

**RECESSED MEETING  
HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MAY 30, 2018**

**STATE OF TENNESSEE**            )            Recessed Meeting

**COUNTY OF HAMILTON**        )            May 30, 2018

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018, a Recessed 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:--

0:30

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 Graham, Commissioner Mackey, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Smedley, and Chairman Fairbanks. Commissioner Fields arrived after the roll was called. 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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Commissioner Smedley introduced Reverend Sterling Jetton, Shelter Church, who gave the invocation. He asked everyone to keep former Deputy Governor in the

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Haslam Administration and former Hamilton County Mayor Claude Ramsey and former Hamilton County Property Assessor Bill Bennett in their thoughts and prayers. Both are dealing with health related issues. Revered Jetton also led in the pledge to the flag.

3:57

**RESOLUTION NO. 518-38 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, ADULT DRUG COURT DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM WITH A TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENHANCEMENTS TO HAMILTON COUNTY'S CURRENT RECOVERY COURT PROGRAM.**

Development Director Dan Saieed stated if awarded, the grant would expand the Drug Court program is for \$500,000.00, which would cover a 48-month period. He noted he was speaking on behalf of Criminal Court Judge Tom Greenholtz and Coordinator of the Drug Court Program Elaine Kelly who were unable to attend today's meeting. Mr. Saieed explained the new funding would allow a second Drug Court docket for 30 new clients with no prior felony convictions. Currently Drug Court serves 60 repeat offenders. He explained a 25 percent in-kind match is required and will be handled through the existing Drug Court budget.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 518-38.

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In response to Commissioner Graham's question, Mr. Saieed clarified the county is under no obligation to continue the program once the 48-month period is up.

In response to Commissioner Fields' question, Mr. Saieed explained the item is time sensitive as the grant application must be submitted by June 5<sup>th</sup>.

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 Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

**APPOINTMENT OF TWO JUDICIAL COMMISSIONERS**

Chairman Fairbanks stated interviews to fill two Judicial Commissioner positions were conducted last week. He explained during that time it was recommended by the Security and Corrections Committee, chaired by Commissioner Boyd, that going forward, the terms of Judicial Commissioners should be extended from one year to two-year terms.

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**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to change the newly appointed Judicial Commissioner's terms of office from one year to two years (amends Resolution No. 218-13).

11:36 Attorney Taylor clarified the pay rate increase authorized by Resolution No. 218-13 to be effective May 1, 2018 would not be retroactive since the new appointments have not been made. The pay increase will be effective as of June 1, 2018 when the new terms of office begin.

Chairman Fairbanks explained the procedure for filling the two Judicial Commissioner vacancies created by the expiring terms of Brandy Spurgin-Floyd and Randy Russell on May 31, 2018. He stated when the Clerk calls the roll, each Commissioner will call the name of one nominee; a nominee must have five votes to be appointed. He noted this process will be repeated until two nominees are appointed.

13:17 Chairman Fairbanks stated without objection, all ten applicants interviewed last week would be accepted as nominees. There were no objections. He read the names of the following ten nominees into the record: Owen Stuart Brown, Jackson L. Case, IV, J. Estes Cocke, Robert T. Davis, Kimberly Greuter, Lorrie Miller, Blake F. Murchison, Randy Russell, Brandy Spurgin-Floyd, and Patricia Best Vital.

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**APPOINTMENT OF FIRST JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER**

County Clerk Bill Knowles called the roll for appointment of a Judicial Commissioner. Commissioner Bankston, "Miller", Commissioner Beck, "Russell", Commissioner Boyd, "Russell", Commissioner Fields, "Miller", Commissioner Graham, "Miller", Commissioner Mackey, "Russell", Commissioner Martin, "Miller", Commissioner Smedley, "Miller", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Russell". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0.

Lorrie Miller was elected as Judicial Commissioner with five votes.

**APPOINTMENT OF SECOND JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER**

County Clerk Bill Knowles called the roll for appointment of a Judicial Commissioner. Commissioner Bankston, "Brown", Commissioner Beck, "Brown", Commissioner Boyd, "Spurgin-Floyd", Commissioner Fields, "Brown", Commissioner Graham, "Brown", Commissioner Mackey, "Brown", Commissioner Martin, "Brown", Commissioner Smedley, "Brown", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Spurgin-Floyd". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0.

Owen Stuart Brown was elected as Judicial Commissioner with seven votes.

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**APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER**

17:23

Chairman Fairbanks read the following names of the four Judicial Commissioners eligible to be appointed as Chief Judicial Commissioner into the record: Andrew S. Basler, Ron Powers, Lorrie Miller, and Owen Stuart Brown.

It was confirmed for the record that three of the four magistrates were present and interested in the Chief Judicial Commissioner position. Mr. Brown was not present.

County Clerk Bill Knowles called the roll for appointment of Chief Judicial Commissioner. Commissioner Bankston, "Miller", Commissioner Beck, "Miller", Commissioner Boyd, "Miller", Commissioner Fields, "Miller", Commissioner Graham, "Miller", Commissioner Mackey, "Miller", Commissioner Martin, "Miller", Commissioner Smedley, "Basler", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Basler". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0.

Lorrie Miller was elected as Chief Judicial Commissioner with seven votes.

Commissioner Graham thanked all of the nominees for their interest in the positions. He added the Commission will be considering two of the positions again when the terms of Andrew S. Basler and Ron Powers expire on October 31, 2018. He encouraged all of the nominees to apply again.

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At this time, Attorney Taylor presented a Resolution approving the newly appointed magistrates, their terms, and annual salary. The item was assigned Resolution No. 518-39 (amends Resolution No. 218-13).

Chairman Fairbanks asked that Resolution No. 518-39 be read into the record. He confirmed a final draft of the resolution will be submitted to Clerk's office.

21:15

**RESOLUTION NO. 518-39 A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 218-13 BY ESTABLISHING THE TERM OF THE HEREIN-APPOINTED JUDICIAL COMMISSIONERS TO BE TWO (2) YEARS; APPOINTING LORRIE MILLER AND APPOINTING OWEN STUART BROWN AS JUDICIAL COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JUNE 1, 2018 AND EXPIRING APRIL 30, 2020; DESIGNATING LORRIE MILLER AS "CHIEF JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER" FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1, 2018 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2018 (THEREBY FURTHER AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 218-13); AND ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION AS TO EACH SAID APPOINTEE.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 518-39. 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 Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham,

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“Aye”, Commissioner Mackey “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Fairbanks, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

Chairman Fairbanks thanked County Clerk Bill Knowles and his staff for their work.

23:27

**RESOLUTION NO. 518-37 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE APPOINTMENT OF LEROY GRANT TO SERVE AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.**

This Resolution appoints Leroy Grant as an alternate for a period commencing May 30, 2018 and ending May 30, 2020.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 518-37. 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 Bankston, “Aye”, Commissioner Beck, “Aye”, Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Fields, “Aye”, Commissioner Graham, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Fairbanks, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.



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Being no further business Chairman Fairbanks declared the Recessed Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



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William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved

06-20-18  
Date

W.F.K.  
Clerk's Initials