

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2015**

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
Regular Meeting

COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
February 18, 2015

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 18th day of February, 2015, 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:--

0:22 Present and presiding was the Honorable Jim Fields, Chairman. County Clerk Bill Knowles called the roll of the County Commission and the following, constituting a quorum, answered to their names: Commissioner Bankston, Commissioner Beck, Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Fairbanks, Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Haynes, Commissioner Mackey, Commissioner Smedley, and Chairman Fields. 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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0:39 Commissioner Beck introduced Pastor Gary Armes, Senior Minister of Hickory Valley Christian Church, who gave the invocation. Commissioner Beck led in the pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Haynes, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of January 28, 2015, the Agenda Preparation Session of January 28, 2015, the Regular Meeting of February 4, 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 Bankston, "Aye"; Commissioner Beck, "Aye"; Commissioner Boyd, "Aye"; Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Haynes, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; Commissioner Smedley, "Aye"; and Chairman Fields, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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CRIMINAL COURT CLERK REPORTS

The Criminal Court Clerk reports for October through December 2014 were submitted and made a matter of record.

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JUVENILE COURT CLERK REPORT

The Juvenile Court Clerk reports for September and October 2014 were submitted and made a matter of record.

ORDER OF DESIGNATION

An order was submitted for the record designating Todd Leamon to sit as the County Mayor's representative on the Planning Commission for the meeting of February 9, 2015.

QUATERLY INVESTMENT REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014

The quarterly investment report of Hamilton County government, for the quarter ending December 31, 2014 was submitted as a matter of record.

FEE OFFICE REPORTS

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

Circuit Court Clerk – October 2014 through December 2014
County Clerk – October 2014 through December 2014
Register of Deeds – October 2014 through December 2014
Clerk & Master – October 2014 through December 2014

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ORDER OF REAPPOINTMENT

County Mayor Coppinger submitted for the record an order reappointing Harold Austin to the Eastside Utility District Board of Commissioners for a four-year term expiring February 2, 2019.

3:43

**RESOLUTION NO. 215-17 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT
APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS AND OATHS OF DEPUTY
SHERIFFS.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to adopt Resolution No. 215-17. 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 Boyd, "Aye"; Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Haynes, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; Commissioner Smedley, "Aye"; and Chairman Fields, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

4:23

**RESOLUTION NO. 215-21 A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM A-1
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT,
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10453 EAST BRAINERD ROAD.**

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4:41

Commissioner Haynes, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, spoke regarding Resolution 215-21 which seeks to rezone property located at 10453 East Brainerd Road. He recognized Billy McCoy, owner and developer of the property, in the audience. Commissioner Haynes noted that the Zoning Committee met last week to discuss this property, and one lot remained in question. He addressed those questions to Commissioner Smedley as the lot is located in her district, and she has worked with the developer and the home owner's association.

Chairman Fields advised that a motion must first be made to put the resolution on the floor before discussion could take place.

In response, Commissioner Haynes confirmed that with the current letter of offer between the owner and the buyer, the Zoning Committee recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Haynes, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 215-21.

At this time Commissioner Smedley entered into the record the sales agreement between Billy McCoy, the owner and Crystal Brook Home Owner's Association, the buyer. It was noted that the Clerk's office had been given a copy of the agreement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 215-22A A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM R-2A RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, A-1 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT AND C-2 LOCAL BUSINESS COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO C-2 LOCAL BUSINESS COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1704 & 1714 THRASHER PIKE AND 1636 & 7640 MIDDLE VALLEY ROAD.

RESOLUTION NO. 215-22B A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM R-2A RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, A-1 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT AND C-2 LOCAL BUSINESS COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO C-2 LOCAL BUSINESS COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1704 & 1714 THRASHER PIKE AND 1636 & 7640 MIDDLE VALLEY ROAD.

During the February 11th Agenda Session Commissioner Haynes, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, requested that Resolution No. 215-22A and 215-22B be deferred to the March 4th Agenda.

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RESOLUTION NO. 215-20 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF K9 WORKING DOGS INTERNATIONAL, LLC FOR THREE (3) BELGIAN MALINOIS CANINE DOGS AMOUNTING TO \$31,050.00 FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 215-24 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 WITH THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS (NACCHO) FOR \$3,500.00 TO SUPPORT THE MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS OF CHATTANOOGA, AND TO AMEND THE ADMINISTRATION REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES BUDGET.

