

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
AGENDA PREPARATION SESSION
MAY 28, 2014**

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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Chairman Pro Tempore Fields indicated the upcoming agenda items would be considered as follows:

- Resolution No. 614-1 was the usual County Clerk item regarding notaries, etc. This required no committee assignment.
- A Criminal Court Clerk Report for April 2014 would be submitted as a matter of record.
- The County Trustee Excess Fee Report for April 2014 would be submitted as a matter of record.
- The County Trustee Monthly Report for April 2014 would be submitted as a matter of record.
- Resolutions No. 614-2 and 614-3 were board appointments, requiring no committee assignment.
- Resolutions No. 614-4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 13 were assigned to the Finance Committee, chaired by Commissioner Graham.
- Resolutions No. 614-7 and 614-12 were assigned to a Committee of the Whole.
- Resolutions No. 614-14 through 614-18 was assigned to the Legal Committee, chaired by Commissioner Fields.

1:40

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 614-12

Real Property Manager Paul Parker spoke regarding this Resolution, which would authorize the County Mayor to execute an offer to purchase from Plastic Omnium Auto Exteriors, LLC relative to Tract 30 (28-A) at the Enterprise South Industrial Park. This purchase price of 27 acres would be \$1,485,000, or \$55,000 per acre.

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Upon questioning by Chairman Pro Tempore Fields, Mr. Parker responded that this price per acre was comparable to previous purchases at Enterprise South. He stated that the range of purchases had been from \$35,000 to \$60,000 per acre. He added that the price had been negotiated by Mayors of both City and County governments based on investment amounts and the number of jobs created.

3:13 Mayor Coppinger welcomed legal representation from Baker Donelson, who were in attendance today.

4:13 Commissioner Graham emphasized that this was a \$70,000,000 investment, which would create 184 permanent jobs at an average of \$44,000 salary per year. He noted the plan was for a future expansion within 5 years.

Commissioner Mackey shared a concern regarding recent reports that Enterprise South Industrial Park was running low on available properties for future growth. He asked whether the County was seeking other potential growth opportunities.

Mayor Coppinger responded that Hamilton County was still very much on the radar of companies considering growth or expansion. He stated that the County was seeking a suitable location for what could become the next industrial park.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 614-7

11:00

Sheriff Jim Hammond made comments regarding this Resolution, which would authorize the County Mayor to submit a joint application with the City of Chattanooga for a 2014 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). The City of Chattanooga would receive \$92,701 and the County would receive \$45,406. This grant funding would be used toward the purchase of a Traffic Division van and safety equipment. He added that no county match was required.

Commissioner Graham clarified that this Resolution would authorize the Mayor to submit an application for the grant and the Commission would have an opportunity later to consider approval if awarded.

12:27

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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Commissioner Graham welcomed members of his family who were in attendance for today's meeting. He congratulated his daughter, and her friend, recent graduates

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from the 8th grade. He stated that they had the opportunity to visit Washington, D.C. and learn more about federal government.

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Mayor Coppinger announced his intent to make budget recommendations for the fiscal year 2014 – 2015 at the June 4th Commission meeting. He stated that the budget would then be presented to the Commission for their consideration at a June 28th meeting. He informed everyone that the budget would be available online after the meeting on Wednesday, June 4th. Upon the request of three Commissioners, he stated the budget would also be made available to those Commissioners on a disc.

14:58

DELEGATIONS

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

Being no further business, Chairman Pro Tempore Fields declared the meeting adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

06-18-14
Date

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Clerk's Initials