

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
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**STATE OF TENNESSEE                    )**                   Regular Meeting  
**COUNTY OF HAMILTON                )**                   April 20, 2016

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 20<sup>th</sup> 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:--

1:00

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.

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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1:16 Commissioner Boyd introduced Senior Minister Gary Armes, Hickory Valley Christian Church, who gave the invocation. Commissioner Boyd led in the pledge to the flag.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of March 30, 2016, the Agenda Preparation Session of March 30, 2016, and the Regular Meeting of April 6, 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 Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

**ORDER OF DESIGNATION**

An order was submitted for the record designating Todd Leamon to sit as the County Mayor's representative on the Planning Commission for the meeting of April 11, 2016.

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3:41

**RESOLUTION NO. 416-19 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS, THE BONDS AND OATHS OF NOTARIES PREVIOUSLY ELECTED, OATHS OF DEPUTY SHERIFFS, THE BOND OF DEPUTY SHERIFF, AND RIDERS FOR THE BONDS OF HAMILTON COUNTY 911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Fields, to adopt Resolution No. 416-19. 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.

Chairman Bankston reported that Resolution Nos. 416-20 through 416-30 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

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4:24      **RESOLUTION NO. 416-20 A RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT ONE MEMBER TO THE  
HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH AND SAFETY HEARING BOARD BEGINNING APRIL  
20, 2016 AND ENDING APRIL 20, 2020.**

This Resolution reappoints Gordon Anderson.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to  
adopt Resolution No. 416-20. 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.

5:01      **RESOLUTION NO. 416-21 A RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT THREE (3) MEMBERS  
TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION FOR TWO (2) YEAR  
TERM BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2016 AND ENDING MAY 31, 2018.**

This Resolution reappoints Leroy Grant, Jesse Kukier, and Tom Tomisek.

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**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Fields, to adopt Resolution No. 416-21. 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.

5:39

**RESOLUTION NO. 416-22 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO AEGIS LAW ENFORCEMENT OF GREATER CHATTANOOGA, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT THREE.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 416-22. 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

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

Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

6:16

**RESOLUTION NO. 416-23 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO  
PARTNERSHIP FOR FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND ADULTS, INC., IN THE AMOUNT  
OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND  
DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT ONE.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 416-23. 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 that he was present.

**RESOLUTION NO. 416-24 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO  
GIRLS INCORPORATED OF CHATTANOOGA IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED  
DOLLARS (\$500.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS  
ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT FOUR.**

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**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 416-24. 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 that he was present.

7:30

**RESOLUTION NO. 416-25 A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL OF FIRST TENNESSEE BANK TO PROVIDE BANKING SERVICES AND LOCK BOX PAYMENT PROCESSING SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY TRUSTEE FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR (4) YEARS BEGINNING JUNE 8, 2016, WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR TERMS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 416-25. 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,

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“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.

8:14

**RESOLUTION NO. 416-26 A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$300,000 TO THE CRIMINAL COURT CLERK FUND TO ASSIST THE OFFICE IN FUNDING ITS OPERATIONS AND TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET BY ADDING \$300,000 TO EXPENDITURES FROM PREVIOUSLY UNBUDGETED FUNDS.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 416-26.

8:45

Commissioner Haynes reported that he received new information in the form of a letter from Criminal Court Clerk Vince Dean this morning. In light of the new information, and because Mr. Dean is on vacation and unable to speak at today’s meeting, Commissioner Haynes recommended the Resolution be delayed until the April 27, 2016 Recessed Meeting. A copy of Mr. Dean’s letter was filed with the Clerk’s office.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Haynes, seconded by Commissioner Graham to postpone Resolution No. 416-26 until the April 27, 2016 Recessed Meeting.



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Commissioner Boyd and Commissioner Graham noted that they would hold any questions until Mr. Dean was present next week.

The foregoing Motion to postpone 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.

10:35

**RESOLUTION NO. 416-27 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REPUBLIC PARKING SYSTEM TO REVISE THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR PARKING IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY GARAGE AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 416-27. 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

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

Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

11:09

**RESOLUTION NO. 416-28 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ENTERING INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TOWER ASSETS NEWCO IX, LLC, OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE ERECTION OF A CELL TOWER, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SAID LEASE.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 416-27.