RESOLUTION NO. 215-25 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TENNESSEE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (TEMA) FOR A GRANT OF \$303,800.04 WITH A TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 FOR FIXED NUCLEAR FACILITIES EMERGENCY PLANNING.

RESOLUTION NO. 215-26 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF MOUNTAIN VIEW FORD FOR ONE (1) 4X2 UTILITY VEHICLE FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY

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**FELONY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAM AMOUNTING TO \$19,116.00
AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS
NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 215-28 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF
TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000.00) IN DISCRETIONARY FUNDS (AS
ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT THREE) TOWARD THE CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE II
OF THE GREEN HOUSE COMPLEX AT HIXSON HIGH SCHOOL.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 215-29 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF CONTECH
ENGINEERED SOLUTIONS, LLC, AND SHERMAN DIXIE CONCRETE INDUSTRIES,
INC. FOR SIX (6) MONTHS CONTRACT PRICING, BEGINNING MARCH 7, 2015,
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6, 2015, FOR CONCRETE AND METAL CULVERT FOR
THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO
SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 215-30 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF
SEQUATCHIE CONCRETE SERVICE, 84 LUMBER COMPANY AND PRO BUILD
FOR SIX (6) MONTHS CONTRACT PRICING, BEGINNING MARCH 7, 2015,
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6, 2015, FOR BAGGED PORTLAND CEMENT FOR THE
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN
ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

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RESOLUTION NO. 215-31 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS, VULCAN CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, DUNLAP STONE, INC., APAC PAVING, INC. DBA MIDSOUTH AGGREGATES, SEQUATCHIE CONCRETE SERVICE, INC., AND FINELINES LANDSCAPING, INC. FOR SIX (6) MONTHS CONTRACT PRICING, BEGINNING MARCH 7, 2015, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6, 2015, FOR CRUSHED STONE AND SAND FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 215-32 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF SEQUATCHIE CONCRETE SERVICE, INC., TNT CONCRETE, LLC AND LAMBCON READY MIX FOR SIX (6) MONTHS CONTRACT PRICING, BEGINNING MARCH 7, 2015 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6, 2015, FOR READY MIX CONCRETE FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 215-33 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF TALLEY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. DBA SOUTHEASTERN MATERIALS, INC., HUDSON MATERIALS COMPANY, BLACKLIDGE EMULSIONS, INC., DUNLAP STONE, INC. AND HIWASSEE PAVING, LLC. FOR SIX (6) MONTHS CONTRACT PRICING, BEGINNING MARCH 7, 2015, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6, 2015, FOR ASPHALT ROAD MATERIALS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

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RESOLUTION NO. 215-34 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH GEO SERVICES, LLC FOR GEOENVIRONMENTAL TESTING NECESSARY FOR DESIGN OF THE WOLFTEVER CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,250.00 OF PREVIOUSLY BUDGETED FUNDS.

RESOLUTION NO. 215-35 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THOMPSON ENGINEERING FOR GEOENVIRONMENTAL TESTING NECESSARY FOR DESIGN OF THE SALE CREEK MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$27,500.00 OF PREVIOUSLY BUDGETED FUNDS.

RESOLUTION NO. 215-36 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH MORELAND ALTOBELLI ASSOCIATES, INC FOR GEOENVIRONMENTAL TESTING NECESSARY FOR DESIGN OF THE NOLAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,943.00 OF PREVIOUSLY BUDGETED FUNDS.

12:15 Commissioner Graham provided details regarding Resolutions No. 215-20, 215-24 through 215-26, 215-28 through 215-36 and stated that the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

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13:18 Commissioner Graham addressed Commissioner Haynes to speak about Resolution 215-28 which would approve the expenditure of \$20,000 in discretionary funds toward the construction of phase II of the green house complex at Hixson High School. He recognized Lee Friedlander, Agriculture Science teacher at Hixson High School, in the audience. Commissioner Haynes praised Mr. Friedlander for his efforts at Hixson High School in establishing an aquaponics lab. He also praised the students for excelling under Mr. Friedlander's leadership.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolutions No. 215-20, 215-24 through 215-26, and 215-28 through 215-36.

Commissioner Mackey addressed the Mayor and commended his staff for sending out proper notifications to receive competitive bids on these items.

