

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 5, 2017**

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)

Regular Meeting
April 5, 2017

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 5th day of April, 2017, 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:--

0:16

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 Graham, Commissioner Mackey, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Smedley, and Chairman Bankston. Commissioner Fields was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1.

Chairman Bankston noted Commissioner Fields would be absent for today's meeting.

Also in attendance were County Mayor Jim Coppinger, members of his administrative staff, County Attorney Rheubin Taylor, and County Auditor Jenneth Randall.

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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.

0:45 Commissioner Beck introduced Dr. Doug Plumlee, Ridgedale Baptist Church, who gave the invocation. Commissioner Beck led in the pledge to the flag.

Chairman Bankston reported the Hixson High School Wrestling Team presentation will take place at a later date. It was noted school was released early due to the impending severe weather.

**PRESENTATION – BOB DOAK – CHATTANOOGA AREA CONVENTION AND
VISITOR’S BUREAU**

4:25 Bob Doak, President and CEO of the Chattanooga Area Convention and Visitor’s Bureau (CVB), addressed the Commission regarding recent discussions pertaining to CVB spending. He began by thanking Commissioners and Mayor Copping for their support and commitment to the tourism industry. Mr. Doak introduced several of his colleagues and asked each of them to give a brief statement about their work in Hamilton County.

Mitch Patel, President and CEO of Vision Hospitality Group, addressed Commissioners in support of the CVB. He stated his company started 20 years ago with

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one hotel in Hamilton County, and has grown to 8 hotels locally and 32 nationwide. He emphasized the important role the CVB plays in development and tourism in Hamilton County. Mr. Patel stated Chattanooga was once a stopping point and has since grown into a destination because of the dedication and strategies of leaders in the community. He reminded Commissioners of the competitive nature of the tourism industry and explained that any cuts to the CVB budget could be detrimental to their competitive advantage. It was noted the tourism industry is a \$1 billion industry and employs over 8,000 people in Hamilton County.

Keith Sanford, President and CEO of the Tennessee Aquarium and CVB Treasurer, emphasized the importance of the tourism industry in Hamilton County. He read an excerpt from a newspaper article printed in Jackson, Mississippi, which referred to Chattanooga as a "Spring Break Destination". Mr. Sanford stated these types of headlines would not be possible without the work of the CVB.

Ken DeFoor, Real Estate Developer and Owner of the Downtown Chattanooga Westin Hotel, which is currently under construction, spoke in support of the CVB. He highlighted the many developments he and his brother have in Hamilton County. He stated they would have been hesitant to develop the \$60 million Westin Hotel project had he known the CVB budget might be cut. He encouraged Commissioners not to take away the energy that keeps Hamilton County growing.

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14:36

Mike Steele, CVB Board of Directors, stated he was appointed to the CVB board in 2006. It was noted he previously served on the Tourist Development Agency Board of Directors. Mr. Steele stated he has personally seen the exponential growth in Hamilton County since the Commission's decision in 2007 (*Resolution No. 207-27*) to allocate 100% of the Hotel-Motel Tax to the CVB. He spoke highly of Mr. Doak's character and integrity. He emphasized the CVB's pivotal role in allowing the community to enjoy the great reputation of Hamilton County.

Mr. Doak, residing at 1963 Turnberry Circle, Hixson, TN 37343, explained the CVB is the chief marketing agency for all of Hamilton County and remains diligent in how funds from the Hotel-Motel Tax (*Resolution No. 207-27*) are spent. He distributed a handout detailing CVB revenues and expenses as well as information about tourism in Hamilton County. A copy of the handout was filed with the Clerk's office. Mr. Doak expanded on a few marketing strategies noting the bureau distributes 400,000 visitor guides per year and can reach over half a million people using social media.

26:13

In response to Mr. Doak's request for comment regarding financial controls, Mr. Sanford stated the CVB has audited financial statements every year and periodic state audits. He added the bureau would welcome a County audit and stated their support for Senator Gardenhire's proposed legislation, which would require the state comptroller to audit expenditures made from the proceeds of the Hotel-Motel Tax levied by Hamilton County. He welcomed Commissioners to look at the CVB's books.

