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Mayor Burchett marks a month in office, more than \$4M saved *Big steps taken to restore trust*

Knoxville, Tenn. — One month after taking the oath of office, Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett is fulfilling his promise to restore trust in Knox County by focusing on service, efficiencies and savings. In just four weeks, he has saved taxpayers more than \$4 million.

“Voters put me here to make changes, not to maintain the status quo,” Mayor Burchett said. “We are going to lead Knox County in right direction.”

Since taking office, Mayor Burchett has:

- Reduced the Mayor’s Office operating budget by 20 percent, saving more than \$200,000 by making efficient changes
- Refinanced more than \$35 million in county debt, saving taxpayers more than \$3.8 million
- Cut auto allowances for himself and senior directors, saving \$50,000; maintains level of service while ensuring efficiency and savings
- Sold SUVs assigned to mayor and chief of staff, sending nearly \$28,000 into county coffers
- Increased service at Knox County Public Library branches by increasing operating hours and adding 14 service-level positions; service increase, along with added efficiency within the system will also result in an estimated \$40,000 savings in the current library budget

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