

MARCH 9, 2026

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE County Legislative Body for the County of Lauderdale and State of Tennessee was held at the Courthouse in the town of

Ripley, on the 2nd Monday in March, on the 9th day of said month, and year

OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX, present and presiding

Maurice Gaines, County Mayor, Lea Turnbow, County Clerk,

Quorum of Commissioners:

Mark Ballard, Don Connell, Gene Edwards, Rob Harris, Danny Hartsfield, Jeff Henson,

Ronnie Jackson, Sherry Jones, Kaye Jordon, Brian Maclin, Dale McCaslin, Terry Mills,

Eugene Pugh, Todd Rankin, Brad Rose, Reed Sanders Jr., Tommy Sanders, Erin Smith,

Dan Ungerecht Jr., and Susan Worlds.

ABSENT: Lawrence Andrews, Joe Carmack, Joe Pursell, Lowell Tillman Jr

CALL TO ORDER

Brian Kelley, Lauderdale County Sheriff, called the March 9, 2025, Lauderdale County

Commission Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER

Invocation was given by Gene Edwards, County Commissioner.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America was given by the members of the Lauderdale

County Legislative Body.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Commissioner T. Sanders and seconded by Commissioner K. Jordon it was

ordered that the minutes of the February 2026 meeting be approved by voice vote.

SAID MOTION PASSED ON VOICE VOTE.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION FOR 2026 STATE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

On motion by Commissioner S. Worlds and seconded by Commissioner T. Rankin it was ordered
that the following Resolution be approved by voice vote.



Hon. Maurice Gaines, Jr.
Lauderdale County Mayor

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-3-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF LAUDERDALE COUNTY,
TENNESSEE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR
FY 2026 STATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS the State of Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development administers the Community Development Block Grant Program that was established to assist local governments in meeting community development and housing needs consistent with the objectives as set forth in Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; and

WHEREAS Lauderdale County acting by and through its County Commission proposes to apply for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the purpose of performing eligible community development activities that will benefit residents of the Lauderdale County.

WHEREAS Lauderdale County will provide local financial support in conjunction with the CDBG funds to complete the eligible project; and

WHEREAS an applicant of State CDBG funds is required to comply with program guidelines and federal statutes and regulations:

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

THAT, Maurice Gaines, Jr. County Mayor, or successor in title, is hereby authorized to submit an application to the State of Tennessee, Department of Economic and Community Development, requesting Fiscal Year 2026 Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 per project, for a Community Infrastructure Project.

THAT, Lauderdale County will be responsible for the local cash/match to be provided in full by the general account; and

THAT, Maurice Gaines, Jr. County Mayor, or successor in Title, be and is hereby designated and authorized to sign the application and contract or grant documents for receipt and to take all actions necessary to implement and complete grant activities on behalf of Lauderdale County, Tennessee

READ AND ADOPTED this the 9th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

Lea Turnbow, County Clerk



LAUDERDALE COUNTY

Maurice Gaines, Jr., County Mayor



SAID MOTION PASSED ON VOICE VOTE.

STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW – TINA BOAM, REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Ms. Tina Boam, Regional Director, gave the Lauderdale County Board of Commissioners an update on the Lauderdale County Health Department. Open House will be held on April 6, 2026.

SCHOOL BUSINESS

On motion by Commissioner K. Jordon and seconded by Commissioner R. Harris it was ordered that the following School Budget Amendments be approved by roll call vote.

YES	Mark Ballard, Don Connell, Gene Edwards, Rob Harris, Danny Hartsfield, Jeff Henson, Ronnie Jackson, Sherry Jones, Kaye Jordon, Brian Maclin, Dale McCaslin, Terry Mills, Eugene Pugh, Todd Rankin, Brad Rose, Reed Sanders Jr., Tommy Sanders, Erin Smith, Dan Ungerecht Jr., and Susan Worlds.
NO	
ABSENT	Lawrence Andrews, Joe Carmack, Joe Pursell, and Lowell Tillman Jr.

20 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 4 Absent

GP 22 3/2/2026	General Purpose School Funds		
	7/1/2025-6/30/2026		
	SY 2025-2026		
			ISM
Amendment to original budget for Innovative School Models (ISM)			
Account Number	Description	Increase	Decrease
141			
71100-204-ISM	State Retirement	\$250.00	
71100-356-ISM	Tuition		\$4,376.50
71100-429-ISM	Instructional Supplies & Materials		\$19,242.50
71100-471-ISM	Software		\$803.25
71100-499-ISM	Other Supplies & Materials		\$37,072.37
71100-722-ISM	Regular Instruction Equipment	\$10,009.00	
71300-399-ISM	Other Contracted Services		\$3,000.00
71300-730-ISM	Vocational Instruction	\$50,109.12	
72710-729-ISM	Transportation Equipment		\$3,002.00
76100--799-ISM	Other Capital Outlay	\$7,128.50	
	Total	\$67,496.62	\$67,496.62
Prepared By:	<i>[Signature]</i>		
Board of ED Approval:	<i>[Signature]</i>		
County Commissions Approval:	<i>[Signature]</i>		
Accounting Entry:			
Reviewed By:			

NOTARIES

On motion by Commissioner D. Connell and seconded by Commissioner J. Henson it was ordered that the following people be elected as Notary Publics for the term prescribed by law:

Robert L Bursey	Sheri Mitchell
Channa Hargett	Rick Nelson
Melissa D Hoffman	Tinika Pitts

SAID MOTION PASSED ON VOICE VOTE.

ADJOURN

On motion by Commissioner R. Harris and seconded by Commissioner T. Rankin it was ordered that the Legislative Body adjourn at 6:13 p.m.

SAID MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.