



Haywood County Local Government/Rules Committee (LGC)

Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 4:30PM
Justice Center Conference Room

Committee Members 2025-2026

Sharon Hayes, Chair • Alan O'Quin, Vice Chair • Jim Duke • Sheronda Green • Rhonda Thompson

Meeting Agenda

- 1) **Call to Order - Determination of Quorum – Welcome**
- 2) **Approval of Minutes** – *Previous Meeting 3-10-2026*
- 3) **Public Comments on Agenda Topics**
- 4) **Attorney Resolution**– *approved amendment submitted to Senator Walley for legislative action*
- 5) **Appointments & Confirmations** – *Rules Clarification, TCA 5-6-106: “Except as otherwise provided...county mayor shall appoint members of county boards and commissions and county department heads. Such appointees shall be subject to confirmation by the county legislative body, and in so doing, the legislative body may express its views fully and freely and shall vote for or against confirmation.”*
- 6) **Resolutions** – *Rules Clarification - a formal resolution is required to amend a previously adopted resolution. The recent Solid Waste fee increase necessitates such a resolution, as confirmed by Mayor Livingston. Previous resolutions have been provided, along with an updated sample reviewed by Attorney Levy.*
- 7) **PILOT Authority, Reporting, & Payments** -*Follow-up: DRAFT PILOT Resolution; DRAFT Agreement on Distribution of Ford-Blue Oval PILOT Funds; Current impacts on county services-Levy email; TCA 7-53-305 - Exemption from taxation—Payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes; Information from Greene County; Resource https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tacir/2018-publications/2018_PILOTAgreements.pdf*
- 8) **Dyersburg State Community College** – *discuss alternate locations for local campus*

Brief Updates & Progress on Previous Actions:

- a. **TACIR - Data Trends for Haywood County** – *attachment from Attorney Levy. “This data confirms that our educational attainment is decreasing while our poverty rate is increasing. While local governments are limited in their capacity to make changes, there are some policies that have proven to reduce intergenerational poverty: child education and access to schools, including local access to college and high-quality occupational training...”*
- b. **FY2025 State Audit** – *Follow-up action required*
- c. **County Website** – *Meeting with webmaster pending*
- d. **Rules Manual** – *Tracking updates & resolution database – plan for August update*
- e. **Commissioner Training** – *Cutoff Aug 31– Class on Commissioner Training 101*
- f. **Capital Improvement Planning Committee** – *facilities plan database - County Farm insurance*
- g. **Real Estate Fees** – *Senator Walley’s Bill – 2025 County Resolution of support*
- h. **County Planner** – *JECDB recommended 2-20-2024*
- i. **IDB/BHECD Strategic Plan** – *Happening Haywood implementation*
- j. **HR Committee** – *Meeting is required by the resolution*
- k. **Museum Committee** – *Committee needs to meet and address staffing coordination/budget*
- l. **America 250** – *Proposed committee projects; Hatchie Trails event and invitation to Governor Lee*

Adjournment – Next Meeting – 2nd Tuesday of Month at 4:30p

From: Sarah Levy <slevy@haywoodtn.gov>
Subject: Haywood County's detrimental reliance
Date: April 12, 2026 at 9:35:15 AM CDT
To: Sharon Hayes <shayes@haywoodtn.gov>

Commr Hayes,

I think that it is important to acknowledge in a WHERAS clause or other place that in 2023, when Haywood County signed the Intergovernmental Agreement with the IDB and the WTMA, Haywood County was relying on Ford's announcement that manufacturing would begin in **2025**. But now, FORD and SK have split. Ford has switched to gasoline power and manufacturing at FORD is not expected until **2029**. Yet, Haywood County was contractually required to quickly amp up infrastructure and provide police, fire, ambulance, solid waste disposal, and maintain county roads with an influx of construction vehicles and debris this entire time without much additional revenue (other than initial sales taxes during construction and the \$ _____ that IDB let us have, and maybe some grants from the state?). Director Steele, Sheriff Garrett, and Director Mckeel can provide details on the extra toll on their departments.

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