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Chairman Pro Tempore Baker asked County Attorney Rheubin Taylor to offer the invocation. Commissioner Sharpe led in the pledge to the flag.

Chairman Pro Tempore Chip Baker read a statement into the record regarding today's electronic meeting. He reminded everyone of the Governor's directive, which allows local governmental bodies to conduct their meetings without its members being physically assembled together in order to reduce exposing the general public, members of those local governmental bodies, and governmental staff to the possibility of contracting COVID-19. Chairman Pro Tempore Baker reported each Commissioner, staff member, or member of the public participating in today's meeting is doing so from his or her own home or outside office, and none is gathered together in any one place.

Chairman Pro Tempore Baker explained prior to the conclusion of today's meeting, all viewers would be advised how they may call in; identify themselves; and address the Commission on matters other than zoning. He added the meeting would be livestreamed for public access on County's YouTube page, which can be found by visiting www.youtube.com/hamiltoncountyttn.

Chairman Pro Tempore Baker announced that without objection, the Commission's present Rules of Procedure would be suspended in order to conduct today's meeting in conformance with the Governor's directive. There was no objection.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON MOTION of Commissioner Sharpe, seconded by Commissioner Bankston, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of April 8, 2020, the Recessed Meeting of April 15, 2020, and the Recessed Meeting of April 22, 2020 be approved, treat same as read, made a matter of record and filed. The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Pro Tempore Baker, "Aye". Chairman Fairbanks was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

The Trustee's Monthly and Excess Fee Reports for March 2020 were submitted and made a matter of record.

RESOLUTION NO. 420-8 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS, THE BONDS AND OATHS OF NOTARIES PREVIOUSLY ELECTED, AND THE OATHS OF DEPUTY SHERIFFS.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Bankston, to adopt Resolution No. 420-8. The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Pro Tempore Baker, "Aye". Chairman Fairbanks was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 420-9 A RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT ONE (1) MEMBER TO
THE HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH AND SAFETY HEARING BOARD BEGINNING
MAY 6, 2020 AND ENDING MAY 6, 2024.**

This Resolution reappoints Donald Seagle.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 420-9. The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Pro Tempore Baker,

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“Aye”. Chairman Fairbanks was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 8. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 420-10 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) FROM EXCESS FUNDS AS GENERALLY RETURNED TO THE COUNTY FUNDS FROM THE OPERATION OF THE CLERK AND MASTER’S OFFICE, AND ALLOWING THE APPROPRIATION OF SAME FOR COSTS AND EXPENDITURES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR’S EFFORTS TO RETRIEVE MIS-APPROPRIATED FUNDS AS RECEIVED BY ESTATE REPRESENTATIVES AS DIRECTED BY THE CHANCERY COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 420-10.

In response to Commissioner Martin’s question, Attorney Taylor explained the funds would be used to allow the Public Administrator to search for and bring appropriate legal action against representatives of estates that come into possession of assets of deceased individuals, but fail to make a proper accounting and distribution of those assets. He noted that often includes the failure to pay court costs incurred as well. Attorney Taylor reported the funds would come from the excess fees of the Clerk and Master’s Office and would not be an additional appropriation.

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Commissioner Mackey questioned whether the matter was personal or public. Attorney Taylor responded that it was a public matter as it is the court's responsibility to ensure proper disposition of assets.

The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows:
Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Nay", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Pro Tempore Baker, "Aye". Chairman Fairbanks was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 420-11 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE CHATTANOOGA FOOD BANK IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND TRAVEL DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT SIX.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Sharpe, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 420-11.

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Commissioner Sharpe asked Director of Operations for the Chattanooga Food Bank to give a presentation regarding the Food Bank's response to the COVID-19 emergency in the community.

Mr. Hilling presented information regarding the Chattanooga Food Bank's mission to eliminate hunger and promote better nutrition in the region. He spoke about a variety of programs within Hamilton County the food bank partners with including the Snack Pack program, emergency food boxes through United Way, and mobile food pantries at schools, churches, and other areas. Mr. Hilling spoke about the COVID-19 response and stated the number of food boxes increased from 52 to 120 per day. He noted the food bank utilized purchased food boxes at a cost of \$500,000 and anticipated a cost impact of up to \$2,400,000 over six months in order to organize for the long-term impact of COVID-19 in the community. Mr. Hilling thanked Commissioners for the support. A copy of the presentation was filed in the Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Geter thanked Commissioner Sharpe for presenting this item. She thanked Mr. Hilling and the staff at the Chattanooga Food Bank for being a trusted resource in the community. In response to Commissioner Geter's question, Mr. Hilling provided information on how the food bank is addressing food disparity in the community.

