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A citizen's guide

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What does county government do for you?

What does Bedford County Government do for your tax dollars? Let's look at some of the services provided by county government.

Bedford County Highway Department maintains 685 miles of county roads. That's almost the distance from Shelbyville to Toronto, Ontario, Canada!

Bedford County Sheriff's Office helps maintain law and order throughout the county.

Bedford County Solid Waste Department, a part of the Interlocal Solid Waste Authority, provides eight convenience centers where any Bedford County resident can dispose of garbage and recyclables, as well as a tire collection center for disposal of used tires.

Bedford County Emergency Medical Services provides advanced life support ambulance transport. In an emergency, speedy response by trained paramedics can mean the difference between life and death.

Fee offices like the **Assessor of Property**, the **Trustee**, and the **Register of Deeds** make it possible for people to buy and sell property and ensure that you pay no more than your fair share of property taxes. **Bedford County Clerk's** office provides marriage licenses, business licenses and motor vehicle registrations, and accepts passport applications.

Bedford County Fire Department provides fire protection services throughout the rural portion of the county, saving lives and property. The quality of fire protection available at a given site is used to determine homeowners' insurance premiums, so a good fire department benefits you even if you never have a fire.

Bedford County Animal Control manages stray animal problems and places stray animals with new homes.

Codes Enforcement, and **Planning and Zoning**, ensure that new development in the county is built to the proper standards, and that growth happens in an orderly way, so that neighborhoods and quality of life can be balanced against the rights of individual property owners.

The **Veterans Service Office** assists local veterans in finding and applying for the benefits they earned through their service to our country.

The **School System** provides free, quality education to 8,950 students at 16 different schools.

Bedford County Emergency Management Agency coordinates homeland security and plans for emergency response

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The Big Picture

In addition to day-to-day operations, county government plays a leadership role in addressing the big issues that affect you as a citizen, such as economic development, education and broadband access.

Bedford County and Shelbyville governments partnered together to create the **231 North Business Park** and the **Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership**, our community's primary industrial development organization. As a result, **Duksan Electera America Inc.** is building its first North American manufacturing facility in Shelbyville.

The county helped make possible a new campus for **Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Shelbyville**, and has worked with state officials and private providers to encourage expansion of broadband services to areas that need them.

Elected officials



County Mayor

Chad Graham

The county's chief executive officer and chair of the county commission.

One Public Square North
Suite 101
Shelbyville, TN 37160
(931) 684-7944



County Clerk

Donna Thomas

Car registration, marriage licenses, business licenses, passports, county commission minutes.

100 Public Square West,
Suite 102
Shelbyville, TN 37160
(931) 684-1921



Sheriff

Austin Swing

The county's chief law enforcement officer.

108 Northcreek Drive
Shelbyville, TN 37160
(931) 684-3232

**DIAL 9-1-1 IN CASE
OF EMERGENCY**



Highway Superintendent

Mark Clanton

In charge of county-maintained roads, and waste disposal.

328 Dover Street
Shelbyville, TN 37160
(931) 684-4651



Trustee

Tonya Davis

The county's banker, and in charge of collecting county property taxes.

100 Public Square West,
Suite 102
Shelbyville, TN 37160
(931) 684-4303



Assessor of Property

Ronda Clanton

In charge of maintaining accurate property values for taxation purposes.

100 Public Square West,
Suite 301
Shelbyville, TN 37160
(931) 684-6390



Register of Deeds

Johnny Reed

Maintains deeds and records related to property ownership.

100 Public Square West,
Suite 303
Shelbyville, TN 37160
(931) 684-5719



Circuit Court Clerk

Michelle Murray

Keeps records and handles funds for Circuit Court, General Sessions Court and Juvenile Court.

108 North Creek Drive,
Suite 6
Shelbyville, TN 37160
(931) 684-3223

Be an informed citizen

As a citizen, and a taxpayer, you have a right, and even a responsibility, to know what's going on with local government. County government is here to serve and represent you, but it's up to you to make sure you know what the issues are, learn the facts, and express your opinion.

There are several ways to do this:

- **Find out who's responsible.** It's easy to get confused about which level of government has responsibility for a given issue. If there's a problem with a road, is it a city street, a county road, or a state highway? Is that stray animal a matter for city animal control, or county animal control? That will determine with whom you need to talk. City and county offices can often point you in the right direction.
- **Talk to your elected officials.** Your two county commissioners, your school board member, and your road board member are a great source of information about county government, and they're your voice in the process. Let them know about your priorities and concerns. County-wide officials such as the County Mayor or the Highway Superintendent are also available to help.
- **Attend or view public meetings.** Tennessee's Open Meetings Act ensures that you, the citizens, can attend meetings at which public business is discussed and decided. You can always attend in person; in addition, some meetings are livestreamed, and the video is available for viewing any time after the meeting. Meetings of Bedford County Board of Commissioners and its four standing committees can be found on the county's YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/@bedfordcountytngovernment

Recent changes in state law set aside a period at county government meetings for the public to speak on agenda items. Check with the applicable county office or your individual representative (county commissioner, school board member, etc.) for more details; the specific rules and procedures may vary from one body to another.

Here are some of the regular county meetings. Schedules and locations are subject to change; you may want to confirm the time and location in advance if you plan to attend.

