmit- 18
Shannon Burgdorf- 19
Merrol Hyde- 20
Jerry F. Becker- 21
Matthew Shoaf- 22
Tim Jones- 23
Chrissi S. Miller- 24

AGENDA
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
6:00 P.M.
August 10, 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 July 13, 2026 (Pages 2-5)**
5. **Recognition of the Public (Agenda Items)****
6. **Report of the Chairman**
7. **Report of the County Mayor**
8. **Old Business**
9. **New Business**
   a. Veterans Service Report and Presentation **(Pages 6-7)**
   b. Opioid Abatement Committee – Change to stand-alone committee (from Budget) **(Page 8)**
   c. Resolution Appointing Judicial Magistrate – Alexandria Rice **(Page 9)**
10. **Recognition of the Public (Non-Agenda Items)****
11. **Adjournment**

*** Persons wishing to speak on agenda items or any other item relevant to the committee 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
JULY 13, 2026

Present:
Mark Harrison, Chairman
Darrell Rogers, Vice-Chairman
Jerry Becker, Commission Chairman
Shannon Burgdorf
Ben Harris
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. Harris on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. Chairman Harrison declared a quorum present to conduct business.

3. Approval of Agenda.

Comm. Harris requested to move item 9c. County Law Director Reappointment to September's agenda.

Comm. Burgdorf moved, seconded by Comm. Harris, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of minutes of June 22, 2026.

Upon motion of Comm. Rogers, seconded by Comm. Sullivan, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 22, 2026.

Comm. Becker arrived at the meeting.

5. Recognition of the Public.

Mike McClard of 102 Tioga Trail, Hendersonville expressed his opposition for a commissioner pay raise and asked to kill the item in committee.

David Klein, Commissioner did not speak.

6. Report of the Chairman.

No report.

7. Report of County Mayor.

No report.

8. Old Business.

a. Applying for HUD Funding Grant (already approved by Budget).

Comm. Rogers moved, seconded by Comm. Burgdorf, to approve. The motion carried unanimously.

9. New Business.

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. County Commissioner Pay Increase.

Comm. Rogers moved, seconded by Comm. Sullivan, to approve $750.00 a month for commissioner pay. The Committee voted (5-1-0). Comm. Becker voted against the motion.

c. County Law Director Reappointment.

Moved to September's agenda.

d. Gift from General Sessions Courtroom, pew to Judge Michael Carter's Family.

Comm. Harris moved, seconded by Comm. Rogers, to approve. The motion carried unanimously.

e. Retirement of K-9 Rex and donation of K-9 to Fen's Haven Animal Sanctuary.

f. Retirement of K-9 Flex and donation of K-9 to his handler.

Comm. Sullivan moved, seconded by Comm. Harris, to group and approve items 9e and 9f. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Commission Recognitions and Proclamations.

a. Recognition: Jody Garrison – 4H volunteer of the year.
b. Recognition: Mason Pearson & Blaine Gregory – Fishing Team.

Comm. Rogers noted corrections to be made to the recognition under item 10b.

Comm. Becker moved, seconded by Comm. Sullivan, to group and approve item 10a and 10b. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Recognition of the Public (Non-Agenda Items).

None

12. Adjournment. Chairman Harrison declared the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m. upon motion of Comm. Burgdorf and seconded by Comm. Becker.

Prepared by Jennifer Mitchell

Sign-In Sheet

COMMITTEE NAME: Legislative

DATE 7-13-2026

Name	Address	Agenda Item to be Discussed
Meke McCLARD	102 TIOGA TRAIL, HYDE PK	
David Klein		

SUMNER COUNTY GOVERNMENT
VETERANS SERVICES OFFICE
355 North Belvedere Drive ~ Room 114
Gallatin, Tennessee 37066
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Fax (615) 442-1158

Veterans Services Office Monthly Report – July 2026

We have worked with a Portland Marine combat veteran and his wife (District 5, VET-TDVS-00269846) for about 8 months. In that time, he lost his job, was hospitalized for about 10 days, worked through a rehab period and wrote this month that he just got a federal job in Nashville. We "Help Sumner County Veterans" and this is often NOT done via the claims process, but through discussions, encouragement, and checking in.

We helped an Air Force veteran (District 8, VET-TDVS- 00276437) apply for service connection of his back injury. We met the veteran after he applied for monetary and food assistance at the VFW post in Hendersonville. We helped the veteran get some service-connected compensation and free health care, all due to the close partnership we have with the 10 veteran service organizations around the county.

We helped an 84-year old vet (District 11, VET-TDVS-00245349) and his daughter to increase his compensation to support increased in-home care needs after the veteran's wife passed away.

We helped a Vietnam veteran (District 16, VET-TDVS-00047713) to increase his compensation and obtain increase medical help from VA after a new disability manifest that we linked back to exposure to herbicides. After significantly worsening medical problems, the additional resources are helping them cope.

We helped an Army and National Guard Purple Heart veteran (District 19, VET-TDVS-00282404) file claims after his latest combat deployment and as he prepares to retire in Sumner County.

