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Athens, Tennessee

Former Main Street Athens Executive Director Files Federal Labor Lawsuit

Former Main Street Athens Executive Director Sandra Kinney has filed a federal lawsuit against Main Street of Athens, Inc. and several associated defendants, alleging violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) following her departure from the organization earlier this year.

The lawsuit, **Kinney v. Main Street of Athens, Inc. et al.**, was filed July 29, 2026, in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee. The case has been assigned **Case No. 1:26-cv-00207** and is before U.S. District Judge Travis R. McDonough.

According to the court filing, Kinney names Main Street of Athens, Inc., Board Chair Stuart Mason and other associated parties as defendants. The suit is classified as a labor dispute under the Fair Labor Standards Act, a federal law governing wage and hour requirements.

Kinney served as executive director of Main Street Athens beginning in early 2024. Her employment with the downtown revitalization organization ended in late March 2026. There were few details specifying why she was terminated.

The leadership transition became the subject of community debate after city officials, including Athens City Mayor Larry Eaton and former City Manager Randall Dowling, reportedly issued directives that differed from the Main Street Athens board's initial separation agreement. Those actions were said to stem from concerns that city officials had not been notified in advance of the board's decision, creating tension between city leadership and the nonprofit's governing board. The federal complaint marks the latest development in the dispute and moves the matter into federal court.

As of the filing date, the lawsuit contains allegations made by the plaintiff, and the defendants will have an opportunity to respond through the court process. No findings have been made by the court regarding the merits of the claims.



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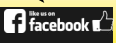
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A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, E10 Media, located in Athens and surrounding area. E10 Media can help real estate listings with powerful professional visuals.



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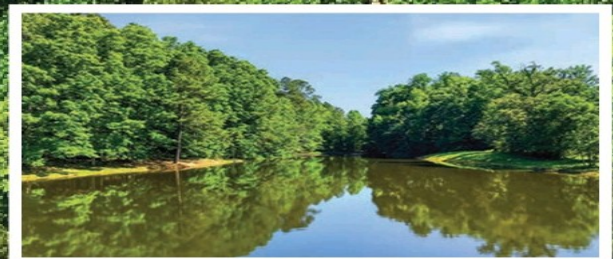
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Athens, Tennessee

McMinn County Arrest Reports

August 04, 2026

Jacob Monroe, 29, of Englewood, charged with state violation of probation for aggravated assault and strangulation.

Manny Adams, 21, of Athens, charged with aggravated assault, and violation of probation for shoplifting. Bond \$16,000.

Alan Randolph, 50, of Athens, charged with failure to appear for tampering with evidence, and violation of probation for assault.

Jeremy Teague, 43, of Athens, charged with

state violation of probation for felony evading.

Angela Ann Byrne, 55, of Athens, charged with drug paraphernalia. Bond \$500.

Daniel Mack, 60, of Athens, charged with resisting stop, simple possession casual exchange of meth.

Jeremy Lips, 34, of Knoxville, charged with violation of probation for theft. Bond \$1,200.

Those accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.
Information gathered using public sources.

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McMinn County Election Commission
Todd Watson, Chairman
Bobby Goodman, Secretary
Stephen Miller, Member
Amber Robinson, Member
Brenda Ratledge, Member
Bridgett Prichard, Administrator of Elections

STATE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

GOVERNOR
Vote for One (1)
☐ Marsha Blackburn
☐ Monty Fritts
☐ John Rose
Write-in

UNITED STATES SENATE
Vote for One (1)
☐ Bill Hagerty
Write-in

UNITED STATES HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES
District 3
Vote for One (1)
☐ Chuck Fleischmann
Write-in

TENNESSEE SENATE
District 1
Vote for One (1)
☐ Dennis H. Beavers
☐ Teresa Congiolo
☐ J. Adam Lowe
Write-in

TENNESSEE HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES
District 23
Vote for One (1)
☐ Will Bolton
☐ Mark Cochran
Write-in

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN
District 1
Vote for One (1)
☐ John S. Stanbery
Write-in

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN
District 1
Vote for One (1)
☐ Emily G. Beaty
☐ Judy Bowman Cooley
Write-in

MUNICIPAL ELECTION
City of Athens
CITY SCHOOL BOARD
City of Athens
Vote for Three (3)
☐ Emily Forrest
Write-in