11:38

Commissioner Boyd reported that the Mayor of East Ridge Brent Lambert, and the East Ridge City Council voted unanimously to ask the Commission to postpone this item until they have had time to review the agreement in its entirety. He stated his concern was that the language of the Resolution implied approval of the lease agreement rather than the next step towards approving the agreement. He noted that the elected officials of East Ridge have final approval of the agreement.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Mackey to postpone Resolution No. 416-27.

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Commissioner Graham expressed his concern that delaying this item might compromise the agreement and cause the tower company to consider other locations. He asked for clarification on when the item would be considered again if delayed.

14:07

Justin Witt, Director of Maintenance and Operations for Hamilton County Department of Education, clarified that the contract is designed so that once approved by the Commission, the tower company can perform soil tests and surveys in order to determine the exact location of the tower and enable them to present accurate information to the officials in East Ridge. It was noted that a survey is scheduled to take place on the property next week. He noted that without this step, the tower company does not have enough information to present an accurate plan to East Ridge.

Commissioner Graham expressed his support for Commissioner Boyd and the City of East Ridge, but that he supported approving this item today so that the plan could move forward taking the County Commission out of the equation, and allowing the East Ridge Legislative Body to consider final action.

16:08

In response to Commissioner Fairbanks question, Mr. Witt noted that the East Ridge legislative body could still reject the agreement, and Commission approval would not override their decision.

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Several Commissioners expressed that they would respect the wishes of the elected officials in East Ridge as well as Commissioner Boyd and vote to postpone the item.

18:50            In response to Commissioner Haynes question, Commissioner Boyd noted that the East Ridge City Council meets twice a month and that they would be reviewing the agreement immediately.

In response to Commissioner Boyd's question, Mr. Witt reported that the conversation regarding the contract began around the first of the year.

Commissioner Boyd noted that his information revealed the discussion started about six months ago and that the East Ridge City Council has not been consulted by the cell tower company.

Prior to voting on the motion Clerk Knowles suggested the Commission specify a date certain for the postponement. Commissioner Boyd asked that the item be postponed until the May 4<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting.

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The foregoing Motion to postpone the resolution to the May 4<sup>th</sup> regular meeting 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.

22:57

**RESOLUTION NO. 416-29 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH CORRECTIONS CORPORATION OF AMERICA (CCA) FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SILVERDALE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 416-29. 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 Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Mackey abstained from voting. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0. Total Abstentions – 1.

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23:35      **RESOLUTION NO. 416-30 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRANSFERRING OF \$2,000.00 IN DISCRETIONARY BOND FUNDS AS ALLOTTED TO COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT EIGHT TO COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT SEVEN, AND THE TRANSFERRING OF A LIKE AMOUNT IN GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY FUNDS AS ALLOTTED TO COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT SEVEN TO COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT EIGHT.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 416-30. 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 that he was present.

24:26      Chairman Bankston asked that Resolution Nos. 416-31A, 416-31B, and 416-32 be considered together at this time.

**RESOLUTION NO. 416-31A A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM A-1 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO C-2 LOCAL BUSINESS COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 6113 & 6117 OOLTEWAH-GEORGETOWN ROAD.**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 416-31B A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM A-1  
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO C-2 LOCAL BUSINESS COMMERCIAL DISTRICT,  
PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 6113 & 6117 OOLTEWAH-GEORGETOWN ROAD.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 416-32 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE HAMILTON COUNTY  
ZONING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE VI, EXCEPTIONS, SECTION 400 SPECIAL  
PERMITS BY HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION, SECTION 401.6, CHANGES AND  
MODIFICATIONS BY CORRECTING THE WORDING OF ITEM A(4).**

Commissioner Haynes, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 416-31A and 416-31B, and stated that the Zoning Committee recommended approval of Resolution No. 416-31B, which includes certain conditions as recommended by the Regional Planning Commission. It was noted that no opposition was present during today's meeting. Wayon Hines with EWH Engineering was present on behalf of the applicant.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Haynes, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution Nos. 416-31B. 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,

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“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.

Commissioner Haynes provided details regarding Resolution No. 416-32, and stated that the Zoning Committee recommended approval. It was noted that no opposition was present at today’s meeting. It was noted that John Bridger, Director of Regional Planning Agency was present in the audience for questions.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Haynes, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution Nos. 416-32. 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.

28:04

Chairman Bankston asked that Resolution Nos. 416-33 through 416-42 be considered together at this time.



