

March 22, 2024

Hey all,

Here's this week's report.

Blessings and keep the faith.

Bill

Williamson County School Board

The full board met on Monday the 18th [agenda](#) [video](#) [actual budget](#).

The budget passed with 11 yeas and one abstention. Most of the discussion on the budget was done during the work session earlier this month and basically reiterated Monday. The explanation for the increase over last year's budget is explained in the first 2 pages of the budget and you can watch the discussion starting at 1:09:52 to 1:38:50.

There were a lot of awards given out at the beginning of the meeting and before that, students from Independence High school performed a song from their Spring musical.

The last segment of the meeting was devoted to a resolution against the school choice bills currently in the Tennessee House and Senate. The Discussion lasted 35 minutes from 2:09 to 2:26 and passed 7-5. There was quite a bit of acrimony prior to the vote as the board was almost equally divided on the subject.

The rest of the agenda passed easily with minimal debate.

Next meetings are: Policy April 1st, Work Session April 11th, Full Board April 15th.

Williamson County Commission

Next meeting is Zoning on March 28 at 1320 W. Main at 6:00 pm [agenda](#).

Mary Smith always produces a very informative newsletter and you can read it [here](#).

Last month the board approved a 1,500 ft. setback for 5G towers from schools. It was determined that requiring setbacks for residential was too onerous and might run afoul of government regulations. I don't think we are finished with the 5G discussion, and I am linking two articles and a petition for everyone to chew on. The question is whether or not the EMF and RFR coming from these towers combined with the 4G towers already in place, cause harm to biological life. This is a very important question that, I think, needs more debate. We should, at least, do our homework.

Article 1 is an opinion piece from [Scientific American](#) this is short with several good links to other sites.

Article 2 is an Extensive presentation on cell towers and health from [Virginia](#) this is 27 pages with many references.

This is a [petition](#) to stop 5G towers in Williamson County. In the petition, there are more references to potential harms from these towers as well as possible solutions. If you are interested in what one of these towers looks like:



Franklin Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA)

If you want to see what went on this week and what's coming next week, go [here](#)

The one meeting that was most significant this week was the Special Work Session held on Tuesday [Agenda video](#). This meeting went on for almost two hours and a lot of it was coming up with wording for aspects of the Strategic Plan. This is how the sausage is made locally, and it is tedious and mind numbing.

Williamson County Election Commission

No meetings to report this week and none are scheduled for next week.

There is an election coming up on August 1st for school board, sheriff and judge. Since the sheriff and judge have no opponents, they are just a formality. Besides the school board, August 1st is also a primary for state representatives. Here are the people who have filled so far:

Candidates-Tennessee General Assembly/State Executive Committee **Primary: August 1, 2024**

ID	BALNAME	POSITION	PET ISSUE DATE	FILE DATE	PARTY	Phone	Address
58426	Gino Bulso	TN House Dist 61	2/5/2024	03/11/2024	R	615-497-7790	<u>9025 Old Smyrna Rd Brentwood</u>
122923	Claire Jones	TN House Dist 61	2/12/2024	03/08/2024	D	615-525-8435	<u>1806 Old Natchez Trace Franklin</u>
39986	Kurt Kosack	TN House Dist 61	2/5/2024		D	615-390-8633	<u>8109 Wikle Rd East Brentwood</u>
175074	Alana LeBlanc	TN House Dist 61	02/29/2024		I	615-856-8258	<u>13000 Ancient Crest Cir #13205, Fkln</u>
13479	Jake McCalmon	TN House Dist 63	2/5/2024		R	615-330-2333	<u>5105 Aberleigh Ln Franklin</u>
13792	Andrew Becker	TN House Dist 63	03/11/2024		D	615-268-8240	<u>9616 Brunswick Dr, Brentwood</u>
57569	Brian Beathard	TN House Dist 65	2/5/2024	2/8/2024	R	615-656-8980	<u>704 Fair St Franklin</u>
49281	Michelle Foreman	TN House Dist 65	3/22/2024		R		<u>7486 Deer Ridge Rd, Primm Springs</u>
160734	Lee Reeves	TN House Dist 65	3/19/2024	3/20/2024	R	615-433-6333	<u>1402 Championship Blvd Franklin</u>
116759	LaRhonda Williams	TN House Dist 65	02/27/2024		D	615-957-5379	<u>7201 Dice Lampley Rd, Fairview</u>
133817	Teri Mai	TN House Dist 92*	2/5/2024	02/21/2024	D	713-478-6572	<u>3201 Nicole Dr Spring Hill</u>
	Todd Warner	TN House Dist 92*	Duplicate	2/12/2024	R	931-703-3517	<u>1396 Powell Lane Chapel Hill</u>
145892	Joshua Patrick	State Exec Com 27th	2/14/2024	3/18/2024	D	615-887-3570	<u>312 Hanley Ln Franklin</u>
139490	Jennifer Haile	State Exec Com 27th	3/12/2024		D	901-690-7332	<u>405 Brick Path Ln #202, Franklin</u>
93355	Jody Barnwell Smith	State Exec Com 27th	3/14/2024	3/18/2024	D	931-265-6353	<u>608 Hampden Ct, Franklin</u>
	James Dallas	TN Senate Dist 28	Duplicate	2/27/2024	D	713-254-4175	<u>1608 Mary Ct, Columbia</u>
	Joey Hensley	TN Senate Dist 28	Duplicate	3/7/2024	R	931-796-2018	<u>855 Summertown Hwy, Hohenwald</u>
	Jim Grippo	TN Senate Dist 28	Duplicate	3/19/2024	R	931-334-7033	<u>204 Ouida Ln, Columbia</u>

* District 92 includes all of Marshall Co and part of Williamson County

*District 28 includes Giles, Lewis, Marshall, Maury and part of Williamson County

*District 27 includes most of Williamson County

If not me, who?
If not now, when?

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Heb. 11:1)