UNITED STATES SENATE
District 1
Vote for One (1)
☐ Anna Golladay
☐ Bryan Martin
Write-in

TENNESSEE SENATE
District 1
Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified

TENNESSEE HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES
District 23
Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN
District 1
Vote for One (1)
☐ Kevin Kerr
Write-in

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN
District 1
Vote for One (1)
☐ Christine Brady
Write-in

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MUNICIPAL ELECTION
City of Athens
CITY SCHOOL BOARD
City of Athens
Vote for Three (3)
No Candidate Qualified

Write-in

Write-in

Write-in

STATE AND COUNTY GENERAL
COUNTY MAYOR
Vote for One (1)
☐ John M. Gentry
Republican Party Nominee
Write-in

COUNTY COMMISSION
District 1
Vote for Two (2)
☐ Brent Carter
Republican Party Nominee
☐ Scott D. Williams
Republican Party Nominee
Write-in

COUNTY COMMISSION
District 2
Vote for Two (2)
☐ J. W. McPhail
Republican Party Nominee
☐ Jerry L. Millsaps
Republican Party Nominee
Write-in

COUNTY COMMISSION
District 3
Vote for Two (2)
☐ Tim King
Republican Party Nominee
☐ Roger Masingale
Republican Party Nominee
Write-in

COUNTY COMMISSION
District 4
Vote for Two (2)
☐ Tony Allman
Republican Party Nominee
☐ Kim Bivens
Republican Party Nominee
☐ Scott Cass
Independent Candidate
☐ Willis S. Stewart
Independent Candidate
Write-in

COUNTY COMMISSION
District 5
Vote for Two (2)
☐ Travis Crisp
Republican Party Nominee
☐ Scott Curtis
Republican Party Nominee
Write-in

COUNTY TRUSTEE
Vote for One (1)
☐ Phil Ulrich
Republican Party Nominee
Write-in

SHERIFF
Vote for One (1)
☐ Joe Guy
Republican Party Nominee
Write-in

CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
Vote for One (1)
☐ Amanda Carr Howard
Republican Party Nominee
Write-in

COUNTY CLERK
Vote for One (1)
☐ Melinda King
Republican Party Nominee
Write-in

REGISTER OF DEEDS
Vote for One (1)
☐ Cheryl P. Ingram
Republican Party Nominee
Write-in

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER
Vote for One (1)
☐ Charles Slack
Republican Party Nominee
Write-in

SCHOOL BOARD
District 1
Vote for One (1)
☐ Joe Malone
Republican Party Nominee
Write-in

SCHOOL BOARD
District 2
Vote for One (1)
☐ John Ulrich
Republican Party Nominee
Write-in

Sample Ballot
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SCHOOL BOARD
District 3
Vote for One (1)
☐ Mike Cochran
Republican Party Nominee
Write-in

SCHOOL BOARD
District 4
Vote for One (1)
☐ Bill Irvin
Republican Party Nominee
☐ Cindy Studdard Moses
Independent Candidate
Write-in

SCHOOL BOARD
District 5
Vote for One (1)
☐ Greg Sloan
Republican Party Nominee
Write-in

CONSTABLE
District 1
Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified
Write-in

CONSTABLE
District 2
Vote for One (1)
☐ Larry Gaston
Republican Party Nominee
Write-in

CONSTABLE
District 3
Vote for One (1)
☐ Shawn Martin
Republican Party Nominee
Write-in

CONSTABLE
District 4
Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified
Write-in

CONSTABLE
District 5
Vote for One (1)
☐ Mitchell Boyd
Republican Party Nominee
Write-in

MUNICIPAL ELECTION
City of Englewood
CITY COMMISSION
City of Englewood
Vote for Two (2)
☐ Virginia Key
☐ Richard Robinson
☐ Jerry Shirk
Write-in

MUNICIPAL ELECTION
City of Etowah
CITY COMMISSION
City of Etowah
Vote for Three (3)
☐ Laura Floyd
☐ Edward Burke Garwood
☐ Chris James
☐ Jim Swayne
Write-in

SCHOOL BOARD
City of Etowah
Vote for Three (3)
☐ Bob Lambert
Republican Party Nominee
☐ Christie Rhodes
Republican Party Nominee
☐ Debra Roberson Jones
Independent Candidate
Write-in