We had an uptick of requests to assist with Dept. of War/Defense benefit claims. We do not get any formal training for these benefits, but helped with military records, Concurrent Receipt, healthcare, and Survivor Benefits claims. This is just another way that we offer great service to our veterans.

We welcome some new members of the Veterans Office Family: Scout Collins, born July 28th and Travis Mefford, an Air Force veteran from Gallatin who is coming aboard as part-time help starting August 3d. We are also welcoming back 6-8 volunteers who will be helping while Johnnie is out on leave.

Thank you for your support and service,

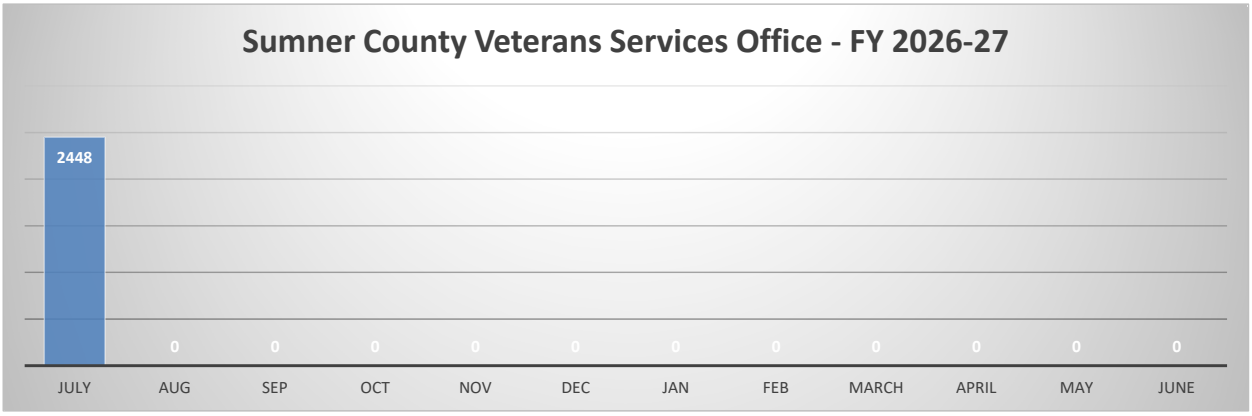
Jeff Oakey, Director

Sumner County Veterans Service Office
Monthly Report

Sumner County Veterans Services Office - Activity Report FY 2026-2027

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 (2023 VA state data)	210	???	Homeless vets in Sumner Co. (Jan 26 PIT survey)

Office Activity	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
Interviews												
Appointments	90											
Walk-ins	124											
Total Inverviews	**214**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Letters Mailed Out	3											
Faxed/ In & Out	42											
Phone calls Returned	368											
Emails returned	446											
Claims filed	199											
Health Care Prepped or Filed	15											
DoD-related Assistance	8											
Other claim related activities (packages submitted, forms completed, communication notes)	1063											
Total Office Activities	**2358**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Outreach												
Westmoreland	0											
Portland	2											
Hendersonville	5											
White House AL	0											
Assisted Living Facility/ Nursing Home	5											
In-Home Visits	3											
Community Engagements (incl. Churches)	3											
VSO engagements (e.g. VFW, American Legion)	7											
Total Outreach Activities	**25**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Other Activity												
Training	3											
Hours donated by volunteers (in office & outreach)	12											
DD214 - TN War Records & other states	20											
National Personnel Records Request	4											
DPRIS	26											
Total Other Activity	**65**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Total Monthly Activity	**2448**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**



Jessica Allison

From: Eric Sitler
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 9:25 AM
To: Beth Browning; Jessica Allison
Cc: Steven Weiner
Subject: FW: Adding Opioid Abatement committee to the July Budget committee for approval as a standing committee

Sincerely,

Eric W. Sitler

Law Director
Sumner County, Tennessee
355 North Belvedere Drive, Room 303
Gallatin, TN 37066
(615) 451-6060, x1064

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From: Mary Genung <mary.genung@sumnercountytn.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 8:58 AM
To: Matthew Shoaf <matthew.shoaf@sumnercountytn.gov>
Cc: Dustin Owens <dowens@sumnercountytn.gov>; Eric Sitler <esitler@sumnercountytn.gov>
Subject: Adding Opioid Abatement committee to the July Budget committee for approval as a standing committee

Good Morning Matt,

I would like your assistance. Please place the opioid abatement committee to the budget committee schedule in July. A vote to take place to give the committee status as a stand-alone committee instead of ad hoc beginning September 1, 2026. My understanding it will need to follow to the Legislative committee once your team votes on this.

If you have any questions, please free to contact me.
Mary Genung

District 9

STATE OF TENNESSEE
Sumner County

Date: _____

Board of County Commissioners
RESOLUTION

No. _____

TITLE: **A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE OF SUMNER COUNTY**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 17th day of August 2026, that this body hereby appoints the following individual as a Judicial Magistrate through the year 2026:

Alexandria Rice

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Judicial Magistrates shall serve through the year 2026 or until a successor is appointed.

_____

CERTIFICATE OF ACTION — COUNTY MAYOR

_____ _____

COUNTY CLERK — DATE

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