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0:46 Commissioner Bankston gave the invocation and led in the pledge to the flag.

2:02 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Fields, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of September 29, 2011, the Agenda Preparation Session of September 29, 2011, and the Regular Meeting of October 5, 2011, be approved, treat same as read, made a matter of record and filed. The foregoing Motion was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye"; Commissioner Beck, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; Commissioner McClure, "Aye"; Commissioner Skillern, "Aye"; and Chairman Henry, "Aye". Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

2:42 **RESOLUTION NO. 1011-15 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS.**

Clerk Knowles indicated there were no additions or deletions to the Resolution.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 1011-15. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye"; Commissioner Beck, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; Commissioner McClure, "Aye"; Commissioner Skillern, "Aye"; and Chairman Henry, "Aye". Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

3:21 **REPORT – JUVENILE COURT CLERK – JULY AND AUGUST 2011**

The fee reports for the months of July and August 2011 for the Juvenile Court Clerk were submitted as a matter of record of this meeting.

ORDER OF DESIGNATION

An order was submitted for the record designating Dan Wade to sit as the County Mayor's representative on the Planning Commission for the meeting of October 10, 2011.

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RESOLUTION NO. 1011-16 A RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT TWO (2) MEMBERS TO THE SHERIFF'S CIVIL SERVICE ADVISORY BOARD FOR THREE (3) YEAR TERMS BEGINNING OCTOBER 19, 2011 AND ENDING OCTOBER 19, 2014.

Resolution No. 1011-16 confirms the reappointments of Jack Benson, Jr. and John K. "Bucky" McCulley to the Sheriff's Civil Service Advisory Board, to serve four year terms ending October 19, 2014.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 1011-16. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye"; Commissioner Beck, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; Commissioner McClure, "Aye"; Commissioner Skillern, "Aye"; and Chairman Henry, "Aye". Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

4:28

RESOLUTION NO. 1011-17 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT BY THE COUNTY MAYOR OF ONE MEMBER TO THE CHATTANOOGA AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (CARTA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM ENDING OCTOBER 19, 2016.

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This resolution confirms the reappointment of Napoleon Dawson to the Chattanooga Area Regional Transportation Authority (CARTA) Board of Directors, to serve a five year term ending October 19, 2016.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 1011-17. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye"; Commissioner Beck, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; Commissioner McClure, "Aye"; Commissioner Skillern, "Aye"; and Chairman Henry, "Aye". Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

Chairman Henry asked that Resolution No. 1011-27 be considered at this time.

5:13

RESOLUTION NO. 1011-27 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JUDICIAL COMMISSIONERS FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM, COMMENCING NOVEMBER 1, 2011, AND EXPIRING OCTOBER 31, 2012; AND DESIGNATING A CHIEF JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER, AND ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION TO BE RECEIVED BY EACH DURING THEIR RESPECTIVE TERM(S) IN OFFICE.

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Chairman Henry stated that there were originally fifteen applicants for the four positions, but that Keith Reisman had withdrawn his application. He reported that all applicants were interviewed by the Security and Corrections Committee and various other members of the Commission earlier in the week.

The Chairman recommended past procedures for conducting the business at hand. The procedures are: The Clerk is to call the roll, and each Commissioner will announce the names of the four individuals that he selects to fill the positions. Candidates receiving three or less votes are to be eliminated.

Five votes will be needed to appoint, and the first four nominees receiving five votes are to be appointed. One of the four will then be nominated and elected to serve as Chief Judicial Commissioner after receiving five votes. There was no objection to this method.

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Commissioner Beck pointed out that during the term of the previous Judicial Commissioners, members of the Commission expressed a desire that the terms be staggered.

Commissioner McClure, Chairman of the Security and Corrections Committee, responded that last year it was the will of the Commission to create staggered terms by

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reviewing this matter again in six months and extending the term of two of the Judicial Commissioners for one year.

Commissioner Beck questioned what criteria would be used to decide which two Judicial Commissioners' terms would be staggered. He suggested that the decision be made alphabetically based on the Judicial Commissioner's last names.

Chairman Henry suggested that after six months the terms for the Chief Judicial Commissioner as well as one other judicial commissioner be extended a year in order to create a staggered term. He suggested the second individual to have the term extended be chosen based on performance during the next six months.

Attorney Taylor indicated that language regarding the staggered terms would be added to the Resolution once the individuals were appointed.

