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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commission Members

FROM: Cliff Lippard
Executive Director

DATE: 13 February 2026

SUBJECT: Commission and Staff Update

Commission Update

Tipton County Clerk Mary Gaither is retiring later this year after 33 years of service in that role. With her retirement, this will be her final meeting with the commission. County Clerk Gaither was first appointed in 2019 and has been a valuable member and a strong voice for county officials. Please join me in thanking her for her service.

Next, please join me in welcoming our newest member, Crossville City Manager Valerie Hale, who was appointed to the commission by Speaker of the House Sexton on February 4, 2026.

Also, as mentioned during the update on our transportation funding study at the last meeting, the commission has contracted with the University of Tennessee's Center for Transportation Research to model various aspects of the state's transportation system and related needs. This model will augment the work of the commission.

Staff Update

In recognition of his skills, experience, and excellent work, Research Manager Bob Moreo has been named our Senior Research Manager. Please join me in congratulating Bob on this recognition.

On a personal note, I am pleased to have celebrated 30 years of service to the State of Tennessee this past month.