- **Bedford County Board of Commissioners** meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. on the second floor of Bedford County Courthouse;
- Three of the commission's standing committees — **Rules and Legislative; Law Enforcement; and Courthouse and County Property** — meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. on the second floor of the courthouse.
- The **Financial Management Committee** meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 4:15 p.m. at Bedford County Business Complex, 200 Dover Street in Shelbyville, in Room 110.
- **Bedford County Board of Education** meets on the third Thursday of each month 6 p.m. at the school system's Central Office, 500 Madison Street in Shelbyville.
- **Bedford County Road Board** meets on the first Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at Bedford County Highway Department, 328 Dover Street in Shelbyville.
- **Bedford County Planning Commission** meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. on the second floor of Bedford County Courthouse.



Board of Commissioners

Maps of commission districts are available at https://www.bedfordcountyttn.gov/departments/elections/district_maps.php

District 1



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District 3



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District 4



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District 9



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Mark Thomas
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Your tax dollars at work

County officials, including the county mayor, elected and appointed department heads, the county commission and other governing boards, are keenly aware that the money the county spends belongs to you. Each year, during the budget process, county commissioners, school board members, and road board members must balance the county's needs against the need to keep the tax rate affordable. These officials are your friends and neighbors, and they pay the same taxes you do.

In the budget process, many factors have to be weighed. There are day-to-day operating costs, but there are also long-term capital improvement needs. You're encouraged to talk to your county commissioners and the county mayor, as well as your school board and road board members, about the priorities that are important to you. Officials don't always agree, and there's often vigorous debate.

You can download a copy of the current year's budget from our county website, bedfordcountyttn.gov. Choose "Departments" then "Finance" from the top menu, then click on "audits and budgets."

The county has a variety of different budgets, all of which are included in the annual budget document. The most significant ones are:

- **General Purpose School Fund**, \$94,735,768 in expenditures in 2023-24. About \$75 million of that comes from state funding, while a little more than \$13 million comes from local tax revenue (about \$8 million from current year property taxes, and \$3.9 million in local option sales tax)
- **County General Fund**, \$35,908,934 in expenditures in 2023-24. This is where most non-school, non-highway operations are funded. About \$18.4 million of that comes from current year property taxes, about \$3.3 million comes from the state, and about \$5 million comes from various charges and fees collected by county offices.
- **General Debt Service Fund**, \$9,621,823 in expenditures in 2023-24. This is the fund from which the county repays money it has borrowed for things like buildings and large equipment. About \$1.9 million comes from current year property tax, and about \$10 million comes from local option sales tax.
- **Highway/Public Works Fund**, \$7,971,645 in expenditures in 2023-24. About \$1.2 million of that comes from property taxes, while about \$6.1 million comes from state funding.

Other budgets include the Drug Control Fund, the Child Nutrition Fund, the School-Age Care Program Fund, and capital projects funds for the jail/justice center; the school system; and general county government.

Bedford County has been repeatedly honored by state government, and by the Government Finance Officers Association, for its financial management.



Bedford County Department of Finance employees Melissa Brannon, Heidi Farris and Christina Warinner were among 128 finance personnel from counties, cities, and utility districts in Tennessee to receive Certified County Finance Officer certifications in June 2022.

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Bedford County Board of Education

1st District — David Brown

2nd District — Brian Crews, Vice-Chair

3rd District — Dan Reed

4th District — Courtney Bogle

5th District — Michael Cook, Chair

6th District — Andrea Anderson

7th District — Ben Barton Williams II

8th District — Shanna Boyette

9th District — Glenn Forsee

Contact information and forms to send e-mail can be found at the

Bedford County Road Board

1st District — Venson Hawkins

2nd District — Ricky Reed, (931) 580-4866

3rd District — Brent Stacy, (615) 519-2050

4th District — Robert McAnally, Vice Chair,
(931) 684-1676

5th District — Frank Bobo, Chair, (931) 684-6243

6th District — David Gordon, (931) 684-8896

7th District — Michael Sudberry, (931) 684-5209

8th District — Dianne Clanton, (931) 703-9042

9th District — Vacant

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Where to find us

Bedford County Courthouse

One Public Square, Shelbyville

County Mayor, Building Codes, Planning and Zoning, Human Resources, Veterans Service, Archives, GIS/Media, County Commission meetings

Bedford County Courthouse Annex

100 Public Square West, Shelbyville

County Clerk, Trustee, Register of Deeds, Assessor of Property, Elections, Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership

Bedford County Business Complex

200 Dover Street, Shelbyville

Finance, IT, State Driver's License Station, Community Clinic of Shelbyville & Bedford County, Bedford County Fire Department administrative offices

Bedford County Justice Complex

108 North Creek Drive, Shelbyville

Courtrooms, Court Clerks, Sheriff's Office, Probation, Jail, Workhouse

Bedford County Schools

500 Madison Street, Shelbyville

Bedford County Highway Department

328 Dover Street, Shelbyville

Bedford County Fire Department

Administrative Offices: 200 Dover Street, Shelbyville

Station #1: 104 Prince Street, Shelbyville

Bedford County Emergency Medical Services

119 Frank Martin Rd, Shelbyville

Bedford County Emergency Management Agency

1618 Railroad Avenue, Shelbyville

Bedford County Animal Control

205 Lane Parkway, Shelbyville



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Chad Graham, Mayor

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