

TOWN OF JONESBOROUGH
Chuckey Depot Museum
110 South Second Ave

MEETING NOTICES

Tuesday, October 20th, 2026, 4 p.m.
Chuckey Depot Museum

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Members of the public wishing to speak concerning any item on the agenda during the Public Comment period must sign up by calling the Town Administrative Office at 423-753-1030 with their name, address, and subject about which they wish to speak no later than 2 hours before the meeting if the meeting occurs during normal business hours or by 4:45 p.m. the day of the meeting if the meeting occurs after hours. Otherwise, such member of the public must sign in at the location of the meeting, prior to the beginning of the meeting by seeing the chair, secretary, or staff of any board, commission or committee constituting any other governing body under this resolution.

Each individual shall be given three (3) minutes to address the Board regarding Agenda items. Comments shall be limited to items on the meeting's Agenda

The Chuckey Depot Museum Advisory Committee will meet at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20th, 2026, at the Chuckey Depot Museum, 110 South Second Ave., Jonesborough, TN, to consider the following agenda:

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments
3. Approval of September 2026 Minutes
4. Financial Report
5. Domain Status Update
6. Maintenance Updates
7. Polar Express Christmas Fundraiser
8. New Exhibit Update – Preserving the History of the Rails

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Agenda Presentation

Date: October 20th, 2026

Agenda Item: 3

Subject: Approval of September 2026 Minutes

Chuckey Depot Advisory Committee

Agenda Presentation

Date: October 20th, 2026

Agenda Item: 4

Subject: Approval of September 2026 Minutes

Chuckey Depot Railroad Museum Financial Report

Eastman Credit Union Savings Account (Period 9/1/26 to 9/30/26)
Balance at Beginning.....\$ 23.22
Deposits.....\$ _____
Balance.....\$ 23.22

Eastman Credit Union Checking Account (Period 9/1/26 to 9/30/26)
Balance at Beginning.....\$ 558.03
Deposits: Visitor Donations.....\$ 159.00
Fundraising Income.....\$ _____
Interest.....\$ 0.02
Flourish Transfers to ECU.....\$ 500.00
Other.....\$ _____
Total Deposits.....\$ 659.02

Disbursements: Flourish Acct. Transfers.....\$ _____
Stafford Graphics (Storyboard) \$ 117.50
NETMA Museum Dues \$ 25.00
Dan Toporek (Model Decaling) \$ 50.00
Rick Chinouth (Frames + Model) \$ 725.51
Total Disbursements.....\$ 918.01
Balance.....\$ 299.04

Flourish Account (Period 9/1/26 to 9/30/26)
Balance at Beginning.....\$ 11,359.73
Deposits: ECU Transfers to Flourish.....\$ _____
Interest.....\$ 20.57
Total Deposits.....\$ 20.57
Disbursements: Flourish Transfers to ECU.....\$ 500.00
Total Disbursements.....\$ 500.00
Balance.....\$ 10,880.30

Chuckey Depot Advisory Committee

Agenda Presentation

Date: October 20th, 2026

Agenda Item: 5

Subject: Domain Status Update

Background:

In recent months, Jay Jarman, former committee member, informed the advisory committee that he had previously purchased the domain chuckeydepot.org while he was still associated with the committee. He did this in the event it was ever wanted. Less Billings has been in communication with Jay to transfer yearly payment for the domain to come from the Chuckey Depot Museum 501c3.

Chuckey Depot Advisory Committee

Agenda Presentation

Date: October 20th, 2026

Agenda Item: 6

Subject: Maintenance Updates

Background:

During the September meeting, Rick mentioned to Parks and Recreation Director Chris Kudera that the weather stripping at the bottom of the door was loose. Chris stated that he would have maintenance come and fix it.

Rick also asked about the Town's schedule to restripe the parking lot. Chris mentioned that he turned in the request and it would be put on the Town's schedule. At that time, he did not have an idea of when it could take place.

Chris is working to order exhibit lights and will get those installed once they arrive.

Chuckey Depot Advisory Committee

Agenda Presentation

Date: October 20th, 2026

Agenda Item: 7

Subject: Polar Express Christmas Fundraiser

We are scheduled to host two showings of the Polar Express on Sunday, December 6th at 3pm and 6pm at the Jackson Theatre. Items that need to be discussed are: price per person, sponsors, cookie donation, hot chocolate donation, lobby decorations, etc.

During the October meeting, we will look to finalize all details regarding the fundraiser.

Chuckey Depot Advisory Committee

Agenda Presentation

Date: October 20th, 2026

Agenda Item: 8

Subject: Polar Express Christmas Fundraiser

On October 8th, the Chuckey Depot Railroad Museum opened its newest exhibit entitled *"Preserving the History of the Rails"*. This six-month exhibit details the work of the local Watauga Valley Railroad Historical Society & Museum to completely rebuild, mechanically update and restore Pullman passenger rail cars from the 1900's. The exhibit features the six different coaches, dining, sleeper/lounge and executive business cars that were in use on varied railroad lines, including the Southern, Atlantic Coast Line, Florida East Coast, Norfolk & Western and Clinchfield Railroads. Photos of the passenger cars at purchase and through their transformation, as well as the 1900's artifacts from their original train lines are displayed.

All the cars were restored for excursion use and are expertly cared for by the all-volunteer staff at the Watauga Valley's coach yard on Spring Street in Jonesborough. The railroad club also provides artifact procurement and volunteer staffing of the Chuckey Depot Museum. Both the Watauga Valley Railroad Historical Society and the Chuckey Depot Museum appreciate the continued support of the BMA and the Town of Jonesborough.