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Mr. Doak echoed Mr. Sanford's comments and stated the CVB files a 990-form each year, which is available online. He added the audited financial statements are available for public viewing upon request. At this time, Mr. Doak asked for questions from Commissioners.

29:32 In response to Chairman Bankston's question, Mr. Doak stated the media does not have access to line item budget items as releasing private marketing strategies could have a detrimental effect on their competitive advantage. He noted this information is available for Commissioners to view.

31:30 Commissioner Mackey praised the work of the CVB and emphasized the importance of development and growth.

Commissioner Graham stated the information gathered for an audit cannot be released publicly as it is a violation of the law to divulge this information. He added the Hotel-Motel Tax is not funded by property taxes, but by actual tourists that are drawn to the area.

Commissioner Graham asked Mr. Doak to clarify several items that have been reported by local media. Mr. Doak said his office has about \$15,000 in art, including some that was donated. He stated the building has \$63,000 in furnishings and equipment and the build out when the office was moved to the SunTrust Building was

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approximately \$391,000. Mr. Doak also explained his wife helped design and decorate the office, but was not paid for her work. Commissioner Graham added the office must be in a fine enough setting to entertain prospects and clients from all over the world. He emphasized his support for the CVB and added he would not support any Resolution that would decrease funding to the bureau. He thanked Mr. Doak and his colleagues for their continued investments in Hamilton County.

51:34 Commissioner Boyd read from a 1983 document, which stated the Tourist Development Agency should submit a line item budget to the County legislative body for approval before any appropriation is made. He provided statistics regarding budget appropriations to tourism and the subsequent economic benefit from surrounding cities.

In response to Commissioner Boyd's question as to whether Mr. Doak would be willing to make information such as depreciation schedules, check registers, travel expenses, etc. available for public viewing, Mr. Doak stated that he would not.

58:52 In response to Commissioner Fairbanks' question, Mr. Doak confirmed the \$64,829 listed in marketing expenses included meetings, local travel, and entertainment expenses for potential clients. He stated the importance of showcasing the community at its best to those clients.

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In response to Commissioner Fairbanks' question, Mr. Sanford stated the CVB has a larger board that is a ceremonial type board, but the smaller executive committee is a working board that approves budgets and day-to-day operations.

1:02:31 Mayor Coppinger thanked the business leaders present at today's meeting for their investments in Hamilton County.

In response to Mayor Coppinger's question regarding a letter that was received from attorney Phillip Whitaker, Mr. Doak confirmed that is not, nor has it ever been, the intention of the CVB to sue Hamilton County.

Mayor Coppinger reported he and Chairman Bankston asked Mr. Doak to speak at today's meeting to provide explanations for some of the discussion that has taken place. He emphasized no one in public office wants to see funds mishandled and stated the CVB, a 501c4, must be held accountable and has submitted external audits to the Mayor's office every year. He added they are not a part of Hamilton County Government and noted the added expense it would take to have them go through the County's procurement process.

In response to Mayor Coppinger's question, County Auditor Jenneth Randall stated the CVB is the only 501c4 that has been audited in her 22 years in the office.

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1:18:16

Mayor Coppinger spoke at length about the public scrutiny the CVB has been subjected to. He expressed his disappointment in anyone calling into question the integrity and credibility of those willing to serve without facts. He empathized with Mr. Doak's position of not releasing certain documents to the media and compared the situation to the Volkswagen negotiation process. He stated that over a ten-year period Hamilton County has contributed over \$40 million to the CVB's budget, with a \$7 billion return on that investment. He asked Commissioners to consider the positive impact that type of return has on the local economy. He noted the CVB is providing a service that local government cannot provide, and he will not question the integrity and credibility of those serving in that capacity. He expressed how grateful he is for the growth in Hamilton County.

Mr. Doak thanked Mayor Coppinger and Commissioners for today's discussion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1:24:03

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Graham, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of March 8, 2017, the Agenda Preparation Session of March 8, 2017, and the Regular Meeting of March 15, 2017, 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",

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Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Fairbanks, “Aye”, Commissioner Graham, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Bankston, “Aye”. Commissioner Fields was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 8. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

ORDER OF DESIGNATION

An order was recorded designating Todd Leamon to sit as the County Mayor’s representative on the Planning Commission for the meeting of March 13, 2017.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

The Trustee’s Monthly and Excess Fee reports for February 2017 were submitted and made a matter of record.