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**RESOLUTION NO. 416-33 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR FOR ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT UNIT PRICING, BEGINNING APRIL 20, 2016 THROUGH APRIL 19, 2017, FOR IN-CAR VIDEO CAMERA SYSTEMS FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 416-34 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) RAPIDSENSE™ PORTABLE CHEMICAL RADIATION NUCLEAR AND EXPLOSIVES DETECTORS AMOUNTING TO \$90,200.00 FROM PARAGON RESEARCH CORPORATION FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 416-35 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF SHIELDS ELECTRONIC SUPPLY, INC. AND ACCREDITED LOCK SUPPLY COMPANY FOR CONTRACT UNIT PRICING FOR DOOR ACCESS MATERIALS FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 5, 2016, THROUGH JUNE 4, 2017, FOR THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 416-36 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO EXECUTE A 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, 2016, ENDING JUNE 30, 2017.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 416-37 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 CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$216,220.00 TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SAFETY NET PRIMARY CARE SERVICES TO UNINSURED ADULTS IN HAMILTON COUNTY AT THE HOMELESS HEALTH CARE CENTER FOR THE TIME PERIOD JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016 BY INCREASING THE EXPENSE AND REVENUE BUDGETS BY \$100,000.00.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 416-38 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTINUATION CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, THE HEALTH SERVICES**

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**DIVISION, OPERATING AS THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2017 CONTRACT PERIOD, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$338,800.00 TO PROVIDE HOME VISITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S CHILDREN SPECIAL SERVICES (CSS) PROGRAM GUIDELINES.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 416-39 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF BLACKFOX TACTICAL FOR ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT PRICING, BEGINNING APRIL 20, 2016, THROUGH APRIL 19, 2017, FOR BODY ARMOR AND EQUIPMENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 416-40 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF EVS EMERGENCY VEHICLE SPECIALIST FOR ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT UNIT PRICING, BEGINNING APRIL 20, 2016, THROUGH APRIL 19, 2017, FOR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 416-41 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL FOR THE CONTRACT PRICING WITH BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC AND NASHVILLE MEDICAL & EMS PRODUCTS, INC. FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES, BEGINNING MAY 7,**

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**2016, THROUGH MAY 6, 2017, WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR TERM, FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 416-42 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF NEWCOM WIRELESS SERVICES FOR ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT UNIT PRICING FOR RUGGEDIZED LAPTOP COMPUTERS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES 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. 416-33 through 416-42, and stated that the Finance Committee recommended approval.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, to adopt Resolution Nos. 416-33 through 416-42. 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

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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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Bankston asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

37:47

Commissioner Haynes announced that Steve Webb and his son, Will Webb, were present in the audience at today's meeting. He noted that Will is a graduating senior at Hixson High School earning his Eagle Scout Badge. He thanked them both for being great leaders at Hixson High School. He also reported that tomorrow, April 21<sup>st</sup> is Mayor Coppinger's birthday.

Commissioner Haynes reported that Friends of Hixson is holding their monthly community breakfast at Creeks Bend Golf Course next Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 am. He noted that he would be speaking at the event.

38:52

Commissioner Mackey spoke at length about the gang violence that has recently plagued Hamilton County. He reported that 10 shootings have occurred in the area since Saturday, and expressed his frustration that the top top leadership has not recognized the crisis. He added that Hamilton County should be providing resources to

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the impoverished communities that are impacted by the recent string of violence. He referenced today's Chattanooga Times Free Press headline, "Violence Escalates – Gangs have more shooters than the Cops" and explained that it is costly to house criminals at the County jail and at Silverdale. He spoke about the school systems budget, low test scores, and the excess classroom space not being used. He encouraged the school system to use empty classroom space to better educate children. He also spoke about the use of discretionary monies as a resource to help those in impoverished areas.

43:35 Mayor Coppinger responded to Commissioner Mackey's comments at length. He stated that the top leadership in Hamilton County is very engaged in the gang violence situation, community safety, and improving public education. He revealed that he spent last week in New York with Chattanooga Mayor Andy Berke, and much discussion was devoted to the violence in the area.

He explained that many meetings have taken place between the Sheriff's Department, Hamilton County's District Attorney and the City of Chattanooga, and county resources have been dedicated; many of which involve strategies that are not revealed publicly.

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The Mayor expressed concern about unfounded comments made publicly about the decisions he makes on a day to day basis. He encouraged the Commission to contact him when they have questions or concerns before making assumptions.

In response to Commissioner Mackey's comments about economic development, Mayor Coppinger explained that crime rate and education are factors considered when companies choose to invest in the area, but that companies are attracted to Hamilton County because of the workforce. He added that investments in public education are top priority.

