

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
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STATE OF TENNESSEE) Regular Meeting

COUNTY OF HAMILTON) January 15, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 15th day of January, 2020, 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:--

0:19

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.

Mike Compton, Chief of Staff to the County Mayor was present. Also in attendance were other members of the Mayor’s administrative staff, County Attorney Rheubin Taylor, and County Auditor Jenneth Randall. Mayor Coppinger arrived during the discussion of Resolution No. 120-14.

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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0:36 Chairman Fairbanks introduced Director Fred Bennett, Titus International, who gave the invocation. Chairman Fairbanks led in the pledge to the flag.

PRESENTATION – MARC GRAVITT, REGISTER OF DEEDS

3:35 Hamilton County Register of Deeds Marc Gravitt presented information to the Commission regarding calendar year 2019 real estate information. He began his presentation by noting the different document types recorded in the Register's Office, and stated there was a 41 percent increase in e-filed documents last year. He stated there was an overall 6.9 percent increase in total recordings bringing the calendar year 2019 total to 62,259 document packets recorded in the office. It was noted most documents recorded pertain to real estate. Register Gravitt reported in 2019 his office retained \$386,925.00 and remitted \$15,734,934.00 to the state. He stated he is working to get the current 3% commission retained by Tennessee Registers raised back to the original 5% in order to provide for a more equitable partnership with the state. He added that \$1,237,262.00 in surplus fees were remitted back to the Hamilton County general fund in 2019. A copy of the presentation was filed in the Clerk's Office.

12:04 In response to Chairman Fairbanks' excess fee question, Register Gravitt stated his budget is put together based on the needs of this office and does not consider surplus fees. Administrator of Finance Al Kiser added excess fees from constitutional offices are budgeted as revenue.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON MOTION of Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of December 11, 2019, the Agenda Preparation Session of December 11, 2019, the Regular Meeting of December 18, 2019, the Recessed Meeting of December 26, 2019, the Recessed Meeting of December 31, 2019, the Recessed Meeting of January 2, 2020 be approved, treat same as read, made a matter of record and filed. The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

The Trustee's Monthly and Excess Fee Reports for November 2019 were submitted and made a matter of record.

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19:39 **RESOLUTION NO. 120-2 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS, THE BONDS AND OATHS OF NOTARIES PREVIOUSLY ELECTED, THE OATHS OF DEPUTY SHERIFFS, AND TO FILE THE BOND OF HAMILTON COUNTY 911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Geter, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 120-2. 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 Baker, “Aye”, Commissioner Bankston, “Aye”, Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Geter, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Fairbanks, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

20:16 **RESOLUTION NO. 120-3 A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH AND SAFETY HEARING BOARD BEGINNING JANUARY 15, 2020 AND ENDING JANUARY 15, 2024.**

 This Resolution appoints Emily Goldberg.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 120-3. 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 Baker, “Aye”, Commissioner Bankston, “Aye”, Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Geter, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Fairbanks, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

21:00

RESOLUTION NO. 120-4 A RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH AND SAFETY HEARING BOARD BEGINNING JANUARY 15, 2020 AND ENDING JANUARY 15, 2024.

This Resolution reappoints Andrew C. Mullins.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adopt Resolution No. 120-4. 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 Baker, “Aye”, Commissioner Bankston, “Aye”, Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Geter, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley,

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“Aye”, and Chairman Fairbanks, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 120-5 A RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT RANDY METCALF AND ERNEST C. NOLL, JR. AND APPOINT CHRIS ADAMS TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY CONTRACTORS BOARD OF APPEALS AND ADJUSTMENTS WITH A TERM ENDING JANUARY 15, 2024.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 120-5.

22:03 Commissioner Mackey encouraged Commissioners to seek out new representation on local boards. Commissioner Baker agreed with his comments. Commissioner Smedley asked that Commissioners consider appointing more women.

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 Baker, “Aye”, Commissioner Bankston, “Aye”, Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Geter, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Fairbanks, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

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26:07 **RESOLUTION NO. 120-6 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY, TENNESSEE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND HAMILTON COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,500 (ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS).**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Geter, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 120-6. 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 Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

26:48 **RESOLUTION NO. 120-7 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN HAMILTON COUNTY AND THE HAMILTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (HCDE) RELATIVE TO BULK FUEL AND RETAIL FUEL CARD PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 120-7. 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 Baker, “Aye”, Commissioner Bankston, “Aye”, Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Geter, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Fairbanks, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

