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**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2016**

STATE OF TENNESSEE) Regular Meeting
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) January 6, 2016

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 6th day of January, 2016, a Regular Meeting of the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners was begun and held at the Courthouse, in the City of Chattanooga, in the County Commission Room, when the following proceedings were held, to wit:--

Present and presiding was the Honorable Chester Bankston, Chairman. Deputy County Clerk Brooke Weaver called the roll of the County Commission and the following, constituting a quorum, answered to their names: Commissioner Beck, Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Fairbanks, Commissioner Fields, Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Haynes, Commissioner Mackey, Commissioner Smedley, and Chairman Bankston. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0.

Also in attendance were County Mayor Jim Coppinger, members of his administrative staff, County Attorney Rheubin Taylor, County Auditor Bill McGriff, and County Clerk Bill Knowles.

Attached hereto is a copy of the Public Notice of this meeting, which was published in a local newspaper and made a matter of record of this meeting.

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Commissioner Haynes introduced Pastor Margaret Ferguson, Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church, who gave the invocation. Commissioner Haynes led in the pledge to the flag.

5:14

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of December 9, 2015, the Agenda Preparation Session of December 9, 2015, and the Regular Meeting of December 16, 2015, 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 Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

Chairman Bankston asked that the following reports be filed. Clerk Knowles confirmed request.

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TRUSTEE’S AMENDED EXCESS FEE REPORT

The Trustee’s amended Excess fee report for October 2015 was submitted and made a matter of record.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

The Trustee’s Excess fee and Monthly reports for November 2015 were submitted and made a matter of record.

5:58

RESOLUTION NO. 116-1 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS, AND THE BONDS AND OATHS OF NOTARIES PREVIOUSLY ELECTED.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 116-1. 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 Beck, “Aye”, Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Fairbanks, “Aye”, Commissioner Fields, “Aye”, Commissioner Graham, “Aye”, Commissioner Haynes, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Bankston, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

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Chairman Bankston reported that Resolution Nos. 116-2 through 116-11, 116-15, and 116-16 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

6:35

RESOLUTION NO. 116-2 A RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT TWO (2) MEMBERS TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH AND SAFETY HEARING BOARD BEGINNING JANUARY 6, 2016 AND ENDING JANUARY 6, 2020.

This resolution reappoints Patricia L. Henry and Andrew C. Mullins to the Hamilton County Health and Safety Hearing Board for terms ending January 6, 2020.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Fields, to adopt Resolution No. 116-2. 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 Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 116-3 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT
BY THE COUNTY MAYOR OF ONE MEMBER TO THE CHATTANOOGA HAMILTON
COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A TERM ENDING
DECEMBER 7, 2019.**

This resolution reappoints Michael J. Griffin to the Chattanooga Hamilton County Hospital Authority Board of Trustees for a term ending December 7, 2019.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 116-3.

In response to Commissioner Mackey's question, Mayor Coppinger stated that this will be Mr. Griffin's last term. Members are allowed to serve two consecutive four year terms.

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 Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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RESOLUTION NO. 116-4 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO SNOW HILL RECREATION LEAGUE IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT NINE.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 116-4. The foregoing Resolution was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0. Commissioner Graham announced he was present.

9:06

RESOLUTION NO. 116-5 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO HARRISON RECREATIONAL BOOSTER CLUB IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT FOUR.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 116-5. The foregoing Resolution was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as

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follows: Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0. Commissioner Graham in responding to the roll call stated that he was present.

9:45

RESOLUTION NO. 116-6 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) FROM DISCRETIONARY BOND FUNDS (AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT FOUR) TO ASSIST WITH PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS FOR MILLIKEN PARK/ALTON PARK FORTY-FIFTH STREET PLAYGROUND.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 116-6.

In response to Commissioner Graham's question, Commissioner Mackey confirmed that the appropriated funds are from FY 2014 -2015 bond funds.

