

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
AGENDA PREPARATION SESSION
JANUARY 8, 2020**

STATE OF TENNESSEE) Agenda Preparation Session
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) January 8, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 8th day of January, 2020, an Agenda Preparation Session 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:--

0:10 Present and presiding was the Honorable Randy Fairbanks, Chairman. County Clerk Bill Knowles called the roll of the County Commission and the following, constituting a quorum, answered to their names: Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Bankston, Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Geter, Commissioner Mackey, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Sharpe, Commissioner Smedley, and Chairman Fairbanks. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0.

Also in attendance were County Mayor Jim Coppinger, members of his administrative staff, Assistant County Attorney Neill Southerland, and County Auditor Jenneth Randall.

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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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

- The Trustee's Monthly and Excess Fee Reports for November 2019 would be submitted for the record.
- Resolution No. 120-2 was the usual County Clerk item regarding notaries, etc. This required no committee assignment.
- Resolution Nos. 120-10 through 120-18 were assigned to the Finance Committee, chaired by Commissioner Smedley.
- Resolution Nos. 120-19 through 120-23, 120-24A, 120-24B, and 120-25 were assigned to the Zoning Committee, chaired by Commissioner Bankston
- Resolution Nos. 120-3 through 120-9 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

0:56

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 120-3

This Resolution appoints Emily Goldberg to the Hamilton County Health and Safety Hearing Board for a term beginning January 15, 2020 and ending January 15, 2024.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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1:15 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 120-4**

This Resolution reappoints Andrew C. Mullins to the Hamilton County Health and Safety Hearing Board for a term beginning January 15, 2020 and ending January 15, 2024.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

1:34 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 120-5**

This Resolution reappoints Randy Metcalf and Ernest C. Knoll, Jr., and appoints Chris Adams to the Hamilton County Contractor's Board of Appeals and Adjustments for a term ending January 15, 2024.

Mayor Coppinger stated Director of Emergency Management Chris Adams holds a certification required for a member of the Contractor's Board of Appeals. Administrator of Public Works and County Engineer Todd Leamon provided additional details regarding requirements for the board.

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1:57 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 120-6**

Director of Emergency Management Chris Adams spoke regarding this item, which authorizes the County Mayor to enter into a contract between the State of Tennessee, Department of Military, Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA), and Hamilton County in the amount of \$150,500. Director Adams stated the grant funds are used to pay for salaries and there is no county match required.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

5:55 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 120-7**

Administrator of Finance Al Kiser spoke regarding this item, which approves an interlocal agreement between Hamilton County and the Hamilton County Department of Education (HCDE) relative to bulk fuel and retail fuel card programs. He noted the School Board approved this agreement and they will incur all fuel cost expenses.

7:12 In response to Commissioner Baker's question, Purchasing Director Gail Roppo reported the school system has not participated in the retail fuel card program to date.

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9:52 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 120-8**

Administrator of Public Works and County Engineer Todd Leamon spoke regarding this item, which establishes the minimum bid amount for certain parcels of property acquired by Hamilton County through previous delinquent tax sales and authorizes the offer of said parcels at that minimum bid amount. Additionally, it authorizes certain said parcels to be offered for sale for an amount less than the total amount of taxes, penalty, cost, and interest accumulated against the property. He noted this is the county's yearly back tax sale and Real Property Manager Paul Parker was present to answer any questions.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

10:45 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 120-9**

Administrator of Public Works and County Engineer Todd Leamon spoke regarding this item, which declares certain county owned property surplus and authorizes that such property be offered for sale according to the procedures of Hamilton County's 2020 property sale. He stated the two properties to be surplus and offered for sale include Newell Tower and the former IT Building, with a minimum bid amount of \$1.5 million.

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There were no questions from Commissioners.

Commissioner Smedley, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated the Finance Committee would meet in the Commission Room immediately following today's Agenda Session.

Commissioner Bankston, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, stated the Zoning Committee would meet in the Commission Conference Room immediately following today's Agenda Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Fairbanks asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

13:52 Mayor Coppinger spoke about attending the Chamber of Commerce 2020 Economic Outlook Breakfast this morning at the Chattanooga Convention Center. He stated Commissioner Boyd and Commissioner Martin were also in attendance. He stated the projections for growth and job opportunities in Hamilton County are very exciting.

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Commissioner Mackey posed several questions to Mayor Coppinger regarding growth and funds needed to fund future government services. In response, Mayor Coppinger spoke at length addressing the challenges in the public education system and expressed optimism about future economic growth in Hamilton County.

He stated tough decisions would need to be made going forward in terms of infrastructure, sewer capacity, schools, etc. He noted his office would continue to bring forward Resolutions that enhance growth and infrastructure.

25:19 Commissioner Boyd reported Hamilton County is number one for projected job growth in the nation.

Commissioner Martin commended Mayor Coppinger for his leadership.

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DELEGATIONS

Chairman Fairbanks asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

42:18

David Tulis, residing at 1052 Brick Hill Lane Soddy Daisy, TN 37379, addressed Commissioners regarding an incident in which an individual's vehicle was towed during an arrest and has not been returned to him. He provided background on the incident and asked for the Commission's help in returning the property to the individual.

Commissioner Sharpe asked for additional information regarding the case. Assistant County Attorney Southerland reported the case is a civil matter between the individual and the wrecker service that towed the vehicle.

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Being no further business, Chairman Fairbanks declared the meeting adjourned until Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

02-05-20



Date

Clerk's Initials