27:28

RESOLUTION NO. 120-8 A RESOLUTION (1) ESTABLISHING THE MINIMUM BID AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY HAMILTON COUNTY THROUGH PREVIOUS DELINQUENT TAX SALES, (2) AUTHORIZING THE OFFER OF SAID PARCELS FOR SALE AT THAT MINIMUM BID AMOUNT, AND (3) AUTHORIZING 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.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Geter, to adopt Resolution No. 120-8. 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 Baker, “Aye”, Commissioner Bankston, “Aye”, Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Geter, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”,

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Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Fairbanks, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

28:13

RESOLUTION NO. 120-9 A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE CERTAIN COUNTY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY SURPLUS AND TO AUTHORIZE THAT SUCH PROPERTY TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE, ACCORDING TO THE SALE PROCEDURES OF HAMILTON COUNTY'S 2020 PROPERTY SALE.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Sharpe, to adopt Resolution No. 120-9. 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 Baker, “Aye”, Commissioner Bankston, “Aye”, Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Geter, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Fairbanks, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

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At this time, Chairman Fairbanks asked that Resolution Nos. 120-10 through 120-18 be heard at this time.

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RESOLUTION NO. 120-10 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF DELL DESKTOP COMPUTERS AMOUNTING TO \$31,052.64 FROM INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR FROM THE STATE CONTRACT SWC-49580 FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 120-11 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF AN ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR INFORM RMS SOFTWARE AMOUNTING TO \$49,609.60 FROM CENTRAL SQUARE TECHNOLOGIES DBA TRITECH SOFTWARE SYSTEMS FOR ONE (1) YEAR BEGINNING AUGUST 7, 2019 THROUGH AUGUST 6, 2020, FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 120-12 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF EIGHT HUNDRED FEET OF CONTAINMENT BOOM AND TRAILER VALUED AT TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000) FROM ENGLEWOOD ENTERPRISES LLC AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

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RESOLUTION NO. 120-13 A RESOLUTION TO RELINQUISH HAMILTON COUNTY'S INTEREST IN A 1994 FORD SUPER DUTY PICKUP TRUCK CO-TITLED WITH DALLAS BAY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

RESOLUTION NO. 120-14 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WOOLPERT, INC. TO PROVIDE HAMILTON COUNTY WITH GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM COLOR AND COLOR INFRARED DIGITAL ORTHOPHOTOGRAPHY AT A COST OF \$184,500 AND TO AMEND THE HAMILTON COUNTY GIS PARTNERSHIP BUDGET BY ADDING \$120,000 TO REVENUE AND \$184,500 TO EXPENDITURES.

RESOLUTION NO. 120-15 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR ON BEHALF OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, THE HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION AS THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO SIGN A CONTINUATION CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE TIME PERIOD JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021, IN AN AMOUNT OF \$230,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE COORDINATION OF FETAL INFANT MORTALITY REVIEW AND COMMUNITY INFANT MORTALITY REDUCTION SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S GUIDELINES.

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RESOLUTION NO. 120-16 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR ON BEHALF OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, THE HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION, OPERATING AS THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO SIGN A CONTINUATION CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$283,300.00 (\$94,400.00 FOR THE FIRST TWO YEARS AND \$94,500.00 FOR THE THIRD YEAR) TO PROVIDE SERVICES OF THE TENNESSEE BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER EARLY DETECTION PROGRAM TO ELIGIBLE WOMEN IN HAMILTON COUNTY FOR A TIME PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 120-17 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN A LEASE AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,445.00 ANNUALLY WITH CHATTANOOGA CHURCH MINISTRIES, INC. D.B.A., CHATTANOOGA COMMUNITY KITCHEN FOR SPACE FOR USE BY HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, THE HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION, OPERATING AS THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S HOMELESS HEALTH CARE CENTER, FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020.

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RESOLUTION NO. 120-18 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF NABCO ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT EAST BRAINERD ROAD AND BENTWOOD COVE DRIVE AMOUNTING TO \$297,563.00, FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Smedley, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 120-10 through 120-18 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 120-10. 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 Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 120-11. 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 Baker, “Aye”, Commissioner Bankston, “Aye”, Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Geter, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Fairbanks, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Geter, to adopt Resolution No. 120-12. 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 Baker, “Aye”, Commissioner Bankston, “Aye”, Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Geter, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Fairbanks, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Sharpe, to adopt Resolution No. 120-13. 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 Baker, “Aye”, Commissioner Bankston, “Aye”, Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Geter, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Fairbanks, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 120-14.

In response to Commissioner Smedley’s request for clarification, Administrator of Finance Al Kiser stated the funds were not previously budgeted.

