

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 21, 2017**

STATE OF TENNESSEE) Regular Meeting

COUNTY OF HAMILTON) June 21, 2017

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 21st day of June, 2017, 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:--

0:12

Present and presiding was the Honorable Chester Bankston, Chairman. County Clerk Bill Knowles called the roll of the County Commission and the following, constituting a quorum, answered to their names: Commissioner Beck, Commissioner Fairbanks, Commissioner Fields, Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Mackey, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Smedley, and Chairman Bankston. Commissioner Boyd arrived immediately after the invocation. 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.

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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0:32 Commissioner Graham welcomed the large crowd in the audience. He introduced Reverend Scott Williamson, Pilgrim Congregational Church United Church of Christ, who gave the invocation. Commissioner Graham led in the pledge to the flag.

PRESENTATION – CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL LADY POUNDERS SOFTBALL TEAM

3:31 Chairman Bankston presented a Certificate of Congratulations to the Central High School Lady Pounders Softball Team. He congratulated the team on winning both the regular season and district championship for the 2017 season.

Central High School Softball Coach LeeAnne Shurette thanked Commissioner Bankston for the recognition. She introduced the team members and presented each one with a certificate. A round of applause was given for each member of the team. At this time, Coach Shurette and the team shook hands with members of the Commission.

PRESENTATION – COUNTY AUDITOR JENNETH RANDALL

8:26 Chairman Bankston announced County Auditor Jenneth Randall would be addressing the Commission regarding the official audit report about the Chattanooga Convention and Visitor's Bureau (CVB) as well as recent news articles concerning the audit. He indicated there would be no Q&A after the presentation.

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Ms. Randall noted she obtained her position as Hamilton County Auditor on November 17, 2016. She reminded members of the Commission the County Auditor's Office is charged with remaining independent and unbiased in their reporting. Ms. Randall reported funding to the CVB was mandated per Resolution No. 207-27, approved by the Commission on February 21, 2007. She stated two internal certified public accountants reviewed the most recent official audit report, and the employee assigned to work on the audit, and who subsequently distributed the internal audit notes was not a certified public accountant. Ms. Randall explained in May 2016, the same employee reported to her that written CVB financial reports were not filed with Hamilton County government as required by Resolution No. 207-27. She noted this statement became part of the official audit report.

Ms. Randall stated she recently learned eight years of CVB audited financial statements were filed with both the County Clerk's Office and the County Mayor's Office. She noted for the record the statement in the official audit report concerning the financial reports and the internal audit notes released to the newspaper were incorrect. Additionally, Ms. Randall pointed out the CVB has given updates on tourism at public meetings and through their website, newspapers, electronic media, and other resources.

Ms. Randall concluded that an audit is limited by the scope of the requested work, and the internal notes released were outside that scope of work and was not

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discussed with the CVB. She emphasized the internal notes were incomplete and should not have been released. She added that audit standards are required to be followed prior to the release of reports. Ms. Randall assured she would not intentionally sign any audit report that is incomplete or does not meet professional standards. She also reported that she has no political agenda.

At this time, a round of applause was given for Ms. Randall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

14:44

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of May 31, 2017, the Agenda Preparation Session of May 31, 2017, and the Regular Meeting of June 7, 2017, 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 Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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ORDER OF DESIGNATION

An order was recorded designating Todd Leamon to sit as the County Mayor's representative on the Planning Commission for the meeting of June 12, 2017.

ORDER OF APPOINTMENT

Mayor Coppinger submitted for the record an Order reappointing Y.L. Coker to the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission for a term expiring May 31, 2021.

15:23

**RESOLUTION NO. 617-23 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET OF \$691,498,923
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 617-23.

Commissioner Boyd welcomed newly elected Superintendent of Schools Dr. Bryan Johnson who was present in the audience.

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15:46 **ON MOTION** of Commissioner Boyd, to delay Resolution No. 617-23 for 30 days to allow for more discussion.

The foregoing Motion to delay failed due to lack of a second.

16:51 In response to Commissioner Fields' question, Administrator of Finance Al Kiser confirmed the budget under consideration incorporates all of the requested budget by the Department of Education, as well as the needs of County general and Constitutional Offices.

The foregoing Motion to adopt Resolution No. 617-23 was approved on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Nay", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 617-13 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS, AND THE BONDS AND OATHS OF NOTARIES PREVIOUSLY ELECTED.