16:52 Commissioner Boyd addressed the Commission about Resolution No. 215-20, which would accept the bid of K9 Working Dogs International for three Belgian Malinois dogs amounting to \$31,050.00 for the Sheriff's Department. He stated his concern about releasing the County's liability and ownership of the dogs once they retire.

18:08 In response to Commissioner Boyd's concerns relating to the County's liability for the retiring dogs, County Attorney Taylor noted that a Resolution addressing this issue would be placed on the March 4th agenda.

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

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON RESOLUTION NO. 215-18

RESOLUTION NO. 215-18A A RESOLUTION TO RE-APPOINT CONSTANCE WILLIAMS AND MIKE DOUBLEDAY TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH AND SAFETY HEARING BOARD FOR FOUR (4) YEAR TERMS BEGINNING JANUARY 19, 2015 AND ENDING JANUARY 19, 2019.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 215-18A.

Attorney Taylor spoke about this item which would reappoint Constance Williams and Mike Doubleday to the Hamilton County Health and Safety Hearing Board. It was noted that 215-18 was replaced with 215-18A because one member, Bruce O'Neal, was removed from the Resolution as he had previously been appointed to the board per Resolution No. 514-3.

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Commissioner Graham praised Mike Doubleday for the job he is doing and publicly thanked him for his service to Hamilton County.

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

20:27 **RESOLUTION NO. 215-19 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF BEN C. WILSON AS DIRECTOR OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Bankston, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 215-19. 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 Bankston, "Aye"; Commissioner Beck, "Aye"; Commissioner Boyd, "Aye"; Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; Commissioner Smedley, "Aye"; and Chairman Fields,

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“Aye” Commissioner Haynes was not present for the vote. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 8. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 215-23 A RESOLUTION CLARIFYING THE HEALTH
INSURANCE BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO HAMILTON COUNTY EMPLOYEES UPON
THEIR RETIREMENT BY RESOLUTION NO. 1014-33, AS AMENDED.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to adopt Resolution No. 215-23. 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 Bankston, “Aye”; Commissioner Beck, “Aye”; Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”; Commissioner Fairbanks, “Aye”; Commissioner Graham, “Aye”; Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”; Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”; and Chairman Fields, “Aye”. Commissioner Haynes was not present for the vote. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 8. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 215-27 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR
TO RELEASE \$2,201,000 OF FUNDS HELD IN ESCROW FROM THE SALE OF THE
FORMER OOLTEWAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND
AND TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS UP TO \$2,201,000 FROM
THE COUNTY LINE OF CREDIT TO PURCHASE SAFETY AND SECURITY
UPGRADES AND ADDITIONS FOR HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOLS.**

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Commissioner Graham sought the floor to discuss Resolution No. 215-27A which incorporated changes he requested at last week's agenda session.

Chairman Fields ruled that the original resolution 215-27 must first be on the floor for discussion with a Motion and second before consideration of any amendments.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to adopt Resolution No. 215-27.

Commissioner Graham spoke in support of an attachment to Resolution 215-27A which was prepared by the County Attorney and incorporated the amendments he had requested at last week's agenda preparation.

22:26

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to amend Resolution No. 215-27 as stated in documentation provided by County Attorney Taylor.

Commissioner Boyd spoke about the amendment to Resolution 215-27. He praised County Attorney Taylor for a detailed clarification about what the amendment seeks to do. For clarification purposes, he stated that the amendment would commit the net proceeds from the forth-coming sale of East Brainerd Elementary School to be equally distributed among the nine County Commission districts and School districts. It was noted that the amendment specified the proceeds be spent exclusively for

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school/education projects. These various needs shall be determined by each respective Commissioner in coordination with their respective School Board member and subsequently approved by the County Legislative body. Commissioner Boyd clarified that this amendment does not alter the line of credit allocated to the purchase of safety and security upgrades in schools.

28:50 In response to Commissioner Fairbanks question, Commissioner Graham explained that this amendment allocates the forth-coming net proceeds from the sale of East Brainerd Elementary School evenly as to make it equitable for all districts.

 In response to Commissioner Mackey's question, Attorney Taylor stated that the need of each district shall be determined by each respective Commissioner in coordination with their respective School Board member and subsequently approved by the county legislative body.

 Commissioners Smedley and Mackey expressed concern that equal division of proceeds by district would not be equitable because some districts had more schools to cover.

37:34 In response to a question asked by Commissioner Haynes, Superintendent Rick Smith stated that the sale of East Brainerd Elementary would happen in February or March of 2016.