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 Baker, “Aye”, Commissioner Bankston, “Aye”, Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Geter, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Fairbanks, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

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38:09 Mayor Coppinger, who had an earlier engagement, arrived during the discussion of Resolution No. 120-14.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Geter, to adopt Resolution No. 120-15. 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 Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 120-16. 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 Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Geter, to adopt Resolution No. 120-17. 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 Baker, “Aye”, Commissioner Bankston, “Aye”, Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Geter, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Fairbanks, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 120-18.

Commissioner Smedley stated a traffic study was performed and concluded the new traffic signal was a necessity.

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 Baker, “Aye”, Commissioner Bankston, “Aye”, Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Geter, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Fairbanks, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

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41:49 At this time, Chairman Fairbanks asked that Resolution Nos. 120-19 through 120-23, 120-24A, 120-24B, and 120-25.

RESOLUTION NO. 120-19 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE "MASTER LIST OF ROADS AND SPEED LIMITS" SO AS TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING DISTRICT ROAD AND TO ESTABLISH A SPEED LIMIT THEREFORE: BALDWIN FIELD CIRCLE.

RESOLUTION NO. 120-20 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE "MASTER LIST OF ROADS AND SPEED LIMITS" SO AS TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING DISTRICT ROAD AND TO ESTABLISH A SPEED LIMIT THEREFORE: HIGBORNE LANE.

RESOLUTION NO. 120-21 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE "MASTER LIST OF ROADS AND SPEED LIMITS" SO AS TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING DISTRICT ROADS AND TO ESTABLISH SPEED LIMITS THEREFOR: BULL RUN, LONG HORN STREET AND SHORT HORN COURT.

RESOLUTION NO. 120-22 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE "MASTER LIST OF ROADS AND SPEED LIMITS" SO AS TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING DISTRICT ROADS AND TO ESTABLISH SPEED LIMITS THEREFOR: SILK ROAD, AND CASHMERE LANE.

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RESOLUTION NO. 120-23 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE "MASTER LIST OF ROADS AND SPEED LIMITS" SO AS TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING DISTRICT ROAD AND TO ESTABLISH A SPEED LIMIT THEREFORE: RIVER BREEZE DRIVE.

RESOLUTION NO. 120-24A A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM A-1 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, R-2A RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, AND R-5 SINGLE WIDE MANUFACTURED HOME DISTRICT TO C-3 GENERAL BUSINESS COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE 9300 BLOCK OF EAST BRAINERD ROAD AND 8942 BEL AIR ROAD.

RESOLUTION NO. 120-24B A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM A-1 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, R-2A RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, AND R-5 SINGLE WIDE MANUFACTURED HOME DISTRICT TO C-3 GENERAL BUSINESS COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE 9300 BLOCK OF EAST BRAINERD ROAD AND 8942 BEL AIR ROAD.

RESOLUTION NO. 120-25 A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM A-1 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT AND R-2A RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8875 HIXSON PIKE.

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Commissioner Bankston, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 120-19 through 120-23, 120-24A, 120-24B, and 120-25 and stated the Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval of Resolution Nos. 120-19 through 120-23 and 120-25. He announced Resolution Nos. 120-24A and 120-24B had been pulled at the applicant's request. It was noted there was no opposition to any of the zoning items present.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Bankston, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution Nos. 120-19 through 120-23.

44:49

Commissioner Sharpe spoke about the productive steps being taken to monitor expenses and maintenance relative to the growth in Hamilton County.

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 Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Bankston, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adopt Resolution No. 120-25.

46:38 Commissioner Martin stated he would abstain from this vote, as he owns adjoining property that might be impacted.

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 Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Abstain", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0. Total Abstentions – 1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Fairbanks asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

48:03 Commissioner Mackey commended Commissioner Smedley for her leadership in leading the Finance Committee.

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Commissioner Mackey asked a representative from Bridge Refugee Services come forward to provide some information regarding the federal Refugee Resettlement Program and its impact on Hamilton County.

50:26

Jim Frierson, who works closely with the organization, stated Bridge Refugee Services is a 501c3 non-profit organization and is the receiving agency for state department approved refugees in Chattanooga and Knoxville. He explained that on September 26, 2019, President Trump issued an Executive Order (EO) on Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Refugee Resettlement (EO No. 13888), which requires states and local governments to provide written consent authorizing the initial resettlement of refugees into their respective communities. It was noted Governor Bill Lee took action on December 2019 confirming his consent to responsibly resettle refugees in Tennessee. Mr. Frierson reported according to the order, Mayor Coppinger would need to provide a letter of support by January 21, 2020 to secure federal funding and allow refugees to resettle in Hamilton County.