JUVENILE COURT CLERK’S REPORT

The Juvenile Court Clerk’s reports for November 2016, December 2016, and January 2017 were submitted and made a matter of record.

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1:24:37 **RESOLUTION NO. 417-1 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS AND THE BONDS AND OATHS OF NOTARIES PREVIOUSLY ELECTED.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 417-1. 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 Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Fields was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

Chairman Bankston reported Resolution Nos. 417-2 through 417-9 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

RESOLUTION NO. 417-2 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE COUNTY MAYOR OF ONE MEMBER TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY WATER & WASTEWATER TREATMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR TERM ENDING APRIL 6, 2021.

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This Resolution appoints John McPherson.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adopt Resolution No. 417-2. 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 Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Fields was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

1:25:54 **RESOLUTION NO. 417-3 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$7,650.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT ONE, TO ASSIST WITH THE PURCHASE OF A THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA FOR SEQUOYAH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 417-3. 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 Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye",

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Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Fields was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 0. Commissioner Graham announced he was present.

1:26:41 **RESOLUTION NO. 417-4 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO MARY WALKER HISTORICAL AND EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$13,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT FOUR.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to adopt Resolution No. 417-4. 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 Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Fields was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

1:27:21 Chairman Bankston asked that Resolution Nos. 417-5 through 417-7 be considered together at this time.

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RESOLUTION NO. 417-5 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO A NIGHT TO REMEMBER, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT FOUR.

RESOLUTION NO. 417-6 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO A NIGHT TO REMEMBER, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT FIVE.

RESOLUTION NO. 417-7 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO A NIGHT TO REMEMBER, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT NINE.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, to adopt Resolution Nos. 417-5 through 417-7. 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 Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner

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Fields was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 7. Total “Nay” votes – 0. Commissioner Graham announced he was present.

1:28:28 **RESOLUTION NO. 417-8 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF OCI, SCHOOL SPECIALTY, INC., COS BUSINESS PRODUCTS & INTERIORS, TROXELL COMMUNICATIONS, INC., AND VIREO, INC., FOR CONTRACT UNIT PRICING BEGINNING APRIL 5, 2017, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2017, FOR SCHOOL FURNITURE FOR WOLFTEVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ANY ADDITIONAL SCHOOLS NEEDING FURNITURE FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 417-8.

Chairman Bankston stated a change in vendors was made after last week’s Agenda Session. It was noted Tiles in Style, LLC, dba Taza Supplies, LLC was replaced with COS Business Products & Interiors.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 417-8. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and

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voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Fields was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 417-9 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT OF THE DISPUTE CONCERNING THE ALSTOM POWER, INCORPORATED, PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES ("PILOT") AGREEMENT UPON RECEIPT OF THE SUM OF SIX MILLION DOLLARS (\$6,000,000.00), TO BE SHARED PROPORTIONALLY BETWEEN HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR, COUNTY ASSESSOR, AND COUNTY TRUSTEE TO EXECUTE A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 417-9.

In response to Commissioner Boyd's question, Mayor Coppinger stated the funds will be returned to the general fund balance.

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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 Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Mackey stepped away during the roll call.

Commissioner Fields was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

1:32:11 Chairman Bankston asked that Resolution Nos. 417-10 through 417-17 be considered together at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 417-10 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF AMMUNITION AMOUNTING TO \$52,250.00 FROM GULF STATES DISTRIBUTORS FROM THE STATE CONTRACT FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 417-11 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM INTERNATIONAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC. FOR INSPECTING AND TESTING AUTOMATIC FIRE PROTECTION AND ALARM SYSTEMS IN COUNTY BUILDINGS FOR AN INITIAL THREE (3) YEAR CONTRACT BEGINNING APRIL 5, 2017, WITH AN ANNUAL COST OF \$25,038.00 (EXCLUSIVE OF ANY BUILDING ADDITIONS),