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The foregoing Motion to amend Resolution No. 215-27 was 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 Boyd, "Aye"; Commissioner Fairbanks, "Nay"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Haynes, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; Commissioner Smedley, "Nay"; and Chairman Fields, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 2.

Chairman Fields indicated the Motion to amend Resolution No. 215-27 passed and called for a roll call vote on the main motion to adopt Resolution No. 215-27, as amended and renumbered 215-27A.

The foregoing Motion to adopt Resolution No. 215-27A was 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 Boyd, "Aye"; Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Haynes, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; Commissioner Smedley, "Aye"; and Chairman Fields, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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Position

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40:36 **RESOLUTION NO. 215-37 A RESOLUTION TO MAKE CERTAIN FINDINGS
RELATING TO THE UTC FIVE, LLC PROJECT, TO DELEGATE CERTAIN
AUTHORITY TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL, AND HOUSING FACILITY BOARD
OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE
COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to
adopt Resolution No. 215-37.

 Commissioner Graham clarified for the record that he is a sitting member on the
River City Board of Directors.

 Due to illness and his inability to seek answers to questions he had on this
resolution, Commissioner Mackey made a motion to table Resolution 215-37 for a
week. Motion failed due to a lack of a second.

44:33 Walk2Campus property developer, Roe Elam, responded to Commissioner
Boyd's question about the number of PILOT programs Walk2Campus has received on
properties they manage. It was noted that Walk2Campus has two other properties in
Hamilton County that receive tax abatement.

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At this time a lengthy discussion took place among Commissioners about the necessity of using a PILOT program to develop the property on Lindsay Street and Fifth Street.

55:02 Kim White, River City Company President and CEO, spoke about the demand for affordable rental housing in downtown Chattanooga.

Mark West, a citizen in opposition to the resolution, asked for recognition to speak. Chairman Fields denied the request.

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 Bankston, "Nay"; Commissioner Beck, "Aye"; Commissioner Boyd, "Nay"; Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Haynes, "Aye"; Commissioner Smedley, "Nay"; and Chairman Fields, "Aye".
Commissioner Mackey abstained from voting. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0.
Total "Aye" votes – 5 . Total "Nay" votes – 3. Total Abstentions – 1.

1:03:50

At this time Chairman Fields indicated he had failed to ask the Clerk to read the caption of Resolution 215-27A into the record. Deputy Clerk Godwin read the caption for the record.

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1:04:45

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Fields asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

Commissioner Boyd, Chairman of the Education Committee, stated that the second joint meeting between the Education Committee and the Hamilton County Board of Education Facilities Committee was cancelled today; the reschedule date will be announced in the near future.

Commissioner Boyd spoke regarding payment in lieu of tax (PILOT) programs for new and expanding businesses. He asked for information on compliance of these companies receiving abatements.

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1:08:10 In response to Commissioner Boyd's request, Mayor Coppinger stated this information is diligently maintained and a copy may be picked-up in his office.

Commissioner Smedley thanked Commissioner Boyd for his comments regarding PILOT agreements. In closing she publicly recognized School Superintendent, Rick Smith in the audience and acknowledged the importance of school tax dollars.

Mayor Coppinger expressed his appreciation to the County Highway Department, the Sheriff's Department, Emergency Medical Service, area fire departments, Electric Power Board, Department of Transportation, and others for their hard work to serve the public during recent inclement weather. In closing, he reported road closures and that several crews were out manning roads around the county.

Commissioner Fairbanks publicly recognized that Mark Smedley, Commissioner Smedley's husband, was present in the audience.

1:10:23 Mayor Coppinger pointed out that PILOT agreements are monitored very closely by the Mayor's office, the Trustee's office, the Assessor's office, and the Chamber of Commerce to make certain they are in compliance.

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DELEGATIONS

Chairman Fields asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

1:11:03

Mark West residing at 2315 Heavenly View Drive Ooltewah, TN 37363 and Bill Reesor at 1404 Woodway Drive Ooltewah, TN 37363 addressed the Commission. Both expressed concern regarding conflict of interest existing when a member of the Commission votes on an issue for which they are also a board member for the company bringing the item to the Commission. Mr. West and Mr. Reesor spoke about doing away with payment in lieu of programs and implementing a senior tax freeze.

There being no further business, Chairman Fields declared the meeting in recess until February 25, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

03-04-15

Date



Clerk's Initials