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The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Pro Tempore Baker, "Aye". Chairman Fairbanks was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 420-12 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HAMILTON COUNTY MAYOR TO ACCEPT A \$10,000 GRANT FROM DR. WILLIAM MATTHEWS, A \$10,000 GRANT FROM THE WELDON F. OSBORNE FOUNDATION AND A \$1,000 GRANT FROM PARKRIDGE VALLEY HOSPITAL FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FREQUENT USER PILOT PROJECT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS IN THE COUNTY DOWNTOWN JAIL.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Sharpe, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adopt Resolution No. 420-12. The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Pro Tempore Baker,

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“Aye”. Chairman Fairbanks was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 8. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 420-13 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE FEDERAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY FOR UP TO \$678,000 A YEAR FOR FIVE YEARS TO ESTABLISH AN ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT (ACT) TEAM IN HAMILTON COUNTY TO SUPPORT THE FREQUENT USER INITIATIVE.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Sharpe, to adopt Resolution No. 420-13. The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, “Aye”, Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Geter, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Pro Tempore Baker, “Aye”. Chairman Fairbanks was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 8. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

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RESOLUTION NO. 420-14 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS PRODUCTS AND SERVICES FROM CELLCO PARTNERSHIP DBA VERIZON WIRELESS FROM GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA) CONTRACT GS-35F-0119P AND/OR TENNESSEE STATE CONTRACT SWC-R811 FOR THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING 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. 420-14. The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Pro Tempore Baker, "Aye". Chairman Fairbanks was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 420-15 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PROTOCOL
(EXPENSE ALLOWANCE POLICY) FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE HAMILTON
COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY
RESOLUTION 220-4.**

This Resolution was pulled at Commissioner Mackey's request.

**RESOLUTION NO. 420-16 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE
ROTARY CLUB OF CHATTANOOGA BREAKFAST IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO
THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) FROM GENERAL FUND
TRAVEL DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT TWO.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Geter, to
adopt Resolution No. 420-16.

In response to Commissioner Boyd's question, Chairman Pro Tempore Baker explained the funding would support the Chattanooga Green Prix, sponsored by the Rotary Club, which encouraged STEM learning for students by designing and building electric race cars.

In response to Commissioner Martin's question, Attorney Taylor confirmed that when allocating discretionary funds to non-profit organizations, Commissioners are

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legally authorized to designate how the funds should be used. Administrator of Finance Al Kiser confirmed Attorney Taylor's comments.

In response to Commissioner Mackey's question, Attorney Taylor noted that using discretionary funds for projects that are not school related or that do not alter the appropriated budget amount to the Department of Education are permissible.

Commissioner Mackey spoke about the importance of discretionary funds and using them to assist the community; Commissioner Sharpe agreed with his comments.

The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows:
Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Pro Tempore Baker, "Aye". Chairman Fairbanks was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 420-17 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE SAMARITAN CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) FROM GENERAL FUND TRAVEL DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT TWO.

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RESOLUTION NO. 420-18 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE SAMARITAN CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) FROM GENERAL FUND TRAVEL DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT NINE.

RESOLUTION NO. 420-19 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE SAMARITAN CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) FROM GENERAL FUND TRAVEL DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT SEVEN.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Bankston, to adopt Resolution Nos. 420-17, 420-18, and 420-19.

Commissioner Smedley spoke regarding these items, which appropriate funds to The Samaritan Center to assist with tornado recovery and relief in response to the Easter Sunday tornado that came through the area and devastated parts of East Brainerd.

Commissioner Baker commended Commissioner Smedley for her work in helping impacted residents of District 7.

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In response to Commissioner Sharpe's question, Attorney Taylor confirmed these appropriations were in compliance with the law.

Commissioner Martin encouraged anyone interested in volunteering for clean up to do so through a local organization so the hours may be documented. In response to Commissioner Martin's question, Mayor Coppinger confirmed that a percentage of documented volunteer hours are eligible to be reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

In response to Commissioner Sharpe's question, Mayor Coppinger noted FEMA provides specific guidelines for reimbursable volunteer hours.

Commissioner Martin requested a list of volunteer organizations. Mayor Coppinger noted he would provide the list to Commissioners.

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 Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Pro Tempore Baker, "Aye". Chairman Fairbanks was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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RESOLUTION NO. 420-20 A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE AWARD OF AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT AS EXECUTED WITH TETRA TECH, INC. TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY DEBRIS MONITORING SERVICES FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$491,805.00 AND TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND EXPENSE BUDGET BY ADDING \$491,805.00 TO EXPENDITURES FROM PREVIOUSLY UNBUDGETED FUNDS.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adopt Resolution No. 420-20.

In response to Commissioner Mackey's question, Mayor Coppinger provided details regarding this item and noted up to 90% of the cost is reimbursable by FEMA.