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18:19 **ON MOTION** of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 617-13. 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 Beck, “Aye”, Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Fairbanks, “Aye”, Commissioner Fields, “Aye”, Commissioner Graham, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Bankston, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

Chairman Bankston paused briefly to allow the large crowd to leave the room.

20:34 **RESOLUTION NO. 617-14 A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH AND SAFETY HEARING BOARD FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM BEGINNING JUNE 21, 2017 AND ENDING JUNE 21, 2021.**

This Resolution appoints Ralph Mann.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 617-14. 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 Beck, “Aye”, Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Fairbanks, “Aye”, Commissioner Fields, “Aye”, Commissioner Graham,

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

21:10 **RESOLUTION NO. 617-15 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT BY THE COUNTY MAYOR OF ONE MEMBER TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY BEER BOARD WITH TERM EXPIRING JUNE 20, 2020.**

This Resolution reappoints Chris Keene.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to adopt Resolution No. 617-15. 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 Beck, “Aye”, Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Fairbanks, “Aye”, Commissioner Fields, “Aye”, Commissioner Graham, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Bankston, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

21:43 **RESOLUTION NO. 617-16 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT AND/OR REAPPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD.**

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This Resolution appoints Alixsandral Walker Finley, Rob Lyons, and Mary K. Roberts.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to adopt Resolution No. 617-16. 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 Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

22:23

RESOLUTION NO. 617-17 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH A TERM BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018 WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to adopt Resolution No. 617-17. 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 Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham,

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

22:57

RESOLUTION NO. 617-18 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SCHOOLS FEDERAL PROJECTS FUND BUDGET BY ADDING \$120,420 TO THE FY 2016-2017 BUDGET; TO AMEND THE SELF-FUNDED PROJECTS FUND BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING FUND BALANCE OF \$1, 717 AND ADDITIONAL REVENUE OF \$316,615 TO THE FY 2016-2017 BUDGET; TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE FUND BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING FUND BALANCE OF \$5,324,000 AND ADDITIONAL REVENUE OF \$1,500,000 TO THE FY 2016-2017 BUDGET.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Fields, to adopt Resolution No. 617-18. 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 Beck, “Aye”, Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Fairbanks, “Aye”, Commissioner Fields, “Aye”, Commissioner Graham, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Bankston, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

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RESOLUTION NO. 617-19 A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF A POLARIS RANGER FROM THE AEGIS FOUNDATION VALUED AT \$15,500.00.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Fields, to adopt Resolution No. 617-19. 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 Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

24:37

RESOLUTION NO. 617-21 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXTENDING OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AMONG THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, THE COUNTY TRUSTEE, AND HAMILTON COUNTY RELATIVE TO THE COLLECTION OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA HOTEL MOTEL TAX.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 617-21. 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 Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham,

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

25:09

RESOLUTION NO. 617-22 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF WILDER CONTRACTING, LLC, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF WATERLESS RESTROOMS AT ENTERPRISE SOUTH NATURE PARK HORSE TRAILS AMOUNTING TO \$103,500.00 FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 617-22. 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 Beck, “Aye”, Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Fairbanks, “Aye”, Commissioner Fields, “Aye”, Commissioner Graham, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Bankston, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

26:04

RESOLUTION NO. 617-24 A RESOLUTION MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO NONPROFIT CHARITABLE AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS OF HAMILTON COUNTY,

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**TENNESSEE, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017 AND ENDING
JUNE 30, 2018.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 617-24. The foregoing Resolution was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Nay", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 1.

26:37

RESOLUTION NO. 617-25 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 WITH THE URBAN LEAGUE OF GREATER CHATTANOOGA TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CONTRACT COMPLIANCE SERVICES FOR A CONTRACT PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 617-25. 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 Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye",

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

27:17

RESOLUTION NO. 617-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND ACCEPT A THREE-YEAR STATE OF TENNESSEE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS - EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG), AND TO SIGN ANY AND ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS, WITH A TERM JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020, TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION PROJECT AND AMENDING THE GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE BUDGET BY ADDING UP TO \$100,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OVER THREE YEARS OF UP TO \$300,000.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to adopt Resolution No. 617-26. 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 Beck, “Aye”, Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Fairbanks, “Aye”, Commissioner Fields, “Aye”, Commissioner Graham, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Bankston, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

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28:27 **RESOLUTION NO. 617-35 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO BE ADOPTED AND ADHERED TO BY NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING FUNDING FROM HAMILTON COUNTY APPROPRIATIONS IN EXCESS OF TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%) OF SAID ORGANIZATIONS' ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 617-35.

