

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 6, 2016**

STATE OF TENNESSEE)	Regular Meeting
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)	April 6, 2016

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 6th day of April, 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:--

0:13

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

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 Chairman Bankston introduced Pastor Mike Steele, Crossroads Baptist Church, who gave the invocation. Commissioner Boyd led in the pledge to the flag. Commissioner Beck spoke highly of Pastor Steele's invocation and thanked him for today's invocation.

3:25 **PRESENTATION - CERTIFICATE OF CONGRATULATIONS – COLE HENRY**

Commissioner Smedley presented a Certificate of Congratulations to Cole Henry the 1st place winner of the 2016 "What My Mother Means to Me" National Fifth Grade Essay. Mr. Henry is a student at Apison Elementary School. The competition is organized by American Mothers, a non-profit organization, which aims to honor mothers through educational programs and community outreach. Essays are required to be 150 words and handwritten. The essay encourages fifth graders from across the county to celebrate their mothers at an age where they may lose awareness of the important role Moms play in their lives. Mr. Henry was also the recipient for the Tech Town award.

Apison Elementary School Principal Ron Hughes thanked everyone for taking time to recognize Cole Henry's achievements. At this time a round of applause was given and Mr. Henry, his parents, and Principal Hughes shook hands with the Mayor and Commission.

Clerk Knowles noted that a copy of the essay was provided to the Clerk's office.

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8:30 **PRESENTATION -CERTIFICATE OF CONGRATULATIONS – KIRSTEN LEGAC**

Commissioner Smedley presented a Certificate of Congratulations to Kirsten Legac the Southeast Regional Teacher of the Year, grades 9-12 division. Mrs. Legac teaches Honors Algebra 2 and Honors Pre-Calculus at East Hamilton High School.

Several members of the Commission and the Mayor thanked Mrs. Legac for unselfishly giving her time and talents to students, co-workers, and parents. It was noted that education has become more complex and the role of leadership is crucial. East Hamilton High School Principal Gail Chuy spoke highly of Mrs. Legac and noted several of her accomplishments in education.

At this time a round of applause was given and Ms. Legac shook hands with the Mayor and the Commission.

Mayor Coppinger acknowledged that Dr. Kirk Kelly, acting Superintendent for the Hamilton County Department of Education was present for the presentations.

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14:05 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of March 9, 2016, the Agenda Preparation Session of March 9, 2016, and the Regular Meeting of March 16, 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 Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Fairbanks was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

14:33 TRUSTEE REPORTS

The Trustee's Monthly and Excess Fee reports for January 2016 and February 2016 were submitted and made a matter of record.

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ORDER OF APPOINTMENT

Mayor Coppinger submitted for the record an Order appointing Hugh Coulter to the North West Utility District Board of Commissioners to serve the unexpired term of Fred Morgan, ending December 31, 2019.

14:36

**RESOLUTION NO. 416-1 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT
APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS, THE BONDS AND OATHS OF
NOTARIES PREVIOUSLY ELECTED, AND OATH OF DEPUTY SHERIFF.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Fields, to adopt Resolution No. 416-1. 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 Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Fairbanks was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

Chairman Bankston reported that Resolution Nos. 416-2 through 416-9, 416-13, and 416-17 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

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15:30 **RESOLUTION NO. 416-9 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF
BONDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF WCO AL DP, LLC.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to
adopt Resolution No. 416-9.

Attorney Taylor noted that the previously advertised public hearing with respect to the proposed financing plan is to be part of today's meeting. He pointed out that the County Commission has approved this same process in the past (Resolution Nos. 1291-43 and 598-37). He stated that this is simply a procedural matter and no cost or liability to the county. He noted that Attorney Patrick Alexander, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP and Open Arms Care Executive Director Lisa King were present for the public hearing.

Chairman Bankston asked if anyone was present for the public meeting and wanted to address the commission. There was no one desiring to speak.

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 Fields, "Aye",
Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey,

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“Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Bankston, “Aye”. Commission Fairbanks was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 8. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

17:08

**RESOLUTION NO. 416-2 A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE
HAMILTON COUNTY EMPLOYEE APPEALS BOARD TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED
TERM ENDING AUGUST 5, 2017.**

This resolution appoints John Shackleford to serve the unexpired term of Bill Reesor, ending August 5, 2017.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to adopt Resolution No. 416-2. 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 Fields, “Aye”, Commissioner Graham, “Aye”, Commissioner Haynes, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Bankston, “Aye”. Commission Fairbanks was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 8. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

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17:42 **RESOLUTION NO. 416-3 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE COUNTY MAYOR OF ONE MEMBER TO THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A TERM ENDING NOVEMBER 1, 2019.**

This resolution appoints Blaise W. Baxter, M.D.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to adopt Resolution No. 416-3. 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 Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commission Fairbanks was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

18:18 **RESOLUTION NO. 416-4 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO CHATTANOOGA'S KIDS ON THE BLOCK, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT NINE.**

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to adopt Resolution No. 416-4. 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 Fields, “Aye”, Commissioner Haynes, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Bankston, “Aye”. Commissioner Fairbanks was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 7. Total “Nay” votes – 0. Commissioner Graham announced that he was present.

