



Haywood County Commission

August 2026 – Resolution Number _____

A Resolution Designating that Future Payments In Lieu Of Taxes (PILOTs) be Remitted Directly to the Haywood County Trustee

WHEREAS, the Haywood County Commission recognizes the economic impact of the Megasite of West Tennessee and appreciates the significant investments made by Ford Motor Company, SK On, and other industries locating within Haywood County; and

WHEREAS, the County further recognizes that future industrial development within and outside the Megasite may include businesses that are independent of Ford Motor Company and SK On, or are less than twenty-five percent (25%) owned by either company or its affiliates; and

WHEREAS, PILOTs represent negotiated payments that substitute for ad valorem property taxes and are intended to offset the cost of public services and infrastructure provided by local governments; and

WHEREAS, Haywood County provides essential governmental services, including public safety, emergency medical services, fire protection, roads, solid waste disposal, and other county functions necessary to support the businesses, their employees, and new residents associated with that growth; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission believes that PILOT revenues associated with future industries, that are independent of Ford Motor Company and SK On, or are less than twenty-five percent (25%) owned by either company or its affiliates, should be received by the Haywood County Trustee and accounted for as county revenue; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is intended to express the official policy of the County Commission regarding the distribution of future PILOT revenues and to provide guidance to the Megasite Authority of West Tennessee, the IDB, and all parties involved in future PILOT negotiations; and

WHEREAS, the Haywood County Commission finds that establishing this policy now will provide clarity and consistency for future PILOT negotiations involving industries that are independent of Ford Motor Company and SK On.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Haywood County Commission as follows:

SECTION 1. PILOTs Remitted Directly to the Haywood County Trustee

The Haywood County Commission requests that all future Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOTs) associated with industries locating within and outside the Megasite that are independent of FORD or SK ON or are less than twenty-five percent (25%) of either company or their affiliates be remitted directly to the Haywood County Trustee.

SECTION 2. PILOTs are County Revenue

Such revenues should be treated as county revenue and administered in accordance with Tennessee law and the County's appropriation process.

SECTION 3. Communication to Megasite Authority

The County Mayor is requested to communicate this policy to the Megasite Authority of West Tennessee and request its incorporation into future PILOT agreements and related intergovernmental documents.

SECTION 4. Notifications

The Clerk of the Haywood County shall transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Megasite Authority of West Tennessee, the Haywood County Mayor, the Haywood County Trustee, the Industrial Development Board, and such other officials as may be appropriate.

SECTION 5. Relationship to Prior Resolutions

This Resolution supplements previously adopted Haywood County Commission resolutions concerning PILOT Agreements. Any prior resolution or portion thereof is repealed only to the extent it is inconsistent with the policy established herein.

Effective Date: This resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval, the public welfare requiring it.

Adopted by the Haywood County Commission this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Chair, Haywood County Commission

Jeffery Richmond_____

Approved: Mayor, Haywood County

David M. Livingston_____

Attest: Haywood County Clerk

Sonya Castellaw_____