

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 3, 2016**

**STATE OF TENNESSEE**                    )  
Regular Meeting

**COUNTY OF HAMILTON**                )  
February 3, 2016

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 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:--

0:14               Present and presiding was the Honorable Chester Bankston, Chairman. County Clerk Bill Knowles 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, and County Auditor Bill McGriff.

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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0:35

Commissioner Graham introduced Pastor Mike Steele Crossroads Baptist Church, who gave the invocation. Commissioner Graham led in the pledge to the flag.

2:35

**PRESENTATION – CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION - SODDY DAISY HIGH  
SCHOOL JROTC CADETS**

Commissioner Fairbanks presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ryan DesJarlais, Trevor Henegar, and Zachary Shankles. Each cadet was honored for their quick reaction and bravery for saving a fellow cadet from drowning when his foot became entrapped under a rock and he was unable to extricate himself. Soddy Daisy Mayor Rick Nunley was also present for the presentation.

Soddy Daisy High School JROTC Senior Army Instruction Major Eric Redlin, read a brief excerpt from the Award Recommendation he sent to the Director of Army Instruction regarding the cadets' heroism.

At this time Mayor Coppinger and Commission members shook hands with each cadet.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

8:39

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of January 13, 2016, the Agenda Preparation Session of January 13, 2016, and the Regular Meeting of January 20, 2016, 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.

9:09

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

The Trustee's Monthly and Excess Fee reports for December 2015 were submitted and made a matter of record.

**JUVENILE COURT CLERK'S REPORTS**

The Juvenile Court Clerk's reports for October and November 2015 were submitted and made a matter of record.

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**QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT**

The quarterly investment report of Hamilton County Government, for the quarter ending December 31, 2015 was submitted as a matter of record.

**FEE OFFICE REPORTS**

Fee reports for the following constitutional officers were submitted and made a matter of record:

Clerk and Master – October 2015 through December 2015  
Circuit Court Clerk – October 2015 through December 2015  
Register of Deeds – October 2015 through December 2015  
County Clerk - October 2015 through December 2015

9:16

**RESOLUTION NO. 216-1 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT  
APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS, THE BONDS AND OATHS OF  
NOTARIES PREVIOUSLY ELECTED, AND OATHS OF DEPUTY SHERIFFS.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 216-1. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a

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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 reported that Resolution Nos. 216-2 through 216-14 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

9:49

**RESOLUTION NO. 216-2 A RESOLUTION TO DECREASE THE EXPENDITURE BUDGET FOR THE JUVENILE COURT JUDGE BY \$32,369.00, AND INCREASE THE EXPENDITURE BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF BY \$32,369.00.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Fields, to adopt Resolution No. 216-2. 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

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Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0.

Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

10:26

**RESOLUTION NO. 216-3 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SCHOOLS FEDERAL PROJECTS FUND BUDGET BY ADDING \$2,969,406 TO THE FY 2015-2016 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE BUDGET; TO AMEND THE SELF-FUNDED PROJECTS FUND BUDGET BY ADDING \$683,027 TO THE FY 2015-2016 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE BUDGET; TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE FUND BUDGET BY ADDING \$2,634,810 TO THE FY 2015-2016 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE BUDGET.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Fields, to adopt Resolution No. 216-3. 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. 216-4 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO  
BIRCHWOOD REGIONAL CENTRE IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$5,900.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY  
MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT NINE.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 216-4. 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.

12:07

**RESOLUTION NO. 216-5 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO  
SODDY DAISY VIETNAM VETERANS FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE  
HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES,  
AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT ONE.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 216-5. The foregoing Resolution was adopted on a Roll Call

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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.

**RESOLUTION NO. 216-6 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO COLLEGEDALE TOMORROW FOUNDATION, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT SEVEN.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 216-6. 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. 216-7 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO FRONT PORCH ALLIANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT FOUR.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 216-8 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO A NIGHT TO REMEMBER, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT FOUR.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, to adopt Resolution Nos. 216-7 and 216-8. The foregoing Resolutions were 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.

14:13

**RESOLUTION NO. 216-9 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PARTNERSHIP FOR FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND ADULTS, INC., IN THE AMOUNT**

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**OF TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) FROM GENERAL  
FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT EIGHT.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 216-9. 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.

**RESOLUTION NO. 216-10 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF  
SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC. FOR INSTALLATION,  
TERMINATION, TESTING, PROGRAMMING AND CERTIFICATION OF A BOGEN  
QUANTUM INTERCOM SYSTEM AT GANNS MIDDLE VALLEY ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL AMOUNTING TO \$30,194.45 FOR THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
DEPARTMENT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY  
CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Haynes, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 216-10. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a

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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.

15:41

**RESOLUTION NO. 216-11 A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL OF CIGNA HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY TO PROVIDE GROUP HEALTH PLAN ADMINISTRATION FOR HAMILTON COUNTY AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Fields, to adopt Resolution No. 216-11. 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, "Nay", 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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**RESOLUTION NO. 216-12 A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL OF BB&T/HUFFAKER INSURANCE TO PROVIDE UMBRELLA LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR HAMILTON COUNTY AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Fields, to adopt Resolution No. 216-12. 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.