59:30

Marina Peshterianu, Associate Director of Bridge Refugee Services, provided additional information regarding the services provided by the organization and the lengthy vetting process refugees go through in order to be classified as such. She reported the average vetting process for refugees is 24 months. Ms. Peshterianu stated the Fiscal Year 2020 Presidential Determination on Refugee Admissions provided for the admission of up to 18,000 refugees to the United States, down from the

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administration's previous ceiling of 30,000. She encouraged Mayor Coppinger to provide his consent to allow refugees to continue to resettle in Hamilton County.

1:07:23

Mr. Frierson said the refugees in the program have been thoroughly vetted by the Trump administration, and local Chattanooga Dave Worland, who heads the governor's faith-based initiative, is closely involved in the program.

Commissioner Mackey reiterated action would need to be taken by Mayor Coppinger by January 21st.

1:10:47

Mayor Coppinger spoke regarding the order and stated considerable misinformation on the issue has been spread on social media. He emphasized the program does not support illegal immigration and reiterated refugees are thoroughly vetted by the state department. He reported to his understanding, if the letter is not signed by January 21st no federal funding or information pertaining to refugees would be provided to Bridge, the local resettlement agency. Mr. Frierson and Ms. Peshterianu confirmed that was correct.

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At this time, a lengthy discussion took place between Commissioners, Mayor Coppinger, Mr. Frierson, and Ms. Peshterianu. It was noted County Mayors in Knoxville, Nashville, and Memphis have signed the letter of consent. Chattanooga Mayor Andy Berke has also signed, but approval from Mayor Coppinger is required. It was also noted Chattanooga received 86 refugees in 2019, including 42 children.

1:26:46 Commissioner Geter announced a healthy living initiative in District 5 aimed to reduce diabetes and high blood pressure. She noted it would kick off on Saturday, January 25th at New Covenant Fellowship Church from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. She thanked Health Department Director Becky Barnes for her work on the program.

1:28:32 Commissioner Smedley recognized Ron Tucker with the Greater Chattanooga Association of Realtors in the audience at today's meeting.

1:28:43 Commissioner Baker invited everyone to attend an event focused on children's health at the new Erlanger Children's Hospital on January 27th at 6:30 PM.

1:31:11 Commissioner Sharpe commended Governor Bill Lee for his support of the refugee program. He encouraged Mayor Coppinger to support the program as well.

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1:32:45 Commissioner Boyd spoke about childhood health statistics in Hamilton County and commended Director Barnes for her work in bringing attention to the issue.

1:35:49 After seeking recognition from the Chairman, Commissioner Mackey made a Motion to voice their support for the refugee resettlement program and encourage Mayor Coppinger to sign the letter of consent. Commissioner Sharpe seconded the Motion.

Attorney Taylor reported he would draft a Resolution; Clerk Knowles stated the item would be numbered Resolution No. 120-26.

At this time, additional conversation took place among Commissioners, Mayor Coppinger, Mr. Frierson, Ms. Peshterianu, and Chairman of the Bridge Refugee Services Board of Directors Martin Laster. Several Commissioners voiced concern over just learning of the issue and not having enough information or having heard the perspective from an opposing side. Others acknowledged the time sensitive nature of the Mayor's consent letter and noted the process and outcome is unprecedented.

Chairman Fairbanks asked Clerk Knowles to call the roll on the Motion to adopt Resolution No. 120-26, which would encourage Mayor Coppinger to sign the letter in support of the refugee resettlement program.

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2:09:45 Chairman Fairbanks emphasized Commissioners were not voting to approve or disapprove the program itself as the executive order only requires Mayor Coppinger' s consent.

The foregoing Motion was rejected on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows:
Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Abstain", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Abstain", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Abstain". Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Boyd were not present for the roll call. Total present – 7. Total absent – 2. Total "Aye" votes – 4. Total "Nay" votes – 0. Total Abstentions – 3.

2:15:59 Mayor Coppinger stated that Tennessee Senator Bo Watson asked him to remind the Commission that the 111th Tennessee General Assembly reconvened on January 14th. Chairman Fairbanks added the meetings could be livestreamed through the Tennessee General Assembly website.

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2:16:59 **DELEGATIONS**

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

Chairman Fairbanks reminded members of the Commission there would be no meeting next week.

There being no further business, Chairman Fairbanks declared the meeting in recess until Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

02-05-20



Date

Clerk's Initials