



AGENDA
HENRY COUNTY COMMISSION
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025
5:00 P.M.
CHANCERY COURT ROOM

1. Call to order and opening of the Commission meeting
2. Invocation
3. Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America
4. Roll call
5. Citizen's forum
6. Commissioners' forum
7. **BUSINESS:**
 - a. Approval of Consent Agenda and action thereon by the Commission.
 - b. Consideration of a resolution to approve the rate increase of the Mineral Severance Tax. RESOLUTION #1-8-25
 - c. Consideration of a resolution to approve and establish to Collect an Archives and Records Management Fee. RESOLUTION #2-8-25
 - d. Consideration of a resolution to approve the levy of an additional county-wide motor vehicle tax. (second reading) RES #3-8-25
8. Announcements and Statements:
9. Adjournment

August

**CONSENT AGENDA
AUGUST 18, 2025**

ITEMS TO BE APPROVED:

1. Minutes of the meetings of July 21, 2025.
 2. Notary Public designations
 3. Trustee's month end report
 4. Henry County Medical Center Statement of Cash Flow
 5. Various quarterly reports
 6. Various Announcements
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STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF HENRY...

Be it remembered that the County Commission met in a regular session at the Courthouse in Henry County, Tennessee on August 18, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Present and presiding the Honorable Randy Geiger, Chairman, Donna Craig, County Clerk and the County Commissioners:

ITEM NO. 1 The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Josh Frey.

ITEM NO. 2 The invocation was led by Commissioner Kenneth Humphreys.

ITEM NO. 3 The pledge to the flag was led by Sheriff Josh Frey.

ITEM NO. 4 Roll Call

The following Commissioners were present: Patrick Burns, Dell Carter, Charles Elizondo, David Flowers, Missy Hamilton, David Hayes, Kenneth Humphreys, Melissa McElroy, Paul Neal, Gatlin Primrose, Monte Starks, Jay Travis, Marty Visser, David Webb and Ralph Wiles.

ROLL CALL
COUNTY COMMISSION, HENRY COUNTY, DONNA CRAIG, COUNTY CLERK
PARIS, TENNESSEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Humphreys and seconded by Commissioner Starks to approve the Consent Agenda, which consists of: Minutes of the meeting of July 21, 2025, Trustee’s month end report, Henry County Medical Center Statement of Cash Flow, various quarterly reports, various announcements and the following Notary Public designations: Crystal Conrad, Daniel Williams, Haley White, Carman C. Wright, Falguni Pareshkumar Patel, Evonne F. Williams, Josten Jones, Ashton Spellings, Amber L. Elwood and Loretta Miles.
ITEM NO. 5

	ABSENT	PRESENT	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	PASS
BURNS, PATRICK								
CARTER, DELL								
ELIZONDO, CHARLES								
FLOWERS, DAVID								
HAMILTON, MISSY								
HAYES, DAVID								
HUMPHREYS, KENNETH			X					
McELROY, MELISSA								
NEAL, PAUL								
PRIMROSE,GATLIN								
STARKS, MONTE				X				
TRAVIS, JAY								
VISSER, MARTY								
WEBB, DAVID								
WILES, RALPH								
TOTAL								

DATE : 8-18-25
VOICE VOTE CARRIED

ROLL CALL
COUNTY COMMISSION, HENRY COUNTY, DONNA CRAIG, COUNTY CLERK
PARIS, TENNESSEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Humphreys to approve Resolution 1-8-25, to increase the Mineral Severance Tax Rate to benefit the County Road Fund.
Commissioner Wiles seconded the motion.

ITEM NO. 6

	ABSENT	PRESENT	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	PASS
BURNS, PATRICK					X			
CARTER, DELL					X			
ELIZONDO, CHARLES					X			
FLOWERS, DAVID					X			
HAMILTON, MISSY					X			
HAYES, DAVID						X		
HUMPHREYS, KENNETH			X		X			
McELROY, MELISSA					X			
NEAL, PAUL					X			
PRIMROSE,GATLIN					X			
STARKS, MONTE					X			
TRAVIS, JAY					X			
VISSER, MARTY						X		
WEBB, DAVID					X			
WILES, RALPH				X	X			
TOTAL					13	2		