County Clerk Knowles called the roll, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston: "Larry Ables, Robert Davis, Michael Mahn, and Randall Russell"; Commissioner Beck: "Larry Ables, Robert Davis, Yolanda Mitchell, and Sharetta Smith"; Commissioner Fields: "Jeffrey Davis, Galen Pickard, Randall Russell, and Sharetta Smith"; Commissioner Graham: "Jeffrey Davis, Galen Pickard, Randall Russell, and Sharetta Smith"; Commissioner Mackey: "Larry Ables, Robert Davis, Yolanda Mitchell, and Sharetta

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Smith”; Commissioner McClure: “Robert Davis, Jeffrey Davis, Randall Russell, and Sharetta Smith”; Commissioner Skillern, “Jeffrey Davis, Galen Pickard, Randall Russell, and Sharetta Smith”; and Chairman Henry: “Larry Ables, Michael Mahn, Randall Russell, and Sharetta Smith”. Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total votes for Larry Ables – 4; Total votes for Robert Davis – 4; Total votes for Jeffrey Davis – 4; Total votes for Michael Mahn – 2; Total votes for Yolanda Mitchell – 2; Total votes for Galen Pickard – 3; Total votes for Randall Russell – 6; Total votes for Sharetta Smith – 7. By Clerk’s error Commissioner McClure voted last.

Clerk Knowles indicated that two individuals had received five or more votes. Those receiving the necessary votes for appointment were Randall Russell and Sharetta Smith.

The next highest votes received were Larry Ables, and Robert Davis, Jeffrey Davis, each with four votes. Chairman Henry asked that the roll call again be called for these three individuals, with each Commissioner indicating their selection of two. The two individuals with five or more votes would be appointed.

County Clerk Knowles called the roll, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston: “Larry Ables and Robert Davis”; Commissioner Beck: “Larry Ables and Robert Davis”; Commissioner Fields: “Robert Davis and Jeffrey Davis”; Commissioner Graham:

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“Robert Davis and Jeffrey Davis”; Commissioner Mackey: “Larry Ables and Robert Davis”; Commissioner McClure: “Robert Davis and Jeffrey Davis”; Commissioner Skillern, “Larry Ables and Jeffrey Davis”; and Chairman Henry: “Larry Ables and Robert Davis”. Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total votes for Larry Ables – 5; Total votes for Robert Davis – 7; Total votes for Jeffrey Davis – 4.

On the second roll call Clerk Knowles indicated that two other individuals had received five or more votes. Those receiving the necessary votes for appointment were Larry Ables and Robert Davis.

Commissioner Graham made a nomination to designate Randall Russell as Chief Judicial Commissioner.

Commissioner Bankston made a nomination to designate Larry Ables as Chief Judicial Commissioner.

Chairman Henry stated that these nominations did not require a second. There were no further nominations.

County Clerk Knowles called the roll, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston: “Larry

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Ables”; Commissioner Beck: “Larry Ables”; Commissioner Fields: “Randall Russell”; Commissioner Graham: “Randall Russell”; Commissioner Mackey: “Larry Ables”; Commissioner McClure: “Randall Russell”; Commissioner Skillern, “Randall Russell”; and Chairman Henry: “Larry Ables”. Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total votes for Larry Ables – 4; Total votes for Randall Russell – 4.

Clerk Knowles indicated that the vote had resulted in a tie, with Larry Ables and Randall Russell each receiving four votes.

Chairman Henry asked that the roll be called once more to see if any Commissioner wished to change their vote.

County Clerk Knowles called the roll, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston: “Larry Ables”; Commissioner Beck: “Larry Ables”; Commissioner Fields: “Randall Russell”; Commissioner Graham: “Randall Russell”; Commissioner Mackey: “Larry Ables”; Commissioner McClure: “Randall Russell”; Commissioner Skillern, “Randall Russell”; and Chairman Henry: “Larry Ables”. Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total votes for Larry Ables – 4; Total votes for Randall Russell – 4.

Chairman Henry reported that the vote had again resulted in a tie, with each receiving four votes. He stated that today’s meeting would be recessed until Tuesday,

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October 25th, 2011 in order to vote again with nine members present to appoint a Chief Judicial Commissioner. The Resolution would be considered at this time as well.

24:24 **RESOLUTION NO. 1011-18 A RESOLUTION WAIVING THE PROVISIONS OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY PURCHASING RULES TO ALLOW THE PURCHASE OF EIGHT (8) MARKED POLICE VEHICLES AMOUNTING TO \$164,120.00 FROM CHEVROLET OF MURFREESBORO FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

Commissioner Skillern stated that the Finance Committee reviewed Resolution No. 1011-18 and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Skillern, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 1011-18. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye"; Commissioner Beck, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; Commissioner McClure, "Aye"; Commissioner Skillern, "Aye"; and Chairman Henry, "Aye". Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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Chairman Henry asked that Resolutions No. 1011-19 through 1011-25 be considered together. He asked that any Commissioner desiring to hear a Resolution separately so say at this time. There was no objection.

