

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 1, 2015**

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| STATE OF TENNESSEE |) | Regular Meeting |
| COUNTY OF HAMILTON |) | April 1, 2015 |

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 1st day of April, 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:--

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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Commissioner Haynes introduced Pastor Gary Armes, Sr, Hickory Valley Christian Church, who gave the invocation. Commissioner Haynes led in the pledge to the flag.

2:20

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON MOTION of Commissioner Bankston, seconded by Commissioner Haynes, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of March 12, 2015, the Agenda Preparation Session of March 12, 2015, and the Regular Meeting of March 18, 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.

TRUSTEE'S EXCESS FEE REPORT

The Trustee's excess fee report for February 2015 was submitted and made a matter of record.

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TRUSTEE'S MONTHLY REPORT

The Trustee's monthly report for February 2015 was submitted and made a matter of record.

3:12

**RESOLUTION NO 415-1 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT
APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Bankston, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, to adopt Resolution No. 415-1. 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 Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "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.

Chairman Fields asked that Resolution No. 415-4 be considered at this time.

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**RESOLUTION NO 415-4 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO
SIGN A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH THE STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND THE HAMILTON COUNTY JUVENILE
COURT TITLE IV-D CHILD SUPPORT DIVISION.**

Chairman Fields reported that Resolution No. 415-4 was heard by the Committee of the Whole.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 415-4.

Chairman Fields asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

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.

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**RESOLUTION NO 415-6 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF CWC, LLC
AND NOI CHATTANOOGA FOR FURNITURE FOR THE CRIMINAL AND SESSIONS
COURTS AMOUNTING TO \$81,857.23 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR
TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

Chairman Fields reported that Resolution No. 415-6 was heard by the Committee of the Whole.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Bankston, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, to adopt Resolution No. 415-6.

Chairman Fields asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

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, "Nay", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Nay", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Nay", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fields, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 6. Total "Nay" votes – 3.

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RESOLUTION NO 415-2 A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING TWO (2) JUDICIAL COMMISSIONERS FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM, COMMENCING MAY 1, 2015, AND EXPIRING APRIL 30, 2016; DESIGNATING A CHIEF JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER AND ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION TO BE RECEIVED BY EACH DURING THEIR RESPECTIVE TERM(S) IN OFFICE.

Chairman Fields reported that Resolution No. 415-2 was heard by the Security and Corrections Committee.

5:50

Commissioner Mackey, Chairman of the Security and Corrections Committee, spoke regarding this resolution which reappointed Randall L. Russell, Chief Judicial Commissioner, and Sharetta T. Smith, Judicial Commissioner.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 415-2. 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 Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "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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In response to Commissioner Mackey's concerns, Attorney Taylor clarified that Resolution No. 415-2 appointed Randall L. Russell as Chief Judicial Commissioner.

6:49

RESOLUTION NO 415-11 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE "MASTER LIST OF ROADS AND SPEED LIMITS" SO AS TO CHANGE THE ROADWAY NAME FOR THE FOLLOWING DISTRICT ROAD: ELIZ CREST ROAD TO ELIZABETH CREST ROAD.

Chairman Fields reported that Resolution No. 415-11 was heard by Roads, Waste, Energy, Transportation and Zoning Committee.

Commissioner Haynes, Chairman of the Roads, Waste, Energy, Transportation and Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 415-11 and stated that the Roads Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Haynes, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 415-11. 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 Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman

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Fields, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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Chairman Fields report that Resolution Nos. 415-3, 415-5, 415-7 through 415-10, and 415-12 were heard by the Finance Committee and asked to consider them together at this time.

RESOLUTION NO 415-3 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF FIRST AID RELATED ITEMS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF POLICE OFFICERS (IBPO) WITH AN ESTIMATED VALUE OF \$1,498.

RESOLUTION NO 415-5 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN HAMILTON COUNTY AND FIRST TENNESSEE BANK TO PROVIDE BANKING SERVICES AND LOCK BOX PAYMENT PROCESSING SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY TRUSTEE FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO TWO (2) YEARS BEGINNING JUNE 8, 2015 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TRUSTEE TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO 415-7 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE UNIT PRICE BID OF PCMG, INC. FOR MICROSOFT CLIENT ACCESS LICENSES AND WINDOWS SERVER LICENSES, BEGINNING MAY 15, 2015 THROUGH MAY 14, 2016, WITH

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THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR TERM, FOR THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO 415-8 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 REIMBURSEMENT CONTRACT WITH UNITED HEALTH CARE PLAN OF THE RIVER VALLEY, INC. FOR HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2015.

