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Duties of Popularly Elected Highway Commissions

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We hope this information will be useful to you; reference to it will assist you with many of the questions that will arise in your tenure with county government. However, the *Tennessee Code Annotated* and other relevant laws or regulations should always be consulted before any action is taken based upon the contents of this document.

Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or comments regarding this information or any other CTAS website material.

Sincerely,

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The authority given by private act to highway commissions must be consulted along with the CUHL to determine what powers such highway commissions may exercise. The private acts are effective with regard to the county highway commission and county highway department except where they conflict with the general law (particularly the CUHL). County highway officials in doubt as to the officer or commission with authority over a particular issue should consult with their own attorney, the county attorney, or the legal staff of The University of Tennessee's County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS).

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