

City of Crossville

392 North Main Street
Crossville, Tennessee 38555



Minutes

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

5:00 PM

Conference Room 317

Work Session

Mayor R.J. Crawford
Council Member Art Gernt
Council Member Mike Turner
Council Member Mark A. Fox
Council Member James Mayberry
City Manager Valerie Hale
City Clerk Baylee Rhea

Call to Order

The Crossville City Council met for its monthly work session on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at Crossville City Hall. Mayor Crawford was present and presiding. He called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Roll Call

Present 5 - Mayor R.J. Crawford, Council Member Art Gernt, Council Member Mike Turner, Council Member James Mayberry, and Council Member Mark A. Fox

Others present were City Manager Valerie Hale, City Clerk Baylee Rhea, City Attorney Randy York, Lee Lawson, Nathan Clouse, Jeff Dyer, Bob Ross, Victor Torasso, Bryan Srock, Jeff Johnson, Randall Kidwell, Shea James, Mike Moser, Tim Begley, Steve Stone, Jessie Brooks, Chris South, Larry Kidwell, Ethan Medley, Gwen Schallow, Nathan Clouse, Ethan Hadley, Rob Harrison, Kevin Music, Billy Poore, Chris Kendrick, Leah Crockett, and Joe Kerley.

Public Comment

Randall Kidwell commented on the meeting held several weeks prior regarding options for water resources.

1. Airport Committee

Chris Peterson (Engineering), Gwen Schallow (Pilot), and Larry Patterson (Pilot) all have terms expiring in March 2026. They are all willing to continue to serve on the committee for another 5-year term. This is a Mayoral appointment.

This item was recommended for approval.

2. Stormwater Board of Appeals

Mike Turner's term on the Stormwater Board of Appeals expires on March 10, 2026. He serves as the City Council representative. Council member Turner stated he is willing to continue to serve on this board. This is a Council appointment.

This item was recommended for approval.

3. Tree Board

Mike Stump has a term on the Tree Board until May 2027. He is unable to continue to serve due to passing away. Brad Rhea is recommended to fulfill his term. This is a Mayoral appointment.

This item was recommended for approval.

4. Crossville Regional Planning Commission

Kevin Poore's term for the Crossville Regional Planning Commission will expire in March 2026. He is willing to continue to serve as a commissioner for another 5-year

term. This term will end March 2031. This is a Mayoral appointment.

This item was recommended for approval.

5. Cumberland Plateau Water Authority

This item was removed from the agenda.

6. Presentation from Cumberland Plateau Water Authority

Jeff Dyer from Cumberland Plateau Water Authority gave a presentation and discussed options with the City of Crossville for a potential partnership or merger.

This item was presented.

7. Discussion regarding approval of the initial resolution

City Attorney Randy York discussed the consideration of the approval of a resolution authorizing the City of Crossville to enter a period of discovery, analysis, and discussions with the Cumberland Plateau Water Authority (CPWA) to evaluate potential opportunities available to benefit current and future rate payers. This process will allow both parties to review financial, operational, and governance considerations and determine any appropriate future actions. Mr. York also discussed the timeline for the referendum to occur.

This item was recommended for approval.

8. Discussion regarding First Responder Program

Council member Fox stated he is proposing to amend Tennessee Code Annotated (Section 7-61-102) to allow municipalities to establish their own first responder EMS programs outside County EMS authority. He explained this would provide City governance over first responders, with certification and inspection continuing under the state. The amendment would be permissive, so municipalities can choose to adopt or maintain current County oversight.

He further explained that he had spoken with Speaker Sexton who would like local support of a 5-0 or 4-1 vote prior to the State moving forward with a change in legislation.

Mayor Crawford expressed concern that this could reignite tensions between City fire and County EMS, potentially setting back recent progress.

Council member Fox requested for the City Attorney to draft a resolution to be voted on the following week.

This item was recommended for approval.

9. Discussion regarding approval of Fire Station 2 Change Order 1

A change order is recommended for the Fire Station 2 project with King Construction Group, Inc. The change order only increases the contract time by 41 days because of weather delays. No weather delays were recorded after July 2025 because work affected by weather after this date was not in the critical path of substantial completion. The additional days change the substantial completion date to January 19, 2026.

The Director of Engineering recommends the approval of the change order based on the documentation of the Architect.

This item was recommended for approval.

10. Ordinance approving the abandonment of right-of-way for a portion of Donnelly Place

The Crossville Regional Planning Commission approved a preliminary plat for the developer of Genesis Plaza at their February 2026 meeting. The developer has requested for the right-of-way to be abandoned so they may extend the road and install a cul-de-sac. Once this Ordinance passes 3rd reading, Planning Commission intends to accept a letter of credit for the extension and installation of the cul-de-sac and approve the final plat to be recorded. The developer is requesting the abandonment of the right-of-way for the hammerhead turn-around and for the existing right-of-way to be joined back to their property, listed as Tax Map 87 Parcel 92.00.