MOTION CARRIED

DATE : 8-18-25

RESOLUTION NO. 1-8-25

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TO INCREASE THE MINERAL SEVERANCE TAX RATE TO BENEFIT THE
COUNTY ROAD FUND**

WHEREAS, by Resolution #8-4-25 this Commission imposed a mineral severance tax in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 67-7-201 et seq., in the amount of \$ fifteen (15) cents per ton; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly recently increased the maximum amount of such tax to \$ twenty cents (\$0.20) per ton; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents of Henry County, Tennessee, that the existing tax be increased to the maximum now allowed by law;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Henry County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 18th day of August, 2025 that the mineral severance tax imposed by Resolution #8-4-25 is hereby increased to \$ twenty cents (\$0.20) per ton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this tax rate shall automatically increase or decrease to the maximum rate allowed by § 67-7-203 or successor statute, as may be amended from time to time, with such changes in the tax rate to coincide with the effective dates of the associated statutory amendments; however, should a statutory amendment remove the maximum rate, then the tax rate shall remain fixed at the maximum rate allowed on the day before the effective date of such statutory amendment.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a true copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

PASSED 8-18-2025



RANDY GEIGER, CHAIRMAN
HENRY COUNTY COMMISSION



DONNA CRAIG, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED 8-18-2025



RANDY GEIGER
COUNTY MAYOR

ROLL CALL
COUNTY COMMISSION, HENRY COUNTY, DONNA CRAIG, COUNTY CLERK
PARIS, TENNESSEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Neal to approve Resolution 2-8-25, to approve and establish and collect an Archives and Records Management Fee. Commissioner Travis seconded the motion.

ITEM NO. 7

	ABSENT	PRESENT	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	PASS
BURNS, PATRICK					X			
CARTER, DELL					X			
ELIZONDO, CHARLES					X			
FLOWERS, DAVID					X			
HAMILTON, MISSY					X			
HAYES, DAVID					X			
HUMPHREYS, KENNETH					X			
McELROY, MELISSA					X			
NEAL, PAUL			X		X			
PRIMROSE,GATLIN					X			
STARKS, MONTE					X			
TRAVIS, JAY				X	X			
VISSER, MARTY					X			
WEBB, DAVID					X			
WILES, RALPH					X			
TOTAL					15			

MOTION CARRIED

DATE : 8-18-25

RESOLUTION NO. 2-8-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPROVE AND ESTABLISH AND COLLECT AN ARCHIVES AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT FEE

WHEREAS, the Henry County Board of Commissioners has established the Henry County Public Records Commission with the purpose of overseeing the maintenance and disposal of the County's public records; and,

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-408, authorizes a county legislative body that has created a county public records commission to establish an archives and records management fee to be collected by all entities creating public records, except for a county register's office, of up to \$5.00 per record filed; and,

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-408, further authorizes a county legislative body that has created a county public records commission to establish an archives and records management fee of up to \$5.00 per public record filed with the clerks of court for the purpose of initiating a legal proceeding; and,

WHEREAS, revenue raised by the collection of the archives and records management fees are to be used for expenses related to the duplication, storage, and maintenance of public records; and,

WHEREAS, the fee is to be collected by the office that creates the public records or the court clerk's office in which the document initiating the legal proceedings is filed; and,

WHEREAS, this legislative body has determined that the cost to maintain public records supports the implementation of an archives and records management fee of up to \$5.00 to be assessed for each public record as defined by Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-403(1) and (3), and for records filed with the clerks of court for the purpose of initiating a legal proceeding.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this Board of Commissioners of Henry County meeting in regular session at Paris, Henry County, Tennessee, on the 18th day of August 2025; that an archives and records management fee for each public record as defined by Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-403(1) and (3) and for records filed with the clerks of court for the purpose of initiating a legal proceeding, is established in accordance with the following fee schedule:

1. Records filed with the Henry County Clerk's Office
 - A. \$5.00 fee for filing of all Marriage License Applications
 - B. \$5.00 fee for filing of all Notary Public Applications
 - C. \$5.00 fee for filing of all Business License Applications
 - D. \$5.00 fee for filing of Certificate of Title Applications
 - E. \$5.00 fee for filing of Beer Permits
2. Records filed with the court clerks of General Sessions, Criminal, Circuit, Probate, Juvenile, and Chancery
 - A. \$5.00 fee for the filing of records with the respective clerks of court for the purpose of initiating a legal proceeding

This resolution and the fees imposed by this resolution shall take effect on the first day of January 2026.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION TAKE EFFECT FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE, THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT.

