

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 18, 2014**

STATE OF TENNESSEE) Regular Meeting
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) June 18, 2014

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 18th day of June, 2014, 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:--

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Present and presiding was the Honorable Fred Skillern, 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 Haynes, Commissioner Henry, Commissioner Mackey, and Chairman Skillern. Total present - 9. Total absent – 0.

Also in attendance were County Mayor Jim Coppinger, members of his administrative staff, Assistant County Attorney Dee Hobbs, 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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Commissioner Haynes welcomed Pastor Gary Jared, Stuart Heights Baptist Church, who gave the invocation. Commissioner Haynes led in the pledge to the flag.

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PRESENTATION – CERTIFICATE OF CONGRATULATIONS – DIANE HITCHCOCK

Commissioner Bankston presented a Certificate of Congratulations to Diane Hitchcock, Outstanding Teacher at Snow Hill Elementary School, upon recently winning the Golden Apple Award from News Channel 12.

Ms. Hitchcock thanked the Commission for this honor. She was personally congratulated and shook hands with Commissioners at this time.

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PRESENTATION – COMMISSIONER LARRY HENRY – WESTVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Westview Elementary School Principal Margo Williams presented a commemorative plaque on behalf of the school to Commissioner Henry for his years of devotion and support to both the school and the entire community. She noted the many contributions Commissioner Henry had made to Westview Elementary during his service.

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Commissioner Henry thanked Ms. Williams for this recognition. He stated that it had been a pleasure to serve in this capacity throughout the years.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Bankston, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of May 28, 2014, the Agenda Preparation Session of May 28, 2014, and the Regular Meeting of June 4, 2014, 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 Bankston, "Aye"; Commissioner Beck, "Aye"; Commissioner Boyd, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Haynes, "Aye"; Commissioner Henry, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; and Chairman Skillern, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 614-20 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS, THE OATH OF DEPUTY SHERIFF AND THE OATH OF DEPUTY REGISTER.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Henry, to adopt Resolution No. 614-20. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a

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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 Haynes, "Aye"; Commissioner Henry, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; and Chairman Skillern, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

Chairman Skillern asked that Resolutions No. 614-21 through 614-23 be considered together at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 614-21 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT BY THE COUNTY MAYOR OF ONE MEMBER TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY BEER BOARD, TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 614-22 A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING COUNTY CLERK WILLIAM F. "BILL" KNOWLES, COUNTY AUDITOR BILL MCGRUFF, COUNTY COMMISSIONER JIM A. FIELDS, AND COUNTY ATTORNEY RHEUBIN M. TAYLOR, AND APPOINTING COUNTY FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR ALBERT KISER TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY ETHICS COMMITTEE.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 614-23 A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE REAPPOINTMENT
OF FIVE MEMBERS AND APPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO THE
CHATTANOOGA HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH COUNCIL.**

Resolution No. 614-21 confirms the reappointment of Chris Keene to the Hamilton County Beer Board for a three-year term expiring June 20, 2017.

Resolution No. 614-22 confirms the reappointments of County Clerk Bill Knowles, County Auditor Bill McGriff, County Commissioner Jim Fields, and County Attorney Rhuebin Taylor, and appoints Finance Administrator Albert Kiser to the Hamilton County Ethics Committee for a two-year term ending June 3, 2016.

Resolution No. 614-23 confirms the reappointments of Phyllis Casavant, Early Medley, Mai Bell Hurley, Eva Dillard, and Rae Bond, and the appointment of Cathy Sims Jennings to the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Health Council for a four-year term expiring June 22, 2018.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolutions No. 614-21 through 614-23. The motion was not voted on at this time.

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Commissioner Mackey spoke regarding Resolution No. 614-22. He noted for the record that these appointments, including that of Commissioner Fields, had been researched and there was no conflict of interest.

Commissioner Fields confirmed that a conflict of interest did not exist. He indicated his intent to vote in support of these Resolutions.

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 Bankston, "Aye"; Commissioner Beck, "Aye"; Commissioner Boyd, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Haynes, "Aye"; Commissioner Henry, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; and Chairman Skillern, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

Chairman Skillern asked that Resolutions No. 614-24 through 614-29 be considered together at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 614-24 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO TRANSFER \$8,190 OUT OF ITS NARCOTIC'S (CONFISCATED) FUND TO THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA'S CONFISCATED FUND.

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RESOLUTION NO. 614-25 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF SECURUS TECHNOLOGIES TO PROVIDE THE INMATE TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR THE COUNTY JAIL AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 614-26 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF SIX (6) PORTABLE RADIOS AND ACCESSORIES AMOUNTING TO \$18,455.10 FROM MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 614-27 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CORPORATION (TASC) FOR COBRA ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 614-28 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CORPORATION (TASC) FOR FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT SERVICES FOR THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY

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**RESOLUTION NO. 614-29 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FIRST YEAR
CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH SUN LIFE FINANCIAL FOR REINSURANCE FOR THE
COUNTY'S GROUP MEDICAL PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR
TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

Commissioner Graham provided details regarding Resolutions No. 614-24 through 614-29 and stated that the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolutions No. 614-24 through 614-29. The motion was not voted on at this time.

