

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
AGENDA PREPARATION SESSION  
MARCH 12, 2014**

**STATE OF TENNESSEE**            )            Agenda Preparation Session  
**COUNTY OF HAMILTON**        )            March 12, 2014

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014, an Agenda Preparation Session of the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners was begun and held at the Courthouse, in the City of Chattanooga, in the County Commission Room, when the following proceedings were held, to wit:--

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Present and presiding was the Honorable Fred Skillern, 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 Fields, Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Haynes, Commissioner Henry, Commissioner Mackey, and Chairman Skillern. 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.

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**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

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

- Resolution No. 314-15 was the usual County Clerk item regarding notaries, etc. This required no committee assignment.
- An Order of Designation to the Planning Commission would be submitted as a matter of record.
- A Juvenile Court Clerk Report would be submitted as a matter of record.
- A Debt Obligation Report would be submitted for the record.
- Resolutions No. 314-16 through 314-22 were assigned to the Finance Committee, chaired by Commissioner Graham.
- Resolution No. 314-23 was to be heard by a Committee of the Whole.
- Resolutions No. 314-24 was assigned to the Finance Committee, chaired by Commissioner Graham.
- Resolution No. 314-25 was heard by a Committee of the Whole during today's Recessed Meeting.
- Resolution No. 314-26 was assigned to the Health, Human Services, and Personnel Committee, chaired by Commissioner Boyd.
- Resolution No. 314-27 was assigned to the Finance Committee, chaired by Commissioner Graham.

1:09

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 314-23**

Chairman Skillern asked whether there was any discussion regarding Resolution No. 314-23, which would authorize payment of \$48,000 in settlement of a claim against Hamilton County and the Sheriff's Office as brought by the heir-of-law of Jason Matthew Logan. There was no discussion at this time.

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Chairman Skillern reported that each member of the Commission should have received a letter from a citizen who wished to bring an item before the Commission to place on the agenda. Chairman Skillern noted that agenda items could only be added by the Commission Chairman or County Mayor. He asked whether any member of the Commission desired to add an item to the agenda at this time. There were none.

Chairman Skillern asked that Attorney Taylor conduct an in depth legal study of this matter and report back to the Commission. Attorney Taylor indicated he would.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Skillern asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

Commissioner Haynes announced that the Security and Corrections Committee would meet this morning to discuss the two Judicial Commissioners whose terms were up for reappointment.

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Commissioner Graham thanked those who attended a Lookout Valley forum last week. This forum was held in order for constituents in the district to ask questions and hear from various political candidates. He stated the event had been well attended. He reported that another forum would be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup> to hear from other candidates.

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**DELEGATIONS**

Chairman Skillern asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

Jill Riley addressed the Commission on behalf of a group in attendance from Ganns Middle Valley Elementary School. She provided details regarding various safety and maintenance issues at the school's current facility, which she stated was 77 years old. She encouraged the Commission to give strong consideration to these issues during their decision to select upcoming school projects.

Commissioners Mackey and Graham indicated their agreement that the facility had not been well-maintained over the years. Each pointed out the wonderful job the faculty and staff at Ganns Middle Valley Elementary did on a daily basis.

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Commissioner Haynes welcomed another group in attendance for today's meeting. He introduced Bonny Gravitte, a former teacher at Ganns Middle Valley. He noted that Ms. Gravitte's impact on the students there was greatly appreciated.

Ms. Gravitte informed the Commission that she had attended Ganns Middle Valley Elementary as a first grade student in 1941. She gave a brief summary of her years of involvement at the school, including teacher, coach, and secretary. She indicated her belief that that community would benefit greatly from a new school.

Chairman Skillern spoke regarding the growth in student population over the years. He noted that portable units had been used in the past to accommodate school growth. Because of their high maintenance and utility costs, he felt they were not a good way to deal with future growth. He stated that new school constructions were much more energy efficient and would generate savings to the County over time.

Being no further business, Chairman Skillern declared the meeting adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted:



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William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

04-02-14  
Date

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Clerk's Initials