18:53

RESOLUTION NO. 416-5 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO A NIGHT TO REMEMBER, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT FIVE.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 416-5. 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 Fields, “Aye”, Commissioner Haynes, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Bankston, “Aye”. Commissioner

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 416-6 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES (AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT TWO) TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF RED BANK WITH THEIR DIXIE YOUTH PROGRAM.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 416-6. 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 Fields, “Aye”, Commissioner Haynes, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Bankston, “Aye”. Commission Fairbanks was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 7. Total “Nay” votes – 0. Commissioner Graham announced that he was present.

20:09

RESOLUTION NO. 416-7 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO KAPPA FOUNDATION OF CHATTANOOGA IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT FOUR.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 416-7. 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 Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Fairbanks was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 0. Commissioner Graham announced that he was present.

20:43

RESOLUTION NO. 416-8 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA AND HAMILTON COUNTY FOR MODIFICATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CHATTANOOGA/HAMILTON COUNTY FIRING RANGE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) AND TO PROVIDE FOR EQUAL SHARING OF ONGOING OPERATIONAL COSTS OF SAME.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 416-8. 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, "Nay", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman

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Bankston, "Aye". Commission Fairbanks was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent –

1. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 1.

21:30

RESOLUTION NO. 416-13 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO DEVELOP A CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN FOR CHESTER FROST PARK TO THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000 WHICH INCLUDES A \$20,000 COUNTY MATCH.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 416-13. 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 Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commission Fairbanks was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

22:12

RESOLUTION NO. 416-17 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SLOPE STABILIZATION REPAIRS OF HOTWATER ROAD BY GEOSTABILIZATION INTERNATIONAL ON THE STATE CONTRACT FOR SOIL NAILING FOR VARIOUS

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**COUNTIES 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. 416-17. 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 Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Fairbanks was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

22:20

Chairman Bankston asked that Resolution Nos. 416-10 through 416-12, 416-14 through 416-16, and 416-18 be considered together at this time.

**RESOLUTION NO. 416-10 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR
TO SIGN A CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND THE HAMILTON COUNTY JUVENILE
COURT TITLE IV-D CHILD SUPPORT DIVISION.**

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RESOLUTION NO. 416-11 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF SAITECH, INC. FOR ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT UNIT PRICING, WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR TERM, BEGINNING APRIL 6, 2016 THROUGH APRIL 5, 2017, FOR LAPTOP COMPUTERS WITH DOCKING STATIONS AMOUNTING TO \$999.58 EACH FOR THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 416-12 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF ON DUTY DEPOT FOR ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT UNIT PRICING, BEGINNING APRIL 6, 2016 THROUGH APRIL 5, 2017, FOR VEHICLE UPFITTING EQUIPMENT FOR THE SHERIFF'S VEHICLES AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 416-14 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF JDH COMPANY, INC. FOR RE-ROOFING THE CHATTANOOGA/HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AMOUNTING TO \$191,625.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 416-15 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF GRAYBAR ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. FOR ONE (1) COPPER/FIBER CABLE TESTER

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**AMOUNTING TO \$22,508.95 FOR THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT
AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS
NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 416-16 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF EPB
FIBER OPTICS FOR LOCAL TELEPHONE SERVICE TO HAMILTON COUNTY
GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND SCHOOLS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS WITH
THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR TERMS AND
AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY
TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 416-18 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF DAVIES
IMPERIAL COATINGS, INC., OZARK MATERIALS, LLC AND SHERWIN WILLIAMS
COMPANY FOR ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT PRICING, BEGINNING MAY 1, 2016,
THROUGH APRIL 30, 2017, FOR WATERBORNE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC PAINT 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. 416-10 through 416-12, 416-14 through 416-16, and 416-18 and stated that the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution Nos. 416-10 through 416-12, 416-14 through 416-16, and 416-18.

Commissioner Mackey added it has been confirmed that the privacy of the telephone service EPB will be providing will be protected and safeguarded (Resolution No. 416-16).