PASSED 8-18-2025


RANDY GEIGER, CHAIRMAN
HENRY COUNTY COMMISSION


DONNA CRAIG, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED 8-18-2025


RANDY GEIGER
COUNTY MAYOR

ROLL CALL
COUNTY COMMISSION, HENRY COUNTY, DONNA CRAIG, COUNTY CLERK
PARIS, TENNESSEE

Commissioner Wiles made a motion and Commissioner Primrose seconded, to amend Resolution 3-8-25 to remove the exemption of Motorcycles, Class 1 Vehicles, Class 2 Vehicles, Low Speed Vehicles and Medium Speed Vehicles and the amount of said tax on these vehicles will be fifteen dollars (\$15.00).

ITEM NO. 8

	ABSENT	PRESENT	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	PASS
BURNS, PATRICK						X		
CARTER, DELL					X			
ELIZONDO, CHARLES					X			
FLOWERS, DAVID					X			
HAMILTON, MISSY					X			
HAYES, DAVID					X			
HUMPHREYS, KENNETH					X			
McELROY, MELISSA					X			
NEAL, PAUL					X			
PRIMROSE, GATLIN				X	X			
STARKS, MONTE					X			
TRAVIS, JAY					X			
VISSER, MARTY					X			
WEBB, DAVID					X			
WILES, RALPH			X		X			
TOTAL					14	1		

MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED

DATE : 8-18-25

ROLL CALL
COUNTY COMMISSION, HENRY COUNTY, DONNA CRAIG, COUNTY CLERK
PARIS, TENNESSEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Elizondo to approve Resolution 3-8-25, to approve the Levy of an additional County-Wide Motor Vehicle Tax as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carter.

ITEM NO. 9

	ABSENT	PRESENT	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	PASS
BURNS, PATRICK						X		
CARTER, DELL				X	X			
ELIZONDO, CHARLES			X		X			
FLOWERS, DAVID					X			
HAMILTON, MISSY					X			
HAYES, DAVID					X			
HUMPHREYS, KENNETH					X			
McELROY, MELISSA					X			
NEAL, PAUL					X			
PRIMROSE, GATLIN					X			
STARKS, MONTE					X			
TRAVIS, JAY					X			
VISSER, MARTY					X			
WEBB, DAVID					X			
WILES, RALPH					X			
TOTAL					14	1		

MOTION CARRIED

DATE : 8-18-25

RESOLUTION NO. 3-8-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPROVE THE LEVY OF AN ADDITIONAL COUNTY-WIDE MOTOR VEHICLE TAX

WHEREAS, T.C.A. § 5-8-102 authorizes counties to levy a motor vehicle privilege tax, or “wheel tax”, as a condition precedent to the operation of a motor vehicle within the county; and

WHEREAS, under a prior resolution of this Board of Commissioners, there is also a motor vehicle privilege tax of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) plus Administration fee of fifty cents (.50) for a total of fifteen dollars and fifty cents (\$15.50) assessed in Henry County, which tax will continue unless and until repealed by this Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the need for new revenue sources to fund construction and capital improvements is great in Henry County; and

WHEREAS, the Henry County Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interests of the county that an additional motor vehicle privilege tax in the amount of thirty dollars (\$30.00) be levied in Henry County as provided herein, so that the total motor vehicle privilege tax in Henry County will be forty-five dollars and fifty cents (\$45.50) after June 30, 2026.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Commission that the tax imposed by this resolution be repealed upon completion of the following described projects and the satisfaction of any associated indebtedness: (a) construction of new county services building; (b) renovation of County building located at 311 East Wood Street, Paris; (c) renovation of County building located at 1108 Tyson Avenue, Paris and (d) restoration of courthouse bell tower and belfry;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Board of Commissioners of Henry County meeting in regular session at Paris, Henry County, Tennessee, on the 18th day of August 2025, that:

SECTION 1. For the privilege of using the public roads and highways in Henry County, Tennessee, there is levied upon motor-driven vehicles, and upon the privilege of the operation thereof, except farm tractors, self-propelled farm machines not usually used for operation upon public highways or roads, and motor-driven vehicles owned by any governmental agency or governmental instrumentality, and except for other exemptions provided by general law, a special privilege tax for the benefit of such county, which tax shall be in the amount of forty five dollars and fifty cents (\$45.50) for each such motor-driven vehicle, the owner of which resides within said county. This tax applies to, is a levy upon, and shall be paid on each motor-driven vehicle, the owner of which resides within said county. This tax shall be in addition to all other motor vehicle privilege taxes now levied in Henry County.