He added that the public should be aware that he is not taking any of these situations lightly.

51:30

Commissioner Mackey noted that he was not directing his comments specifically at Mayor Coppinger, but rather when referencing the "top top leadership" in Hamilton County he was including the Commission as well.

Mayor Coppinger stated that he accepted Commissioner Mackey's clarification and pointed out that "top leadership" is interpreted to mean the County Mayor. He pointed out that he is the only official present at today's meeting that is elected county wide and for that reason he considered his comments appropriate.

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After the exchange Mayor Coppinger excused himself to attend the Manufacturers Association Press Conference.

At this time Commissioner Mackey asked the Clerk's office to refer to the minutes and clarify if he stated "top leadership" or "top top leadership". Chief Deputy Clerk Debbie Rollins confirmed that he said "top top leadership". Commissioner Mackey thanked the Clerk's office for the clarification.

56:43

Commissioner Graham thanked Commissioner Smedley for her work in organizing the Chattanooga 2.0 meeting that took place last night at Woodland Park Baptist Church. He spoke about the importance of volunteering at local baseball fields, and talked about his experience at the Lakesite Community Baseball Fields over the weekend. He expressed his appreciation to City and County governments for the initiative they put forth in extracurricular activities.

Commissioner Graham expressed his appreciation for the Sheriff's Department and the work they put in to protecting the community. He thanked Sheriff Hammond for always attending community meetings and events, and for sending a representative if he is unable to attend. He went on to express his appreciation for all law enforcement.

1:02:46

Commissioner Boyd also thanked Commissioner Smedley for organizing last night's Chattanooga 2.0 meeting. He spoke about the speech that Commissioner



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Mackey gave at that meeting, and echoed his sentiments about reducing violence by placing emphasis on education. He quoted Commissioner Mackey stating that, "the best way to take a gun out of a hand is by giving it a job."

Commissioner Boyd announced that the community meeting regarding the Water and Wastewater Treatment Authority (WWTA) has been rescheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Red Bank Community Center.

Commissioner Boyd reported that he released a letter to Commissioners detailing the Finance Committee's findings regarding funding for Orange Grove Center, Inc. and the review of the Read 20 program. It was noted that the Finance Committee will review the remaining six topics on the list (09-22-15 Finance Committee Handout) and periodically report their findings back to the Commission. A copy of the letter was filed with the clerk's office.

Commissioner Boyd responded to Mayor Coppinger's comments about communication and noted the importance of being informed on issues that directly affect the Commission. He pointed out that the Mayor has a Communications Manager and encouraged the staff member to contact each Commissioner.

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1:08:02            Commissioner Fairbanks thanked Commissioner Smedley for organizing last night's Chattanooga 2.0 meeting. He announced that another meeting will take place Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm at Mile Straight Baptist Church regarding Chattanooga 2.0. A panel will be there to help explain to community members what they can do to help with public education in Hamilton County. He added that Lt. Sean Shephard, leader of the School Resource Officer program in Hamilton County, was present in the audience and will be on the panel.

Commissioner Fairbanks spoke about a situation that took place Tuesday night where a group of 7 students from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga had to be rescued from the Pocket Wilderness area of the Cumberland Trail. He commended the work of the volunteer fire departments that made the rescue.

1:10:53            Commissioner Smedley thanked everyone who attended the Chattanooga 2.0 meeting last night at Woodland Park Baptist Church. She also thanked Dan Liner, President of the Hamilton County Education Association (HCEA), for participating on the panel at the meeting. She noted that a lot of the challenges brought forward at the meeting cannot be solved with money, and serious conversations with the community must continue to happen.

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1:12:46 Commissioner Beck also thanked Commissioner Smedley for organizing last night's Chattanooga 2.0 meeting. He noted that about 250 people attended the meeting. He commended Commissioner Mackey for the statement he made at the meeting, and noted that many intelligent observations were made by community members.

Commissioner Beck spoke at length about the importance of continuing to address education and crime in Hamilton County. He stated that extraordinary things need to happen in order to solve the ongoing issues, and address the rising levels of frustration. He added that more importance should be placed on values, principles, and education and facts.

1:20:42 Chairman Bankston thanked Commissioner Smedley for organizing last night's Chattanooga 2.0 meeting.

**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 27, 2016 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



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William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

05-04-16

Date



Clerk's Initials