

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
AGENDA PREPARATION SESSION
SEPTEMBER 29, 2011**

0:27 **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Chairman Henry indicated the upcoming agenda items would be considered as follows:

- Resolution No. 1011-1 was the usual County Clerk item regarding notaries, etc. This required no committee assignment.
- Resolutions No. 1011-2 through 1011-7 were assigned to the Finance Committee, chaired by Commissioner Skillern.
- Resolutions No. 1011-8 were assigned to the Roads Committee, chaired by Commissioner Bankston.
- Resolutions No. 1011-9 through 1011-12 were assigned to the Finance Committee, chaired by Commissioner Skillern.
- Resolution No. 1011-13 was assigned to a Committee of the Whole.

1:22 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - RESOLUTION NO. 1011-13**

Mayor Coppinger spoke regarding this Resolution, which would authorize the County Mayor to award five days of paid leave for the purpose of encouraging County employees to participate in the United Way campaign through payroll deduction.

Commissioner Skillern pointed out that the five days were one day leave awards, given to five different employees.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Henry asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

Commissioner Boyd reported that yesterday he had the pleasure of meeting Roger Clark, who worked for the Southern Belle Chattanooga Riverboat Company. He noted Mr. Clark's heart for the community and encouraged everyone to visit his office to hear more stories about Chattanooga.

3:58

Commissioner Mackey, Chairman of the Education Committee, reported that as requested, the Education Committee had recently met with School Superintendent Rick Smith, and various School Board and Commission members to discuss Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) funding of the school system. He stated his belief that the meeting had been beneficial to both entities. He anticipated further discussions with the School Board regarding this matter.

6:17

Commissioner McClure announced that the Security and Corrections Committee would meet on October 5th at 8:30 AM in the Commission conference room to continue the Judicial Commissioner appointment process.

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Commissioner Skillern spoke regarding the undeveloped areas of Hamilton County. He expressed an interest of adding water and sewer access to these outlying areas using federally funded grants the County received.

11:06 Mayor Coppinger thanked everyone involved in making last weekend's County Fair a success.

Mayor Coppinger announced that Health Services Administrator Becky Barnes had recently been selected to receive the Hutcheson Career Public Health Leadership award. He congratulated Ms. Barnes for her service to the community.

14:05 Diane Dixon, an attorney with offices at 1043 Executive Drive, addressed the Commission on behalf of a group of citizens who frequent the Enterprise South Nature Park. She requested that the Commission give consideration to updating the County's contract with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) regarding the practice of closing the park when the State conducts managed archery hunts. She stated that the current contract was signed in 2005.

17:38 Joan Farrell, a resident at 8101 Aytes Lane, also spoke regarding the Enterprise South Nature Park. She encouraged the County to require the (TWRA) to determine

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the actual and optimal number of animals for the park and only conduct hunts when those optimal numbers are exceeded.

Chairman Henry assigned this matter to the Building and Economic Development Committee, chaired by Commissioner Beck. He is to report back to the Commission. Commissioner Beck requested that Legislative Administrator Chris Hixson get contact information from those present to attend a future committee meeting.

23:37 Steven Harper, Treasurer for the Hamilton County Democratic Party, commended the Commission on their support of the Greater Chattanooga Regional Growth Initiative by approving Resolution No. 911-40 today. He looked forward to hearing future growth discussions.

Being no further business, Chairman Henry declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

10-19-11
Date


Clerk's Initials