26:12 **RESOLUTION NO. 1011-19 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION FOR \$120,000 IN FUNDS TO MODIFY AN EXISTING PEDESTRIAN TRAIL AT ENTERPRISE SOUTH NATURE PARK TO ALLOW ACCESS BY PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES; ASSURING THE ADDITIONAL LOCAL MATCH OF \$30,000 FOR A TOTAL PROJECT COST OF \$150,000; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ANY AND ALL GRANT-RELATED DOCUMENTS.**

RESOLUTION NO. 1011-20 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR ON BEHALF OF HAMILTON COUNTY TENNESSEE, HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION, TO DECREASE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET 103553 BY REDUCING REVENUES BY \$130,000 AND EXPENSES BY \$171,855; AND INCREASE THE BUILDING INSPECTION BUDGET 103204 BY INCREASING REVENUES BY \$130,000 AND INCREASING EXPENSES BY \$171,855.

RESOLUTION NO. 1011-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OF BEHALF OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, THE HEALTH SERVICES

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DIVISION, OPERATING AS THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A CONTINUATION CONTRACT FOR \$1,616,300 WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE PROVISION OF WIC (WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN) FOR THE TIME PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2011 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2012.

RESOLUTION NO. 1011-22 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SOFTWARE UPDATE AND SUPPORT CONTRACT FOR CITYWORKS FROM AZTECA SYSTEMS, INC. FOR ONE (1) YEAR, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 11, 2011, THROUGH NOVEMBER 11, 2012, FOR THE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEPARTMENT AMOUNTING TO \$18,750.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 1011-23 A RESOLUTION TO WAIVE THE PURCHASING RULES AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO TRANSFER A LENCORE SOUND MASKING SYSTEM TO HAMILTON COUNTY 9-1-1 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT.

RESOLUTION NO. 1011-24 THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF COMMERCIAL PAPER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE; AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR A DEALER AGREEMENT, ISSUING AND PAYING AGENCY

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AGREEMENT, AND AGREEMENT WITH THE COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE; AND PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

RESOLUTION NO. 1011-25 A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF INTEREST-BEARING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2011A OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$69,895,000 AND INTEREST-BEARING GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS SERIES 2011B OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$24,000,000; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS.

Commissioner Skillern stated that the Finance Committee reviewed Resolutions No. 1011-19 through 1011-25 and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Skillern, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolutions No. 1011-19 through 1011-25. The foregoing Resolutions were unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye"; Commissioner Beck, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; Commissioner McClure, "Aye"; Commissioner Skillern,

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“Aye”; and Chairman Henry, “Aye”. Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8.
Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 8. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

31:27 **RESOLUTION NO. 1011-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL ESTATE AND TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO PURCHASE CERTAIN PROPERTY NEEDED TO CONSTRUCT A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO REPLACE THE EXISTING OOLTEWAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**

Commissioner Skillern stated that the Finance Committee reviewed Resolution No. 1011-26. He stated that the Finance Committee had one recommended amendment. Because the property would be purchased solely with Hamilton County dollars, the Committee recommended that the property be titled in the name of the County rather than jointly with the Hamilton County Department of Education (HCDE).

ON MOTION of Commissioner Skillern, seconded by Commissioner Bankston, to adopt Resolution No. 1011-26, as amended. This motion was not voted on, as another was later made which included an additional amendment.

33:14 Upon questioning by Commissioner Beck, Commissioner Skillern stated that the funding source of the property purchase would be commercial paper.

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Commissioner Beck asked whether it would be appropriate to fund this purchase with the educational payments received by the County, pursuant to the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreements. This funding source had been retained by the County for capital improvements and other special needs for local schools.

Albert Kiser, Assistant Administrator of Finance, responded that school property purchases had in the past been made using bond and/or commercial paper. He indicated it would be at the discretion of this body to alter the funding source.

Commissioner Skillern indicated he had envisioned pilot funds being used for small capital and maintenance needs rather than school construction as the balance was relatively low. He also suggested a good use of the funds would be to leverage the bonds as a funding source to pay off the debt. He noted, however, that this body had never established rules as to the use of those funds.

Chairman Henry added that the HCDE would soon be presenting to the Commission a list of construction needs and capital outlay projects that could be financed using the PILOT agreement funding. He also noted that commercial paper had recently been used to purchase the former David Brainerd School property.

Commissioner Beck expressed a desire that the funding source for this property be given further consideration.

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40:01 Upon questioning by Commissioner Fields, Attorney Taylor indicated that his office had reviewed the attached agreement.

41:00 Commissioner Graham shared an opinion that the cost per acre for the property was very high. Mayor Coppinger replied that the cost of the property was affected by its prime location.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to amend Resolution No. 1011-26, that the revenue from the sale of the current Ooltewah Elementary School would be received into the Hamilton County General Fund and designated for future school capital improvements, school property purchases, or school construction. The motion was not voted on at this time.

Commissioner Fields pointed out a previous motion to amend was on the floor and questioned whether that amendment would be included in this motion. Without objection, Chairman Henry indicated that it would be made a part of the second amendment.