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**FOR THE RISK MANAGEMENT OFFICE, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY
MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS
RESOLUTION.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 417-12 A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE PURCHASE OF
GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 1, 2017,
THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2017, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO
SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 417-13 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF ONE
(1) FIFTEEN PASSENGER VAN AMOUNTING TO \$34,829.36 FROM FORD OF
MURFREESBORO FROM THE STATE CONTRACT FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY
CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO
SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 417-14 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF STOWERS
MACHINERY CORPORATION FOR AN EMERGENCY GENERATOR FOR EMS
STATION #3 AMOUNTING TO \$29,986.00 FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES,
AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS
NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

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RESOLUTION NO. 417-15 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR ON BEHALF OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, THE HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION AS THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO SIGN A CONTINUATION CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE TIME PERIOD JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$230,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE COORDINATION OF FETAL INFANT MORTALITY REVIEW AND COMMUNITY, INFANT MORTALITY REDUCTION SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S GUIDELINES.

RESOLUTION NO. 417-16 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTINUATION CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION, OPERATING AS THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF HEALTH PROMOTION SERVICES USING FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$121,700.00 FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017, ENDING JUNE 30, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 417-17 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES FOR A GRANT OF SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS

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(\$6,500.00) FOR THE PURCHASE OF SHELVING AND PLASTIC SHEETING FOR THE RECORDS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT AND AMENDING THE GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET OF THE RECORDS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT BY ADDING \$6,500.00 TO REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES.

Commissioner Boyd, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 417-10 through 417-17, and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

In response to Commissioner Boyd's question regarding Resolution No. 417-11, Administrator of Public Works and County Engineer Todd Leamon stated the County owns over 50 different buildings.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution Nos. 417-10 through 417-17. 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 Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Fields was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Bankston asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

1:40:04 Commissioner Mackey spoke about reports of Hamilton County Sessions Court Judge David Bales taking a leave of absence for health issues. Procedurally, Governor Haslam would appoint a replacement for the judge. Commissioner Mackey asked for consideration in requesting the appointment be referred back to the Commission.

1:40:58 Commissioner Graham reminded members of the Commission and audience of the Lookout Valley Neighborhood Association golf tournament on April 29th.

Commissioner Graham announced the Legal and Legislative Committee meeting will take place next Wednesday at 8:15 AM in the Commission conference room. It was noted the meeting was initially scheduled for today. He asked that everyone keep Commissioner Fields and his wife in their prayers as they deal with unexpected health concerns.

1:41:49 Commissioner Beck asked Commissioners to keep in mind abuse from entities the County funds should not be tolerated. He commended Commissioner Boyd for initiating an in depth study of the spending of County funded organizations. He referred

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to the plan Commissioner Boyd distributed at last week's joint Finance and Education Committee Meeting and asked for additional conversation regarding the effort to evenly distribute funds among districts.

1:46:42 Commissioner Smedley commended the work of Regional Planning Agency Executive Director John Bridger and Senior Planner Pam Glaser for the recent public meetings held in District 7. She voiced her appreciation to them for allowing the citizens of District 7 to have their voice heard.

1:48:13 Attorney Taylor called a legal meeting in the Mayor's Conference Room immediately following today's meeting.

1:48:21 Mayor Coppinger reminded everyone of the impending threat of severe weather expected to arrive at 2:00 PM. He asked everyone to keep all first responders in their thoughts and prayers.

1:49:03 Chairman Bankston stated Judicial Magistrate Nathaniel Goggans is retiring from the position effective at the end of the month and the Commission would need to appoint a replacement. He asked Clerk Knowles to submit the proper legal notice stating that applications will be accepted Monday, April 10th through Friday, April 14th. Chairman Bankston also asked that the ad reflect interviews will take place after the

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Agenda Session on April 19th, and voting will take place at the April 26th Commission Meeting. Members of the Commission were in agreement with this process.

Commissioner Fairbanks reminded Commissioners they will need to vote on a Chief Judicial Magistrate before the end of the month. It was noted current Chief Judicial Magistrate Randy Russell's term will expire on April 30th.

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, April 12, 2017 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

04-19-17
Date

WFK
Clerk's Initials