RESOLUTION NO 415-9 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF EVS EMERGENCY VEHICLE SPECIALIST FOR ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT UNIT PRICING, BEGINNING APRIL 17, 2015, THROUGH APRIL 16, 2016, FOR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO 415-10 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF BLACKFOX TACTICAL FOR ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT PRICING, BEGINNING APRIL 17, 2015, THROUGH APRIL 16, 2016, FOR BODY ARMOR AND EQUIPMENT FOR

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO 415-12 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF SHERWIN WILLIAMS COMPANY AND ENNIS PAINT, INC. FOR ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT PRICING, BEGINNING MAY 1, 2015, THROUGH APRIL 30, 2016, FOR WATERBORNE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC PAINT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

11:58 Commissioner Graham, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 415-3, 415-5, 415-7 through 415-10, and 415-12 and stated that the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution Nos. 415-3, 415-5, 415-7 through 415-10, and 415-12.

14:04 Commissioner Mackey spoke regarding Resolution No. 415-10 and stated the Blackfox Tactical soft body armor meets requirements and standards.

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:

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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.

14:46

DISCUSSION: SENIOR PROPERTY TAX FREEZE

In response to Commissioner Graham's comments at last week's meeting indicating a desire to revisit the senior property tax freeze legislation, Chairman Fields stated the matter would be assigned to the Legal and Legislative Committee, chaired by Commissioner Bankston. He referenced the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, Article 2, Section 28. In closing he asked Commissioner Bankston to report back to the Commission.

Commissioner Mackey asked that veterans be considered when discussing a property tax freeze.

Clerk Knowles indicated there was an Attorney General opinion available related to this topic. Chairman Fields asked Clerk Knowles to forward the various Attorneys' general opinions regarding tax relief to Commissioner Bankston, Chairman of the Legal and Legislative Committee.

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15:44 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Fields asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

15:58 Commissioner Haynes acknowledged that today's meeting fell on April Fools' Day.

16:39 Commissioner Graham wished everyone a Happy Easter and thanked his family for being present in today's audience.

17:00 Commissioner Boyd reported a community meeting will take place in his district at the East Ridge Community Center, April 2nd at 6:30 pm.

17:29 Commissioner Bankston reported there will be a Hamilton County Audit Committee meeting immediately after the April 8th agenda session. He asked that this serve as the official public notice of that meeting.

17:57 Commissioner Fairbanks publicly recognized that Chelsea Johnson, a senior at Sale Creek High School, was present in today's audience. He reported Ms. Johnson was shadowing him to fulfill the requirements for her senior project. He thanked Ms. Johnson for her presence.

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18:58 Commissioner Smedley wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Chairman Fields publicly recognized that Hamilton County Department of Education Vice Chair, Donna Horne, District 7, was present in today's audience.

19:28 **DELEGATIONS**

Chairman Fields asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

19:48 Donna Horne, Chairman of Business and Community Relations Committee of the school board, residing at 830 Windy Hill Drive Chattanooga, TN 37421, addressed the Commission about Orchard Knob Middle students helping with the East Chattanooga mural "Painted Gardens", a Mark Making project. Mrs. Horne stressed the importance of art education and asked the Commission to see the value it provides. She encouraged the Commission to attend their respective district's School Board meetings. She provided a copy of the schedule to each Commissioner. In closing she asked that the recent tax proposal conversations be referred to as the "Tax to improve education and the betterment of our youth" not the "Rick Smith Tax".

23:51 Commissioner Graham responded to Mrs. Horne's comments and thanked her for attending today's meeting.

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Commissioner Mackey thanked Mrs. Horne for her presentation. He asked her what position School Board members had on the tax increase issue.

In response to Commission Mackey’s question, Mrs. Horne stated that she believed school board members would eventually publicly state where they stand on the proposal.

25:19

Mayor Coppinger announced that Hamilton County has once again received a triple AAA bond rating from Fitch Ratings. He indicated that the County is waiting for results from the other two rating agencies.

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Commissioner Fairbanks congratulated Al Kiser and his finance team for their hard work.

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There being no further business, Chairman Fields declared the meeting in recess until Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

04-15-15
Date

W.F.K.
Clerk's Initials