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Supreme Court - At Large
Kyle A. Hixson
Vote for One (1)
Shall Kyle A. Hixson be retained in office as a Judge of the Supreme Court, At Large, or be replaced?
☐ Retain
☐ Replace

Supreme Court - At Large
Mary L. Wagner
Vote for One (1)
Shall Mary L. Wagner be retained in office as a Judge of the Supreme Court, At Large, or be replaced?
☐ Retain
☐ Replace

Court of Appeals - Western Division
Steve Maroney
Vote for One (1)
Shall Steve Maroney be retained in office as a Judge of the Court of Appeals, Western Division, or be replaced?
☐ Retain
☐ Replace

Court of Appeals - Western Division
Valerie L. Smith
Vote for One (1)
Shall Valerie L. Smith be retained in office as a Judge of the Court of Appeals, Western Division, or be replaced?
☐ Retain
☐ Replace

Court of Criminal Appeals - Eastern Division
Stacy L. Street
Vote for One (1)
Shall Stacy L. Street be retained in office as a Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, Eastern Division, or be replaced?
☐ Retain
☐ Replace

Court of Criminal Appeals - Eastern Division
Steven W. Sword
Vote for One (1)
Shall Steven W. Sword be retained in office as a Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, Eastern Division, or be replaced?
☐ Retain
☐ Replace

Court of Appeals - Eastern Division
William E. Phillips II
Vote for One (1)
Shall William E. Phillips II be retained in office as a Judge of the Court of Appeals, Eastern Division, or be replaced?
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☐ Replace

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Athens, Tennessee

Peoples Bancshares Announces Merger with First Peoples Bancorp

Peoples Bancshares, the holding company for Peoples Bank of East Tennessee, has entered into a definitive agreement to merge with First Peoples Bancorp, the parent company of First Peoples Bank of Tennessee. The move marks a major step in Peoples Bancshares' growth strategy and will expand its reach across Tennessee and North Georgia.

Once finalized, First Peoples Bank of Tennessee will become part of Peoples Bank of East Tennessee, creating a combined institution that—based on mid-2026 figures—would operate 16 branches, employ 150 people, and hold more than \$650 million in assets.

Leaders from both organizations emphasized shared values and a commitment to community banking. Chris White, Chairman and CEO of Peoples Bancshares, said the merger strengthens their ability to offer enhanced products and personal service while maintaining their "People First" mission. Jeremy Callais, President of Peoples Bancshares, noted that all First Peoples Bank employees will be retained, underscoring the alignment between the two banks.

First Peoples Bank executives echoed the sentiment. Steve Amos, President and CEO, and Johnny Wayne Farris, Chairman, said the partnership brings together two institutions built on relationships, trust, and local decision-making—positioning customers, employees, and communities for continued success.

Obituaries

Melinda Kimpson passed away at her residence on Tuesday, August 4. Survivors and arrangements to be announced. Arrangements entrusted to [M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home & Cremation Service](#)

Pat Guerra, 69 of Athens, passed away on Tuesday, August 4. A devoted father, proud grandfather, and beloved family man, Pat found his greatest joy in the time he spent with those he loved. As an outdoorsman, he loved spending time fishing and enjoying the beauty of nature. Some of his happiest moments were spent on the water, casting a line and appreciating the peace and quiet of the outdoors. Funeral services will be held, Saturday, August 8 at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday prior to the service. Family and friends will assemble on Sunday, August 9, 2026 in Green Hill Cemetery for the 11:00 a.m. committal service. [Bordwine Funeral Home](#) in charge of arrangements.

Kenneth Gordon Burke, age 96, of Athens TN., passed away Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at NHC of Athens. A native and life-long resident of McMinn County, he is the son of the late Wallace Parker and Mattie Viola Morrow Burke. He was a veteran of the Korean War and recipient of a Purple Heart and Bronze Star. Kenneth's passion was being a Ham radio operator. He also enjoyed fishing and hunting with his family and friends. There will be a graveside service on Friday, August 7, 2026, at 11:00 am in McMinn Memory Gardens with Bob Miller officiating. The family would like to say a special thank you to the healthcare workers at NHC of Athens and Hospice of Chattanooga, Athens office. [Laycock Hobbs Funeral Home](#) of Athens will be in charge of the arrangements

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