

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
AGENDA PREPARATION SESSION  
APRIL 25, 2018**

**STATE OF TENNESSEE            )**Agenda Preparation Session  
**COUNTY OF HAMILTON           )**April 25, 2018

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018, an Agenda Preparation Session of the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners was begun and held at the Courthouse, in the City of Chattanooga, in the County Commission Room, when the following proceedings were held, to wit:--

0:11 Present and presiding was the Honorable Randy Fairbanks, Chairman. County Clerk Bill Knowles called the roll of the County Commission and the following, constituting a quorum, answered to their names: Commissioner Bankston, Commissioner Beck, Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Fields, Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Mackey, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Smedley, and Chairman Fairbanks. 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 Jenneth Randall.

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### **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

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

- The Trustee's Monthly and Excess Fee Reports for March 2018 would be submitted for the record.
- The Trustee's 2016 Delinquent Tax Uncollected Report would be submitted for the record.
- The Juvenile Court Clerk's Report for February 2018 would be submitted for the record.
- Fee Office reports for the quarter ending March 31, 2018 would be submitted for the record.
- A Report of Investment Activity for the quarter ending March 31, 2018 was submitted for the record.
- Resolution No. 518-1 was the usual County Clerk item regarding notaries, etc. This required no committee assignment.
- Resolution Nos. 518-6 through 518-14 were assigned to the Finance Committee, chaired by Commissioner Smedley.
- Resolution Nos. 518-2 through 518-5 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

0:27

### **PRESENTATION – MAYOR COPPINGER – PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2018 “FAIR HOUSING MONTH”**

Mayor Coppinger asked Greater Chattanooga Realtors representatives Geoff Ramsey, Carol Seal, Christy Auld, and Ron Tucker to come to the podium. He presented a proclamation declaring April 2018 “Fair Housing Month” in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the subsequent

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passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, also known as the Fair Housing Act. The Fair Housing Act codifies that there shall be no discrimination in the acquisition, ownership, possession, or enjoyment of housing and guarantees for each citizen that critical, personal element of choice in the selection of their home. Mayor Coppinger encouraged all Hamilton County residents to exercise fairness with regard to buying, selling, or renting their homes.

4:15            Greater Chattanooga Realtors President Geoff Ramsey thanked Mayor Coppinger and the Commission for commemorating 50 years of the Fair Housing Act. He emphasized the commitment of the Greater Chattanooga Realtors to fair housing and stated the American dream of home ownership should be for everyone.

7:10            **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 518-2**

This Resolution confirms the reappointment by the County Mayor of David J. DiStefano, Stephanie Lee Hall, and David Queen to the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Hospital Authority Financial Review Committee with terms expiring May 6, 2021.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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7:35 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 518-3**

This Resolution confirms the reappointment by the County Mayor of George Wright to the Hamilton County Beer Board with term expiring May 2, 2021.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

7:54 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 518-4**

Commissioner Beck spoke regarding this item, which appropriates \$1,500.00 to United Community Action Alliance from general fund discretionary monies, as allotted to District 5. It was noted the funds would assist with educational scholarships.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

8:26 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 518-5**

Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Hammond spoke regarding this item, which waives the Hamilton County Purchasing Rules in order to authorize the County Mayor to transfer based upon honorable and faithful service of a sheriff or sheriff's deputy his or her personal weapon. It was noted this would apply to retiring officers, including both

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law enforcement and corrections, with a minimum of 25 years of service to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

9:23

In response to Commissioner Martin's question, Sheriff Hammond stated it is not uncommon for an officer to use the same weapon for 25 years.

10:09

In response to Commissioner Graham's question, Sheriff Hammond reported currently the weapons are placed back into inventory and in some cases reissued, destroyed, or traded. He added the average price of the weapons range from \$300.00 to \$400.00.

Commissioner Smedley, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated the Finance Committee would meet in the Commission Room immediately following today's Agenda Session.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

12:02

Commissioner Graham reminded members of the Commission and audience that Saturday is the Lookout Valley Neighborhood Association golf tournament. He also recognized Lookout Valley Neighborhood Association President Ronnie Ray in the audience.

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Commissioner Graham also recognized Mr. Dunn with the IBEW in the audience at today's meeting.

12:40 Commissioner Bankston invited everyone to attend the "Swing Back to the 40's" event on Thursday at Morning Pointe of Collegedale.

**DELEGATIONS**

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

Being no further business, Chairman Fairbanks declared the meeting adjourned. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



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William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

05-16-18  
Date

W.F.K  
Clerk's Initials