50:15 Assistant School Superintendent Gary Waters reported upon questioning that closure of the old school and construction of a new school would increase student capacity by 500, to a total of 1,000 pupils. He also reported that on October 27th, the

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Board of Education would be considering a facilities plan. School Administration would be recommending Ooltewah Elementary School as the first priority and a school in the East Brainerd area as the next priority. He noted, however, that the final decision would be made by the School Board.

Upon questioning by Mayor Coppinger, Mr. Waters responded that because portions of the offers involved in these negotiations were set to expire, this was considered a time-sensitive matter.

Commissioner Skillern stated that to his understanding this same procedure was followed in the purchase of the former Signal Mountain Middle School property. Mr. Waters indicated his agreement.

Attorney Taylor stated that according to information previously shared by Mr. Waters, the current school property was titled in the name of the Department of Education. Attorney Taylor noted that issues may arise from demanding to receive funds from the sale of the current school, which was not titled to Hamilton County.

Clerk Knowles reminded the Commission that a vote on the amendment is necessary first. If adopted, then a motion to adopt the main Resolution as amended would be in order.

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The foregoing Motion to amend Resolution No. 1011-26 relating to the property being titled to Hamilton County government and that the revenue from the sale of the current Ooltewah Elementary School would be received into the Hamilton County General Fund and designated for future school capital improvements, school property purchases, or school construction was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows:

Commissioner Bankston, "Nay"; Commissioner Beck, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; Commissioner McClure, "Aye"; Commissioner Skillern, "Aye"; and Chairman Henry, "Aye".

Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 1.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 1011-26, as amended.

The foregoing Resolution as amended was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye"; Commissioner Beck, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; Commissioner McClure, "Aye"; Commissioner Skillern, "Aye"; and Chairman Henry,

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“Aye”. Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 8. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

County Attorney Taylor is to prepare the amended resolution for the County Clerk’s office.

1:08:01

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Henry asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

1:08:06

Commissioner Mackey updated the Commission regarding a community meeting held last night at the Avondale Recreational Center to discuss rumors circulating that four local recreational centers would be consolidated into one center. He reported that the meeting had been well attended by over 100 residents. He stated that it was communicated at the meeting that this rumor was not substantiated by solid information and did not have any basis.

1:09:44

Members of the Commission offered their condolences to Commissioner Beck and his family in the recent death of his mother-in-law, Gloria Glenn Crosby.

Commissioner Beck expressed his sincere gratitude to the Commission for their concern for his family during their bereavement.

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Commissioner Fields thanked General Sessions Court Judge Robert Moon and other Sessions Court Judges for their participation with a group of twenty-two German exchange students who had observed the American judicial system during the past week.

1:11:00

Mayor Coppinger reported that Attorney Taylor had distributed to members of the Commission and the Clerk's office a letter received yesterday from City of Chattanooga Mayor Ron Littlefield. An initial letter was sent a week ago by Mayor Littlefield asking that the 20 Year Growth Plan Committee be reconvened to discuss growth boundaries for Chattanooga. The County replied with a letter on October 17th requesting more details. Yesterday's letter from Mayor Littlefield had attached a proposed amendment to the growth boundary.

Mayor Coppinger stated that the County continued to work well with Chattanooga and other municipalities on many different issues. He emphasized the importance that local businesses saw that these governmental entities worked well together to move forward. He encouraged the local media to decrease the amount of negative comments, which were unproductive to the community and the recruitment of new business.

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1:16:19 **SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE SAMUEL PAYNE**

Chairman Henry recognized County Clerk Knowles to swear in retired Circuit Court Judge Samuel Payne who had been asked to serve while the Circuit Court judges were away at a judicial conference. Clerk Knowles indicated the oath taken by Judge Payne to serve in a temporary capacity would be filed in the minute's of the Circuit Court Clerk.

Clerk Knowles administered the oath of office to retired Circuit Court Judge Samuel Payne at this time.

1:19:54

Chairman Henry made comments regarding a recent newspaper editorial that he felt incorrectly labeled the County as unorganized and not planners. He noted the "left side" of the paper frequently criticized him and Commissioner Skillern as being opposed to growth initiatives. He pointed out that in 2003 he helped institute the East Brainerd Corridor Plan, which would bring in an estimated twenty to thirty percent more commercial growth if East Brainerd Road is widened. He noted the story had insinuated he was personally obstructing the completion of that road project. He reminded the media that this road was a State road and was not under his authority.

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Commissioner Skillern added similar comments in response to these editorials. He pointed out that he had received negative comments when a school built in his district was considered to be too large. He noted that since that time, the school had been added on to three times.

DELEGATIONS

Chairman Henry asked for delegations on matters other than zoning. There were none.

There being no further business, Chairman Henry declared the meeting in recess until Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

11-02-11
Date

WJK
Clerk's Initials