This item was recommended for approval.

11. Discussion regarding approval of annexation resolution and Plan of Service for Canary Drive - TMP 112L D 019.00

The property owner of TMP 112L D 019.00 (Canary Drive) requested to be annexed into the City of Crossville.

This is a standard Plan of Service. The Plan of Service has been recommended by the Crossville Regional Planning Commission.

This item was recommended for approval.

12. Discussion regarding approval of annexation resolution and Plan of Service for Canary Drive - TMP 112L D 021.00

The property owner of TMP 112L D 021.00 (Canary Drive) requested to be annexed into the City of Crossville.

This is a standard Plan of Service. The Plan of Service has been recommended by the Crossville Regional Planning Commission.

This item was recommended for approval.

13. Discussion regarding approval of annexation resolution and Plan of Service for Lantana Road TMP 125M A 006.01

The property owner of TMP 125M A 006.01 (Lantana Road) requested to be annexed into the City of Crossville.

This is a standard Plan of Service.

The Plan of Service has been recommended by the Crossville Regional Planning Commission.

This item was recommended for approval.

14. Discussion regarding approval of annexation resolution and Plan of

Service for Woodlawn Road - TMP 087 008.00

The property owner of TMP 087 008.00 (Woodlawn Road) requested to be annexed into the City of Crossville.

This is a Standard Plan of Services with the addition of an extension of a 4-inch low pressure sewer line by 300 feet. The cost in the amount of \$3,681.09, plus the cost of taps fees and the grinder pump, for low-pressure sewer line materials is the responsibility of the property owner and must be paid within 12 months of being annexed.

The Plan of Service has been recommended by the Crossville Regional Planning Commission.

This item was recommended for approval.

15. Discussion regarding approval of Genesis Tank Rehabilitation bid

The City received ten bids for the Genesis Tank Rehabilitation project. The low bidder was G&L Tank Sandblasting and Coatings LLC in the amount of \$191,730.

This contractor previously completed a project for the City rehabilitating the City's Cotton Patch tank several years ago. The Engineer of record's recommendation is attached and recommends G&L Tank Sandblasting and Coatings LLC be awarded the bid.

This item was recommended for approval.

16. Discussion regarding approval of the sale of property on Wyatt Court

Bryan Srock has submitted an offer to purchase 2.88 acres of City owned property located off of Wyatt Ct. for \$12,000. This property is part of a larger parcel of land (TMP 087 082.00). This would require a survey and the property to be combined with the previous parcel he purchased. Mr. Srock stated in his request he is willing to grant a permanent easement to the City of Crossville for ingress and egress across the property since a walking trail and parking area are located off of Wyatt Ct. The requestor would be responsible for any costs related to surveying and closing costs.

This item was recommended for approval.

17. Discussion regarding approval to apply for Healthy Built Environment Grant

Approval of a resolution to apply for the Healthy Built Environment grant has been requested by Staff. The grant is in the amount of \$80,000 with no match. The grant will be used to enhance existing spaces within the parks.

This item was recommended for approval.

18. Discussion regarding approval of temporary street closings for Friday at the Crossroads

Friday at the Crossroads is being planned for 2026. The committee requests the following dates and streets to be closed:

*June 5, 2026 from 3:45 p.m.-8:15 p.m.
August 7, 2026 from 3:45 p.m.-8:15 p.m.*

October 2, 2026 from 3:45 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

- Main Street from Hwy 70 to Neecham St.
- Fourth St. from Thurman Ave. to West Ave.
- Second St. from Main St. to Thurman Ave.
- First St. from West Ave. to Thurman Ave.
- Stanley St. from Main St. to Thurman Ave.
- Fifth St. from West Ave. to Main St.

This item was recommended for approval.

19. Discussion regarding approval of temporary street closings for Taste of Crossville

DCI is planning the annual Taste of Crossville for Thursday, September 3. They request street closings as follows from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.:

*Main Street from Neecham to 4th
Taylor Avenue from Thurman Street to Main Street*

This item was recommended for approval.

20. Discussion regarding approval of temporary street closing for Boo on Main

The Crossville Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce is requesting a temporary street closing for Main Street from Neecham Street to Highway 70 for the Boo on Main event. The requested hours are from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 31.

This item was recommended for approval.

21. Discussion regarding approval to award bid for playground

Five bids were received on February 27, 2026 for a new playground at Centennial Park. Additional time is requested to review the bids received, due to the grant's requirements. Staff requested to place this item under Other Business at the regular meeting.

This item was recommended to be placed under Other Business.

City Attorney Randy York informed those in the room and asked to media to make an announcement that the back tax lawsuit will be filed on March 31st. He stated many of the properties on the list currently have back taxes of less than \$100. He is encouraging citizens to pay those prior to them being filed.

Mayor Crawford informed other Council members of TDOT contracts that were received prior to the meeting starting with a due date the following week. He asked if anyone was opposed to the contracts being placed under Other Business. The contracts will be placed under Other Business the following week.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.