

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 02, 2016**

**STATE OF TENNESSEE**            )  
**COUNTY OF HAMILTON**        )

Regular Meeting  
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**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 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. Commissioner Beck arrived moments after the roll call.

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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Commissioner Bankston introduced Pastor Fletcher Farris, Community Baptist Church, who gave the invocation. Commissioner Bankston led in the pledge to the flag.

2:28

**PRESENTATION – MYELOMA AWARENESS**

Mayor Coppinger welcomed Linda Huguelet, a multiple myeloma survivor and leader of the Chattanooga Multiple Myeloma Networking Group to speak about this item. She thanked the Commission for their support and the Mayor for declaring March 2016 Multiple Myeloma Action Month. She provided additional details regarding the symptoms of the illness and noted that early detection is crucial for prognosis and therapy.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of February 10, 2016, the Agenda Preparation Session of February 10, 2016, and the Regular Meeting of February 17, 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

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Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 316-1 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT  
APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS, THE BONDS AND OATHS OF  
NOTARIES PREVIOUSLY ELECTED, OATH OF DEPUTY SHERIFF, AND THE  
OATHS OF OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS OF NORTH WEST UTILITY DISTRICT.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to adopt Resolution No. 316-1. 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.

**CRIMINAL COURT CLERK'S REPORTS**

The Criminal Court Clerk's reports for December 2015 and January 2016 were submitted and made a matter of record.

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Chairman Bankston reported that Resolution Nos. 316-2 through 316-8 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

8:12

**RESOLUTION NO. 316-2 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THREE DOLLARS (\$1,303.00) FROM DISCRETIONARY BOND FUNDS (AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT NINE) TO ASSIST WITH THE PURCHASE OF LAB EQUIPMENT FOR BROWN MIDDLE SCHOOL.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Fairbanks seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 316-2. 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. 316-3 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT DOLLARS (\$1,938.00) FROM DISCRETIONARY BOND FUNDS (AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT FIVE) TO PURCHASE A SECURITY SYSTEM FOR WOODMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**

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**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 316-3. 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.

9:35

**RESOLUTION NO. 316-4 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO GAMMA PI BOULE FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT FOUR.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Haynes, to adopt Resolution No. 316-4. 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.

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10:17

**RESOLUTION NO. 316-5 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHATTANOOGA 2.0, A  
COMMUNITY-WIDE EFFORT FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN HAMILTON  
COUNTY.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to  
adopt Resolution No. 316-5.

In response to Commissioner Graham's question, Attorney Taylor stated  
Resolution No. 316-5 doesn't give any authority to Chattanooga 2.0 He also questioned  
the name being Chattanooga 2.0 since the schools are administered by Hamilton  
County.

In response to Commissioner Graham's concerns, Commissioner Smedley noted  
she didn't have any part in naming the initiative. She noted her support for Chattanooga  
2.0 and stated the name of the initiative was the least of her worries.

Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce President Bill Kilbride agreed that the name  
of the initiative was quickly adopted. He agreed to look into the possibility of changing  
the name.

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Commissioner Haynes reported that the school principals in district 3 have questioned if getting parents involved in the school system is part of Chattanooga 2.0 initiative.

In response to Commissioner Mackey's suggestion to name Chattanooga 2.0 to Hamilton County 2.0 Commissioner Smedley asked that the commission vote in support of the initiative and allow Mr. Kilbride to take the suggestion back for recommendation. She also reiterated that the Chattanooga 2.0 initiative is in no way agreeing to a property tax increase now or in the future.

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.

**RESOLUTION NO. 316-6 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE REGISTER'S OFFICE DP FEE ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,208.05 FOR NECESSARY OFFICE UPGRADES AND INCREASING THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY**

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**REGISTER'S OFFICE BY \$12,550.00 AND AUTHORIZING 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. 316-6.

Commissioner Graham reiterated that Register of Deeds Pamela Hurst will be  
submitting one million dollars in excess fees. He thanked her for continuing to find ways  
to submit excess fees to county general each year.

In response to Commissioner Boyd's request, Register Hurst agreed to email him  
last year's excess fee reports and an estimated report for April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 excess fees.

Mayor Coppinger commended Register Hurst and Clerk Knowles for remitting  
sizeable amounts of excess fees to the general government.

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



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

Total "Nay" votes – 0.

19:22

**RESOLUTION NO. 316-7 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF DRAEGER SAFETY, INC. FOR A PORTABLE EXTERIOR LIVE FIRE TRAINER AND TANK PROP AMOUNTING TO \$28,785.00 FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING 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. 316-7. 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.

20:03

**RESOLUTION NO. 316-8 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT WITH TWH ARCHITECTS, INC. FOR THE DESIGN OF THE NEW EAST BRAINERD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$141,035.88 OF PREVIOUSLY BUDGETED FUNDS.**

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**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 316-8. 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, "Nay", 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". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 2.

Chairman Bankston asked that Resolution Nos. 316-9 through 316-16 be considered together at this time.