Commissioner Boyd made comments concerning Resolution No. 614-29. He applauded mayoral staff from the Purchasing, Human Resources, and other departments for their diligence regarding these and other Resolutions. He noted that because of programs implemented by the County such as the Wellness Center, Health Clinic, and County Pharmacy, insurance premiums were not increasing at the rate they would have otherwise.

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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 Bankston, "Aye"; Commissioner Beck, "Aye"; Commissioner Boyd, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Haynes, "Aye"; Commissioner Henry, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; and Chairman Skillern, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

Chairman Skillern asked that Resolutions No. 614-30, 31, 32, and 34 be considered together at this time. He noted that Resolution No. 614-33 was not used.

RESOLUTION NO. 614-30 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF GOLDEN CIRCLE FORD FOR ONE (1) 4X4 UTILITY VEHICLE AMOUNTING TO \$27,671.80 FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 614-31 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF MEDSAFE WASTE FOR MEDICAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES FOR VARIOUS HAMILTON COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

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RESOLUTION NO. 614-32 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HIXSON PIKE (SR 319) AT THRASHER PIKE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,427 OF WHICH 80 PERCENT OF THE COST WILL BE REIMBURSED TO HAMILTON COUNTY BY THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND 20 PERCENT MATCH TO BE PAID BY HAMILTON COUNTY.

RESOLUTION NO. 614-33 RESOLUTION NO. NOT USED.

RESOLUTION NO. 614-34 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE QUALIFICATIONS AND FEE SCHEDULES OF AMEC ENVIRONMENTAL & INFRASTRUCTURE INC., GEOSERVICES, LLC, K.S. WARE & ASSOCIATES LLC, MARION ENVIRONMENTAL, INC., MC2 ENGINEERS, MORELAND ALTOBELLI ASSOCIATES, INC., S&ME, INC., STANTEC, TERRACON, AND THOMPSON ENGINEERING, FOR ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT PRICING, BEGINNING JULY 2, 2014 THROUGH JULY 1, 2015, FOR GEOENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

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Commissioner Graham provided details regarding Resolutions No. 614-30, 31, 32, and 34 and stated that the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval. He expressed his appreciation to Purchasing Director Gail Roppo and her staff for continuing to find savings on these and other Resolutions.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolutions No. 614-30, 31, 32, and 34. 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 Bankston, "Aye"; Commissioner Beck, "Aye"; Commissioner Boyd, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Haynes, "Aye"; Commissioner Henry, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; and Chairman Skillern, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

Finance Committee Chairman Graham asked that Resolution No. 614-39 be considered at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 614-39 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH A TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2015 WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES AND AMENDING THE DRUG COURT FUND BY ADDING \$425,000 TO THE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE BUDGETS.

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Commissioner Graham provided details regarding Resolution No. 614-39 and stated that the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 614-39. 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, "Aye"; Commissioner Haynes, "Aye"; Commissioner Henry, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; and Chairman Skillern, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

Chairman Skillern asked that Resolutions No. 614-35 through 614-38 be considered together at this time.

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RESOLUTION NO. 614-35 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH A TERM OF JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2015 WITH MS. ELAINE KELLY TO SERVE AS COORDINATOR OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRUG COURT PROGRAM.

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RESOLUTION NO. 614-36 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH A TERM OF JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2015, WITH MS. CRYSTAL COUCH TO SERVE AS A PROGRAM ASSISTANT FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRUG COURT PROGRAM.

RESOLUTION NO. 614-37 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH A TERM OF JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2015, WITH MR. JOHN ROBERT COOPER TO SERVE AS A JUNIOR CASE MANAGER FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRUG COURT PROGRAM.

RESOLUTION NO. 614-38 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH A TERM OF JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2015 WITH MR. JEFF S. HILL TO SERVE AS CASE MANAGER FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRUG COURT PROGRAM.

Commissioner Graham provided details regarding Resolutions No. 614-35 through 614-38 and stated that the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to adopt Resolutions No. 614-35 through 614-38. The foregoing Resolutions were unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County

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Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye"; Commissioner Beck, "Aye"; Commissioner Boyd, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Haynes, "Aye"; Commissioner Henry, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; and Chairman Skillern, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 614-40 RESOLUTION NO. NOT USED.

RESOLUTION NO. 614-41 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SCHOOLS FEDERAL PROJECTS FUND BUDGET BY ADDING \$666,568 TO THE FY 2013-2014 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE BUDGET; TO AMEND THE SELF-FUNDED PROJECTS FUND BUDGET BY ADDING \$572,279 TO THE FY 2013-2014 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE BUDGET; TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE FUND BUDGET BY ADDING \$1,564,326 TO THE FY 2013-2014 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE BUDGET.