SECTION 2. The tax herein levied shall be paid to and collected by the County Clerk of Henry County, who is authorized by T.C.A. § 67-4-103 to collect such privilege taxes. The County Clerk shall collect this tax at the same time he or she collects the state privilege tax levied upon the operation of a motor-driven vehicle over the public highways of this state, and all other county motor vehicle privilege taxes levied in Henry County. The County Clerk shall deduct a fee of five percent (5%), or such higher or lower fee as may from time to time be authorized under T.C.A. § 8-21-701 for receiving and paying over county revenue, from the amount of taxes collect and paid over to the County Trustee.

SECTION 3. Payment of the privilege tax imposed hereunder shall be evidenced by a receipt issued by the County Clerk, the original of which shall be kept by the owner of the motor-driven

vehicle to evidence payment of all other motor vehicle privilege taxes levied in Henry County (a decal or emblem shall not be required).

SECTION 4. The privilege tax or wheel tax herein levied, when paid, together with full, complete and explicit performance of and compliance with all provisions of this resolution by the owner, and payment of all other motor vehicle privilege taxes levied in Henry County, shall entitle the owner of the motor-driven vehicle for which said tax was paid to operate or allow to be operated his vehicle over the streets, roads and highways of the county for a period of one (1) year which will run concurrently with the period established by T.C.A. § 55-4-104 for state registration fees. In the event a wheel tax charged by the Clerk for a period of more or less than a twelve-month period, the tax imposed shall be proportionate to the annual tax fixed for the vehicle and modified in no other manner, except that the proportional tax shall be rounded off to the nearest quarter of a dollar.

SECTION 5. The motor vehicle privilege tax herein levied shall begin July 1, 2026 and continue unless and until repealed by this Board of Commissioners.

SECTION 6. The proceeds of the motor vehicle privilege tax herein levied shall be placed in the county general fund and shall be used for construction and capital improvements to (a) construction of a new county services building; (b) renovation of county building located at 311 East Wood Street Paris; (c) renovation of county building located at 1108 Tyson Avenue, Paris and (d) restoration of the courthouse bell tower and belfry.

SECTION 7. If any provision of this resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this resolution are declared to be severable.

SECTION 8. This resolution shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the county legislative body of Henry County at two (2) consecutive regularly scheduled meetings.

SECTION 9. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon being approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the county legislative body of Henry County at two (2) consecutive regularly scheduled meetings. For the purpose of collection of the tax herein levied, such collection shall begin on the first day of July, 2026.

Passed 1st reading at the regular August 18th, 2025, meeting of the Henry County Board of Commissioners.

PASSED 8-18-2025


RANDY GEIGER, CHAIRMAN
HENRY COUNTY COMMISSION


DONNA CRAIG, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED 8-18-2025


RANDY GEIGER
COUNTY MAYOR

ROLL CALL
COUNTY COMMISSION, HENRY COUNTY, DONNA CRAIG, COUNTY CLERK
PARIS, TENNESSEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes and seconded by Commissioner Travis to adjourn.
ITEM NO. 10

	ABSENT	PRESENT	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	PASS
BURNS, PATRICK								
CARTER, DELL								
ELIZONDO, CHARLES								
FLOWERS, DAVID								
HAMILTON, MISSY								
HAYES, DAVID			X					
HUMPHREYS, KENNETH								
McELROY, MELISSA								
NEAL, PAUL								
PRIMROSE, GATLIN								
STARKS, MONTE								
TRAVIS, JAY				X				
VISSER, MARTY								
WEBB, DAVID								
WILES, RALPH								
TOTAL								

MOTION CARRIED

DATE : 8-18-25