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 Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks,

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“Aye”, Commissioner Fields “Aye”, Commissioner Graham “Aye”, Commissioner Haynes, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Bankston, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

10:39

RESOLUTION NO. 116-7 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO STOP THE MADNESS NATIONAL, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT FIVE.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 116-7. The foregoing Resolution was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, “Aye”, Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Fairbanks, “Aye”, Commissioner Fields, “Aye”, Commissioner Haynes, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Bankston, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 8. Total “Nay” votes – 0. Commissioner Graham announced he was present.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 116-8 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO
OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHATTANOOGA, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO
THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) FROM GENERAL FUND
DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT FIVE.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 116-8. The foregoing Resolution was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0. Commissioner Graham announced he was present.

11:52

**RESOLUTION NO. 116-9 A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL OF UNUM
GROUP TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY BENEFITS COVERAGE FOR
HAMILTON COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO
SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 116-9. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and

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voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, “Aye”, Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Fairbanks, “Aye”, Commissioner Fields “Aye”, Commissioner Graham “Aye”, Commissioner Haynes, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Bankston, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

12:34

RESOLUTION NO. 116-10 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF J&J CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE WOLFTEVER CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION AMOUNTING TO \$7,425,790.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 116-10.

Commissioner Beck asked for an update regarding the Hamilton County Department of Education’s (HCDE) spending plans. Last week Chairman Bankston agreed to draft the request and send it to the HCDE. Chairman Bankston reported that the letter had been sent and the HCDE agreed to respond in a week or so.

In response Commissioner Beck stated he would be suspending his vote on all future school projects until the requested list is provided.

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Commissioner Boyd noted some of the same concerns he stated during last week's Agenda Session. In addition to previous stated comments, he questioned if the technique known as Value Engineering (VE) was used since the low bid came in thirty percent higher than anticipated.

14:48

Justin Witt, Director of Maintenance and Operations for the Hamilton County Department of Education (HCDE), spoke regarding the increase and reported that VE was examined and it was found that there was not any unnecessary expenditures. He reiterated several comments that he made during last week's agenda session. The budget for this project was constructed two years ago and additional site work is needed. Subcontractor rates have substantially increased in the past two years and the price per square foot is in line with similar projects.

Commissioner Boyd thanked Mr. Witt for his time and stated that he supported the project even though it was hard to justify the thirty percent increase when compared to recent projects which were coming in under budget.

18:04

Commissioner Mackey questioned the possibility of delaying the vote on Resolution No. 116-10. His suggestion was made to encourage the HCDE to provide a list and timeline of future school projects.

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Commissioner Graham stated his support for Resolution No. 116-10 and asked Mr. Witt to return to the podium. He encouraged Mr. Witt to provide the commission with as much documentation and details as possible for future school projects that come before the commission. This establishes and maintains a good working relationship and allows the commission to make a better informed decision.

Mr. Witt responded to Commissioner Mackey's question and stated that delaying the project is not practicable. Wolftever Creek Elementary is already overcrowded by 100 students and the goal is to immediately open three to four classroom wings to alleviate the problem before the beginning of next year's school year.

Commissioner Mackey reminded Mr. Witt that HCDE has excess classroom space that is not being used. He recommended the school system reconfigure their boundaries and fill the existing empty space. Mr. Witt agreed with the excess classroom remark, but acknowledged that the space wasn't available at the Wolftever School.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows:

Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields "Aye", Commissioner Graham "Aye", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Nay", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye".

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Commissioner Beck abstained from voting. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 7. Total “Nay” votes – 1. Total abstentions – 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 116-11 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, INC., (PFM) FOR ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REGARDING THE FUTURE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY OPERATIONS AND ASSETS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$460,000) AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Fields, to adopt Resolution No. 116-11.

24:59

For the record Commissioner Boyd clarified statements made in a December 30th, 2015 news article published in the Chattanooga.com. He stated that the article made a few false statements: (1) He was very well aware that Hamilton County needs a new jail. (2) He is not against Public Private Partnerships (PPP) but he is against hiring consultants who are predisposed to earn a bonus to convince the county they need to do a PPP.