**RESOLUTION NO. 316-9 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF AMERICAN GROUP PHOTOGRAPHY DBA CUSTOM PHOTO IMAGES FOR ONE (1) ROUNSHOT METRICS CAMERA AND EQUIPMENT AMOUNTING TO \$17,995.00 FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 316-10 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO PURCHASE, FROM THE TENNESSEE STATEWIDE CONTRACT, NEW AND UNUSED VEHICLES TO BE UTILIZED AS UNMARKED OR UNDERCOVER**

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**VEHICLES; THE NUMBER OF SUCH VEHICLES TO BE PURCHASED TO BE DETERMINED BY THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED ANNUALLY, NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000.00 FOR FY 2016 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 316-11 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF ACME SUPPLY COMPANY, LTD, BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC., ICS JAIL SUPPLIES, INC., CAROLINA TEXTILES, CHARM-TEX, CORNERSTONE DETENTION PRODUCTS, INC., O.D. TARGIN & BROTHERS, LLC, AND VICTORY SUPPLY, INC. FOR ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT PRICING, BEGINNING MARCH 20, 2016, THROUGH MARCH 19, 2017, FOR CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FOR THE SHERIFFS OFFICE AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 316-12 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 \$278,600.00 TO PROVIDE CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION SERVICES IN HAMILTON COUNTY, FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016.**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 316-13 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, 2016, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6, 2016, 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. 316-14 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF TNT CONCRETE, LLC FOR SIX (6) MONTHS CONTRACT PRICING, BEGINNING MARCH 7, 2016 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6, 2016, FOR READY MIX CONCRETE FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 316-15 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS, VULCAN MATERIALS COMPANY, AND DUNLAP STONE, INC. FOR SIX (6) MONTHS CONTRACT PRICING, BEGINNING MARCH 7, 2016, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6, 2016, 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. 316-16 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF TALLEY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. DBA SOUTHEASTERN MATERIALS, INC.,**

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**HUDSON MATERIALS COMPANY, BLACKLIDGE EMULSIONS, INC., DUNLAP STONE, INC. AND HIWASSEE PAVING, LLC. FOR SIX (6) MONTHS CONTRACT PRICING, BEGINNING MARCH 7, 2016, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6, 2016, FOR ASPHALT ROAD MATERIALS 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. 316-9 through 316-16 and stated that the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval. He asked that Sheriff Department's items Resolution Nos. 316-9 through 316-11 and the Highway Department's items Resolution Nos. 316-13 through 316-16 be considered together.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution Nos. 316-9 through 316-11. 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 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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**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 316-12. 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.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution Nos. 316-13 through 316-16. 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 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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28:49      **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Bankston asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

Several Commissioners and the Mayor congratulated Commissioner Haynes for winning the republican nomination as Assessor of Property in yesterday's primary.

28:51      Commissioner Haynes reminded everyone that today is the annual March 2<sup>nd</sup> Read Across America Day.

29:19      Commissioner Mackey spoke about the school system's budget, low test scores, crime rates, and the excess classroom space not being used in his district. He encouraged the school system to raise test scores and use empty classroom space to better educate children. He invited everyone to attend a community forum regarding public schools at Orchard Knob Baptist Church, Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

31:10      Commissioner Graham and Commissioner Fields complimented Commissioner Haynes for running an honorable campaign.

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33:09 Commissioner Boyd invited everyone to attend two community meetings regarding the Hamilton County Water and Wastewater Treatment Authority (WWTA). The first meeting will be co-hosted by Gene Shipley and Commissioner Fairbanks at Soddy Daisy City Hall, Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. The second meeting will be co-hosted by Howard Cotter, City of Red Bank representative to the WWTA board, at Red Bank Community Center, Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm.

35:28 Commissioner Smedley announced that the Education Committee will be meeting in the adjacent commission conference room immediately after next week's Agenda Session.

35:50 Commissioner Beck addressed comments made during last week's February 24<sup>th</sup> Agenda Session that centered around an article published in the Chattanooga Times Free Press on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. He commended Commissioner Smedley and Chairman Bankston for standing up and telling the truth. He reminded the Commission that public discussion took place December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 regarding the intent of the letter to uncouple the commissions pay from the county mayor's pay (Resolution No. 1215-40).He encouraged members of the Commission to guard each man's dignity, save each man's pride, and work together as a team.



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Commissioner Smedley thanked Chairman Bankston for taking a bold stand in the newspaper article defending the Commission.

43:24 **CLERK AND MASTER EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK**

Attorney Taylor indicated he had reviewed and approved amendments to the Clerk and Master's Employee Handbook as required by law and submitted a copy for the record.

44:11 Mayor Coppinger noted his support for Chattanooga 2.0 and thanked all the candidates and their families for participating in the primary election. He encouraged everyone to participate in the Read Across America, an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss.

The Mayor invited everyone to attend an open house at the Edney Innovation Center, this Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. The event is open to the public and provides the opportunity to tour the entire Innovation Center and meet current tenants.

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Chairman Bankston also congratulated Commissioner Haynes for winning the republican nomination for the Assessor's office. He also congratulated Judge Tom Greenholtz on winning the Hamilton County Criminal Court primary election.

50:02

**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, March 9, 2016 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



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William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

03-16-16  
Date

W.F.K.  
Clerk's Initials