In response to Commissioner Baker's question, Mayor Coppinger stated the emergency contract period is for 45-days and then the remainder of the cleanup would be bid out. He added the City of Chattanooga has their own contract per FEMA regulations.

In response to Commissioner Boyd's question, Mayor Coppinger reported the contracted company would be authorized to access private roads and right of ways for cleanup.

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In response to Commissioner Smedley's question regarding a private log home community off Bill Reed Road, Mayor Coppinger confirmed the contracted company would be able to access that area for debris cleanup.

The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows:
Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Pro Tempore Baker, "Aye". Chairman Fairbanks was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 420-21 A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE AWARD OF AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT AS EXECUTED WITH CERES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY DEBRIS COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,054,266.67 AND TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND EXPENSE BUDGET BY ADDING \$2,054,266.67 TO EXPENDITURES FROM PREVIOUSLY UNBUDGETED FUNDS.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 420-21.

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In response to Commissioner Mackey's question, Mayor Coppinger provided details regarding this item and noted up to 90% of the cost is reimbursable by FEMA.

In response to Commissioner Martin's question, Mayor Coppinger reported the Birchwood II C&D landfill, approved by Commissioners on October 18, 2017 (*Resolution No. 1017-31B*), has been under construction and would be opening within two weeks to take in some of the tornado debris. He recognized the Public Works and Highway Departments for their work on this project.

The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows:
Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Pro Tempore Baker, "Aye". Chairman Fairbanks was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 420-22 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 ACCEPT A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,894.00 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO PROVIDE

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**SUPPLEMENTAL CORONAVIRUS FUNDING BEGINNING MARCH 15, 2020 AND
ENDING ON MARCH 14, 2021.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Bankston, seconded by Commissioner Sharpe, to adopt Resolution No. 420-22. The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Pro Tempore Baker, "Aye". Chairman Fairbanks was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 420-23 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 ACCEPT A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$640,790.00 FROM
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO PROVIDE
CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT FUNDING
BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2020 AND ENDING ON MARCH 31, 2021.**

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Bankston, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 420-23. The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Pro Tempore Baker, "Aye". Chairman Fairbanks was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 420-24 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO SODDY DAISY FOOD BANK IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND TRAVEL DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT ONE.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Bankston, to adopt Resolution No. 420-24. The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Pro Tempore Baker, "Aye". Chairman Fairbanks was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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At this time, Chairman Pro Tempore Baker stated the phone line for members of the public wishing to address the Commission on matters other than zoning would be open at this time. He stated those wishing to speak should call 423-209-8998 to be added to the queue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Pro Tempore Baker asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

Commissioner Bankston encouraged everyone to stay safe.

Commissioner Mackey commended Commissioner Smedley for her representation of District 7.

Commissioner Martin stated his hope to return to in person meetings in the Commission Room at the Courthouse in the near future. He spoke about the upcoming budget discussions and encouraged Commissioners to be mindful of the uncertainty of available funds.

Commissioner Mackey and Commissioner Geter expressed their desire to continue meeting electronically.

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Commissioner Sharpe encouraged everyone to be considerate of each other and wear masks in public spaces.

Commissioner Boyd spoke about the upcoming budget discussions and encouraged the Department of Education to present a no growth budget.

Commissioner Smedley thanked Governor Bill Lee, Mayor Coppinger, and the Hamilton County Health Department for their response to COVID-19 and the proactive approach to re-opening businesses.

Commissioner Smedley thanked multiple individuals and organizations for their relief efforts in response to the Easter Sunday tornado. She spoke at length about the devastation and the community's response and perseverance.

Chairman Pro Tempore Baker also commended the community for its perseverance in light of COVID-19 and the tornado damage.

Mayor Coppinger spoke about the time and money that has been invested in preparing for the events the community is experiencing now. He thanked the many departments and organizations that coordinated relief and response efforts. Mayor Coppinger agreed with Commissioner Sharpe's comments regarding wearing masks in public spaces in order to have a successful re-opening in addition to maintaining a 6-foot social distance. He provided additional local COVID-19 statistics.

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In response to Commissioner Geter's question, Mayor Coppinger provided some additional clarification regarding the Governor's Safer at Home Order. He noted that higher risk populations should not be out unless it is necessary.

Commissioner Sharpe thanked leaders in the restaurant industry for making decisions to prepare for a safe re-opening.

In response to Commissioner Sharpe's question regarding an inmate in the county jail who tested positive for COVID-19, Mayor Coppinger reported that individual was isolated and the staff would be quarantined and tested.

DELEGATIONS

Chairman Pro Tempore Baker asked for delegations on matters other than zoning. There were none.

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There being no further business, Chairman Pro Tempore Baker declared the meeting in recess until Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved

05-13-20
Date

W.F.K.
Clerk's Initials