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 Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commission Fairbanks was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

32:01

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Bankston asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

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Commission members, Mayor Coppinger, and Attorney Taylor gave their condolences to family of former Tennessee Senate Majority Leader Ward Crutchfield, who passed away Sunday, April 3, 2016. It was noted that Mr. Crutchfield served various positions in Hamilton County Government and fought for civil rights and education. Attorney Taylor reflected back to 1973 when Mr. Crutchfield took a gamble and hired a young black attorney with an afro, pork chop side burns, and on crutches from a tennis injury. That young man was Rheubin Taylor, who is now the County Attorney. He spoke highly of Mr. Crutchfield and his ability to reach out and help others.

Commission members, Mayor Coppinger, and Attorney Taylor gave their condolences to Health Department Director Becky Barnes, who recently lost her husband, Hugh Barnes, on March 30, 2016.

Commission members, Mayor Coppinger, and Attorney Taylor gave their condolences to the family of Cleveland Grimes, longtime Executive Director of the Hamilton County Water and Wastewater Treatment Authority (WWTA) and reported that his funeral was attended by many and was a remarkable uplifting celebration of life.

Commissioner Haynes reported that he attended the top 10% of the senior class at each high school in the county banquet. These students were recognized for their academic achievements. He reported that there were 266 Hamilton County students, and only 77 of them were young men. He spoke about his concern over the dwindling

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number of young men included in the top 10 percent of students. He also reminded everyone that April is National Donate Life month. He encouraged everyone to sign up by visiting www.donatelifetn.org and to make a donation when renewing your motor vehicle tag at the County Clerk's Office.

36:29 Commissioner Graham reported that he attended the top 10% banquet. He also spoke about his concern over the dwindling number of young men included in the top 10 percent of students. He invited everyone to participate in the annual Lookout Valley Neighborhood Association Golf Tournament Fundraiser taking place at Trenton Golf Course, April 16th at 8:30 am. One Hundred Percent (100%) of the money raised will be used to support several community projects in Lookout Valley.

40:35 Commissioner Boyd invited everyone to attend the Sculpture Fields at Montague Park Grand Opening Celebration on Friday, April 8th, 6 pm – 10 pm and April 9th, 8 am – 6 pm. Sculpture Fields located at 1800 Polk Street is a brand new international large-scale sculpture park which will be open to the public, free of charge, seven days a week starting on April 8th.

Commissioner Boyd noted his support for House Bill 2087/ Senate Bill 2128 relative to the county budgeting process. He spoke in detail about the specifics of the bill and explained his reasons for support. He noted that Shelby, Davidson, Knox and

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Hamilton Counties were opted to not be a part of the bill and questioned why Hamilton County's Lobbyist was told not to support the bill.

Commissioner Smedley reported that she attended the annual top 10% banquet and congratulated all the students. She announced the Commission and School Board meeting that Commissioner Beck requested regarding school facilities will be May 10th, 6 pm at Department of Education. She also invited everyone to attend two community meetings to discuss and share their ideas about public education. The meetings will be hosted by Coordinator of Chattanooga 2.0 Dr. Jared Bigham and David Steele with the Chamber of Commerce. The first meeting will be April 19th at Woodland Park Baptist at 6 pm and second meeting will be April 21st at Mile Straight Baptist Church at 6 pm.

49:32

Commissioner Beck reported that he attended the annual top 10% banquet and congratulated all the students.

Mayor Coppinger gave his condolences to the family of Judge Ted Milburn, who passed away April 1st, 2016. He was a Circuit Court Judge, then Federal Judge and then served on the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. He served as Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Division III, from 1973 to 1983.

He reported that he attended the annual top 10% banquet and congratulated all the students.

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Mayor Coppinger reminded everyone that the county lobbyist is hired to represent the interest of Hamilton County. He noted that there is a really big reason why Hamilton County and the other large counties chose to opt out of HB 2087/SB 2128. He invited members of the Commission to contact Finance, and Representative Mike Carter if interested in researching the bill.

He reiterated that the budget process starts in January, it is thoroughly vetted and he would never ask the commission to vote on a budget based on whether there is or is not a tax increase. To do so would be negligent. He encouraged the commission to work together and develop trust with him and other county staff.

Mayor Coppinger also announced that Hamilton County has grown in the past five years by 5.2%. 354,000 people now live in Hamilton County, 17,000 more people than five years ago.

1:04:45

DELEGATIONS

Chairman Bankston asked for delegations on matters other than zoning. There were none.

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There being no further business, Chairman Bankston declared the meeting in recess until Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

04-20-16
Date

W.F.K.
Clerk's Initials