17:01

**RESOLUTION NO. 216-13 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2004 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN HAMILTON COUNTY AND THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL FACILITIES; AUTHORIZING THE PRESENTATION OF SAID AMENDED AGREEMENT TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR CONSIDERATION FOR AND APPROVAL; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY**

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**MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AMENDED AGREEMENT WHEN, AND IF, SO  
APPROVED.**

Chairman Bankston stated that this Resolution was pulled from the agenda following last week's Agenda Session.

**RESOLUTION NO. 216-14 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 CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH THE TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES TO  
RESIDENTS OF HAMILTON COUNTY AND INCREASE THE EXPENSE AND  
REVENUE BUDGET BY \$18,400.00.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to adopt Resolution No. 216-14. 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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**LATE ITEM -**

18:02

**RESOLUTION NO. 216-15 A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE PROPOSAL TO  
NAME A UNITED STATES NAVAL SHIP “THE USS CHATTANOOGA” IN HONOR  
OF THE HEROIC EFFORTS OF THOSE INVOLVED IN THE CHATTANOOGA  
INCIDENT OF JULY 16, 2015.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to  
adopt Resolution No. 216-15.

Commissioner Graham thanked the commission for their support and spoke  
regarding this item. He noted that the State Legislature is asking the Federal  
Government to name the next United States Navy ship “ The USS Chattanooga” in  
honor of the heroism shown by so many during the July 16, 2015 Chattanooga terrorist  
attacks.

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,  
“Nay”, Commissioner Fields, “Aye”, Commissioner Graham, “Aye”, Commissioner  
Haynes, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and

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Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 8.

Total "Nay" votes – 1.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Bankston asked for announcements from members of the  
Commission.

19:31

Commissioner Mackey reported that the Chattanooga Central Pounders basketball team won Tuesday's game against Red Bank High School by a score of 64 – 61. He encouraged everyone to attend UTC's Men's Basketball home game against Wofford College, tomorrow night at 7:30 pm.

20:06

Commissioner Graham invited everyone to attend a Lookout Valley Neighborhood Association community Judicial and Assessor forum meeting at the John A. Patten Center, Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. He also gave praise to the Mayor and his staff for their hard work and due diligence in explaining the health insurance proposals.

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Commissioner Boyd invited everyone to attend a community meeting regarding the Hamilton County Water and Wastewater Treatment Authority (WWTA) at the East Ridge Community Center, Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

22:30

Commissioner Fairbanks thanked his fellow commissioners, Mayor Coppinger, Attorney Taylor, and Soddy Daisy Mayor Nunley for helping him honor JROTC cadets. He also spoke regarding his no vote for Resolution No. 216-11. He also congratulated Soddy Daisy High School Cheerleading Team on their recent National Championship victory.

Commissioner Fairbanks acknowledged CIGNA was low bid and thanked the Mayor and his staff for their thorough presentation to Commissioners. He explained that his nay vote resulted from several upset employees contacting him during the past year with health insurance coverage concerns. He also added that his family has a year old unresolved issue regarding coverage. He encouraged discussion about what the county's health insurance plan doesn't cover and what would it cost the county to improve coverage.

24:43

Commissioner Smedley thanked the Mayor for attending and speaking at Monday's Stop Bullying Assembly at East Hamilton Middle High School. Paul Coughlin, an anti-bullying expert, spoke to the students about how they should handle bullying and hazing incidents. She also asked the commission to take bullying and hazing



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conversations seriously and enforce strict policies against it. She invited everyone to attend a Community Meeting, Thursday February 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm; location of meeting will be announced later. State representatives will be present at the meeting giving updates on issues they are dealing with now at the state level.

25:42 Commissioner Beck asked for an update regarding the Hamilton County Department of Education's (HCDE) spending plans. Chairman Bankston stated that he sent a request for the information to HCDE three weeks ago. He reported that he has yet to receive a response from the School System. Commissioner Beck reported that he will be suspending his vote on the upcoming budget until an answer is received.

29:01 Attorney Taylor requested that Commissioners and the Mayor meet with him in the adjacent conference room following today's regular meeting for a brief legal meeting on a threatened litigation matter.

29:09 Mayor Coppinger thanked Soddy Daisy Mayor Nunley for attending today's meeting. He also reported that Louis Prosterman, Hamilton County Development Supervisor, passed away this past Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. He asked that his family be kept in everyone's thoughts and prayers. Memorial services will be held at noon Thursday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Chattanooga.

Commissioner Mackey spoke regarding the School Board's delayed response, he noted that the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce recently reported that there

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are 15,000 well paying jobs and Chattanooga business leaders cannot recruit qualified local candidates. He stressed the importance of the School Board having a spending plan in place. He noted he will have difficulty voting on the upcoming budget without knowing the School Board's future spending plans.

Chairman Bankston also congratulated the Chattanooga Central Pounders basketball team on their recent victories. He also congratulated Ooltewah High School Red Hot Dance Team on their recent State Championship victory.

33:30

**DELEGATIONS**

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

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There being no further business, Chairman Bankston declared the meeting in recess until Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



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William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

02-17-16  
Date

W.F.K.  
Clerk's Initials