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In response to Commissioner Boyd's question, Albert Kiser, Administrator of Finance, clarified that travel and other expenses are not covered in the \$30,000 monthly retainer fee. The goal is for PFM to complete their services before 7 months; however, if this isn't possible monthly retainer fees will not exceed \$210,000. If for some unforeseen reason the county has the option to cancel the contract at any time.

In response to Commissioner Boyd questions, Tom Morsch, Managing Director for PFM stated that the pro forma statement hasn't been released to public because it is in draft form. Once the pro forma statement is completed it will be released in a press release and available to the public. He agreed to provide Commissioner Boyd with a copy. Procurement process options have been decided on but the outcome of that process is unknown because it hasn't started yet. It has been agreed that the RFP process will engage potential bidders to be involved in either design, build, operations, maintenance and potentially finance. Proposals will go through the working group process and ultimately be presented to the commission. As PFM continues to make progress, updates will be given to the commission.

Commissioner Boyd asked the Mayor to clarify how privatizing the jail will save the taxpayers millions of dollars.

Mayor Coppinger reiterated that the jail is in horrible shape and it is not meeting regulations, delaying the project could result in costly fines. A decision whether or not to

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privatize the jail has not been made yet. History has shown that the county has saved a significant amount of money by contracting with Corrections Corporations of America (CCA) for jail services. This process is an enormous monumental task and hiring proper experts to advise the county along the way was imperative. He emphasized that the intent is to save millions of taxpayers' dollars. PFM was chosen because of the county's decade long financial consulting relationship with the company. PFM is a company who represents public sectors only and they are a major contributor to the county's AAA bond rating. When everything is said and done PFM will present to the county what the costs would be if the county privatized and what the costs would be if the county ran the jail. It is important to note that none of this will move forward without the Sheriff's approval, after his approval it will be presented to the commission for approval.

47:57

Commissioner Boyd continued to read quotes made by the Mayor in a recent news article, he questioned the incentive fee PFM will receive if the county privatizes the jail, and discussed further studies he had personally conducted on PPPs. Chairman Bankston asked Commissioner Boyd to stick to his questions. In response, Commissioner Boyd stated he did not support Resolution No. 116-15 and thanked everyone for their time.

48:34

In response to Commissioner Graham's questions, Mayor Coppinger stated that CCA has saved taxpayers' millions of dollars over the past 31 years. Even though the county has an in house attorney, auditor, architect and engineer, outside consults have

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been hired in the past to help on tedious and time consuming projects. Hiring outside consultants who specialize in these particular projects has saved the county money.

Commissioner Graham pointed out, and Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Hammond confirmed, that the county missed their mark from the very beginning when the current jail was built 30 plus years ago. While hiring a professional is costly, it is extremely necessary to make certain the county doesn't make costly mistakes. He stated his support for Resolution No. 116-11 and reported he had to attend a funeral and apologized for missing last week's meeting.

54:37

Commissioner Beck thanked Commissioner Boyd for his research and thanked Commissioner Graham for his ability to bring everything into perspective. He noted that in general, consultants also make him nervous, but David Eichenthal, Managing Director for PFM does not make him nervous. He pointed out that Sheriff Hammond knows what he is talking about, and the current state of the jail is unacceptable. Sheriff Hammond confirmed from the audience that the jail has remained in a state that could cause decertification for a long time.

For the record, Commissioner Beck stated his concerns for current employees of the jail if the county chooses to privatize. It is important that the jailers receive the same rate of pay and level of benefits that the county offers them.

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Commissioner Smedley thanked the Mayor and his staff for meeting with her about Resolution No. 116-15. She noted that it has been verified that PFM's rate is fair and competitive. She also stated her concerns for the current jailers and their security in maintaining a job if the county privatizes the jail.

In response to Commissioner Fields question, Mayor Coppinger confirmed that PFM will be presenting a summary and the final decision will come back to commission for a vote.