Commissioner Graham provided details regarding Resolution No. 614-41, noting that this item had been heard by a Committee of the Whole.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Bankston, to adopt Resolution No. 614-41. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being

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present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye"; Commissioner Beck, "Aye"; Commissioner Boyd, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Haynes, "Aye"; Commissioner Henry, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; and Chairman Skillern, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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RESOLUTION NO. 614-42 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014–2015 AND SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2014 FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Chairman Skillern reported that Mayor Coppinger had presented his budget recommendations to the Commission at the June 4, 2014 Regular Meeting.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Haynes, seconded by Commissioner Fields, to adopt Resolution No. 614-42. The motion was not voted on at this time.

Several members of the Commission thanked Mayor Coppinger and his staff for their hard work in providing a streamlined and concise budget to the Commission.

Commissioner Mackey stated there had been recent assertions in the news media that the Commission had violated the Sunshine Law by meeting with the Mayor to discuss budgetary matters. He noted that to his knowledge, members of the

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Commission had not received invitations to meet personally with the Mayor to discuss the budget. He encouraged the Mayor to maintain a strong line of communication with the Commission to keep them informed on this matter.

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 Haynes, "Aye"; Commissioner Henry, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; and Chairman Skillern, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

Mayor Coppinger expressed his appreciation to the Commission for their support of the budget today. He thanked his staff for their hard work in putting it together.

Chairman Skillern made comments regarding the 2.5% employee salary increase included in the budget, as well as the increased cost of health insurance. He emphasized that these were funded by growth experienced throughout the County in the past year, as well as other savings realized. He pointed out that certain savings were a result of fewer positions and vehicles, along with the combining of other positions.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 614-43 A RESOLUTION MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO
NONPROFIT CHARITABLE AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS OF HAMILTON COUNTY,
TENNESSEE, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2014 AND ENDING
JUNE 30, 2015.**

Finance Administrator Albert Kiser provided details regarding this Resolution, which was heard last week as a Committee of the Whole.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Henry, to adopt Resolution No. 614-43. 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 Haynes, "Aye"; Commissioner Henry, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; and Chairman Skillern, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Skillern asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

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Commissioner Mackey spoke regarding today's budget Resolution and the 2.5% employee raise, pointing out that the City of Chattanooga had recently approved a 1.5% raise for their employees.

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Commissioner Graham made comments concerning the previously mentioned news articles suggesting that Commissioners had violated the Sunshine Law by discussing the budget with Mayor Copping. He stated that in order for the Sunshine Law to be violated, the members deliberating the matter would both have to be able to vote in the Legislative Body. He asked whether the Mayor had a vote in the Commission.

Assistant County Attorney Hobbs responded that the Mayor did not have a vote on the Commission. It was his opinion that it was not a violation of the Sunshine Law for members of the Commission to discuss the budget with the Mayor.

Commissioner Graham emphasized the importance of having a strong relationship and open line of communication with the Mayor in order to be kept informed on important matters to the County.

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Commissioner Boyd announced that the Girls Inc.'s Bookworm literacy program had recently been recognized as Impact Program of the Year by United Way of

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Chattanooga. He stated this program provided literacy training to the underserved students ages pre-k to second grade.

45:11

Commissioners Bankston and Fields welcomed their wives, who were both in attendance for today's meeting. Commissioner Fields announced that he and his wife were celebrating their 32nd anniversary today.

46:55

Mayor Coppinger stated that in June 2009, the Commission had approved a Resolution to accept the old Charles A. Bell school property from the City of Chattanooga through a quitclaim deed. He reported that the County then applied and received a grant for cleanup and remediation of the property. He announced that all cleanup had been performed and the property would be transferred back to the City of Chattanooga this week. This transfer did not require further Commission action, as the previous 2009 Resolution had already given consent to do so.

48:03

Mayor Coppinger made comments regarding today's Sunshine Law discussion. He also reemphasized the importance of strong communication between himself and members of the Commission. He encouraged members of the Commission to always feel free to stop by his office or call him regarding any matters.

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DELEGATIONS

Chairman Skillern asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

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Rick Carpenter, a resident at 3119 Chicalilly Avenue, who has addressed the Commission many times, relating to his problem with the Hamilton County Water and Wastewater Treatment Authority (WWTA), approached the podium. He stated that the County Attorney has not responded to his earlier public inquiry into the County's compliance with the Coinage Act of 1965.

Assistant County Attorney Hobbs responded that to his understanding, Mr. Carpenter's question related to the WWTA, which was a separate legal entity than Hamilton County, Tennessee. He stated that the County did currently accept cash as payment, to his knowledge.

Upon further questioning by Mr. Carpenter, Attorney Hobbs replied that Chris Clem, the attorney representing the WWTA in a lawsuit against Mr. Carpenter, was not employed or being paid by Hamilton County.

Chairman Skillern asked that Finance Administrator Albert Kiser research whether Mr. Clem had ever been paid by Hamilton County. Mr. Kiser indicated he would do so and report back to the Commission.

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There being no further business, Chairman Skillern declared the meeting in recess until Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

07-02-14
Date

WJK
Clerk's Initials