Commissioner Haynes also noted he had a meeting with the Mayor and his staff. He stated his support for Resolution No. 116-11 and noted that outside professionals are hired to tell the county what we don't already know.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows:
Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Nay", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields "Aye", Commissioner Graham "Aye", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 1.

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Mayor Coppinger thanked the commission for allowing the project to move forward. He asked that reporters note the county's concept of getting the property back on the tax rolls and saving the taxpayers millions of dollars in the long run.

1:08:10

**RESOLUTION NO. 116-15 RESOLUTION REQUESTING SUPPORT OF
LEGISLATION REGARDING LOCAL DETERMINATION OF BROADBAND AND
INTERNET SERVICES.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 116-15.

Commissioner Fields stated he would not support Resolution No. 116-15 because the Electric Power Board (EPB) should handle their own marketing issues. He felt it was not the county's responsibility to encourage the legislative delegation to submit legislation to allow public utilities to provide internet service outside their current area.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows:

Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields "Nay", Commissioner Graham "Aye", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Nay", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and

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Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 7.

Total "Nay" votes – 2.

1:09:48

RESOLUTION NO. 116-16 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF AN ADDITIONAL FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$40,000.00) FROM DISCRETIONARY BOND FUNDS TO ASSIST WITH THE BUILDING OF A RESTROOM FACILITY AND CONCESSION FOR THE ATHLETIC COMPLEX AT EAST HAMILTON MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 116-16. The foregoing Resolutions was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0. Commissioner Graham announced he was present.

1:10:50

Chairman Bankston asked that Resolution Nos. 116-12 through 116-14 be considered together at this time.

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RESOLUTION NO. 116-12 A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE PURCHASE OF GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 1, 2015, THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2015, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 116-13 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF DELL MARKETING, LP FOR CONTRACT UNIT PRICING, BEGINNING JANUARY 6, 2016, THROUGH JANUARY 5, 2017 FOR COMPUTERS, LAPTOPS, AND MONITORS FOR THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 116-14 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF ADAMS MASONRY, INC AND G&P MASONRY, INC. FOR ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT PRICING, BEGINNING JANUARY 6, 2016, THROUGH JANUARY 5, 2017, FOR TWO (2) MASONS AND ONE (1) LABORER FOR THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Boyd, Chairman of the Finance Committee provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 116-12 through 116-14 and stated that the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution Nos. Resolution Nos. 116-12 through 116-14. 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 Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Beck was absent for the roll call. Total present – 9. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

1:14:25

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Bankston asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

Commissioner Haynes stated that Hixson and Middle Valley residents are appreciative of the newly installed traffic light at Thrasher Pike.

1:15:00

Commissioner Smedley, Chairman of the Education Committee gave her condolences to the Ooltewah High School student who was tragically attacked by some of his basketball teammates. She encouraged the commission to take a stand against

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bullying and hazing of any kind. The Hamilton County Board of Education is scheduled to meet this afternoon to discuss the attack; she will attend the meeting and report back to the commission.

1:15:47

Commissioner Beck asked the commission to join his efforts to get district 5 justice. He reported that out of \$390 million dollars spent on school projects, only \$4 million was spent in district 5. The Department of Education has neglected district 5 and he called for fairness evenly applied to all districts.

1:17:51

Mayor Coppinger stated the 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is on the county’s website. He invited the commission to attend a workshop meeting next Tuesday January 12th, 11:30 am at the Paul McDaniel Building. Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS) East TN Regional Outreach Specialist Drew Freeman will be making the presentation. The topic of the meeting will be the Bridge Plan for the Sheriff’s Department and what it means it the county moves forward with the plan. Mr. Freeman will also be giving presentations to the Sheriff’s Department to make certain everyone has a clear understanding.

1:21:31

Chairman Bankston wished everyone a Happy New Year.

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DELEGATIONS

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

There being no further business, Chairman Bankston declared the meeting in recess until Wednesday, January 13, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

01-20-16
Date

W.F.K.
Clerk's Initials