28:55 Commissioner Boyd explained to Commissioners this item is about transparency and accountability and not the service the organizations provide. He stated this Resolution will require any non-profits receiving County funding in excess of 25% of their total operating budget to follow County procurement and travel expense policies, and adds a Commissioner to their board for oversight.

 In response to Commissioner Smedley's question, Mr. Kiser stated it will take some research to determine how many agencies would be affected.

 In response to Commissioner Graham's question, County Auditor Jenneth Randall reported regular audits of the non-profit organizations receiving county funding are not required but the office does random audits of those organizations.

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32:33 Commissioner Graham explained funding for many non-profits was cut when the County stopped receiving sales tax revenue from the City of Chattanooga. He added the County is able to fund certain non-profits that provide a valuable service to Hamilton County. It was noted representatives from the Humane Educational Society were present in the audience. It was also noted former County Auditor Bill McGriff was present. Commissioner Graham stated he would not be supporting this Resolution.

Commissioner Mackey clarified the City of Chattanooga made the decision to end the sales tax agreement.

Mr. Kiser noted some non-profits receive discretionary funds that could be in excess of 25% of their total operating budgets.

In response to Commissioner Boyd's request to poll the audience, Chairman Bankston declined his request.

Commissioner Boyd spoke about transparency and accountability in spending. He encouraged Commissioners to support this Resolution.

40:00 In response to Commissioner Fields' question, Mr. Kiser noted all non-profits receiving funding have separate governing boards. Non-profit organizations are also

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required to make their financial statements available for public review. It was reiterated that periodic audits of organizations receiving County funding is already a practice.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner , to call for the vote on Resolution No. 617-35. 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 Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

The foregoing Resolution No. 617-35 was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Nay", Commissioner Graham, "Nay", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Nay", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 6. Total "Nay" votes – 3.

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43:14 **LATE ITEM**

RESOLUTION NO. 617-36 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF COY BROWDER AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION FOR SERVICE, AS MAY BE NEEDED, FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 21, 2017 UNTIL MAY 31, 2018.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 617-36. 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 Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

44:17 **RESOLUTION NO. 617-27 A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM R-2 URBAN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-3 GENERAL BUSINESS COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9309 STATE STREET.**

Commissioner Smedley, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 617-27, and stated the Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended denial. It was noted the applicant was not present at today's meeting or

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last week's Zoning Committee meeting. Several members of the opposition were present.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to deny Resolution No. 617-27. 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 Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

45:57

Chairman Bankston asked that Resolution Nos. 617-28 through 617-34 be considered together at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 617-28 A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE PURCHASE OF GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2017, THROUGH MAY 31, 2017, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 617-29 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF AMEC FOSTER WHEELER ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE, INC., ARCADIS

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U.S., INC., GEOSERVICES, LLC, GEOSYNTEC CONSULTANTS, INC., K.S. WARE & ASSOCIATES, LLC, MARION ENVIRONMENTAL, INC., MC SQUARED, INC., MORELAND ALTOBELLI ASSOCIATES, INC., S&ME, INC., STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES, INC., TERRACON CONSULTANTS, INC., AND THOMPSON ENGINEERING, INC., FOR GEOENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES BEGINNING JULY 3, 2017 THROUGH JULY 2, 2018, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 617-30 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) REPLACEMENT AMBULANCE PATIENT MODULE ON AN EXISTING INTERNATIONAL CHASSIS AMOUNTING TO \$115,459.00 FROM CUSTOM TRUCK AND BODY WORKS, INC., FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 617-31 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF BIG WOODY'S TREE SERVICE, LLC, FOR ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT UNIT PRICING WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR THREE (3) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR TERMS, BEGINNING JUNE 21, 2017, THROUGH JUNE 20, 2018, FOR TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL SERVICES FOR THE RECREATION AND HIGHWAY

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**DEPARTMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY
CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 617-32 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF SPECIAL
TOUCH LAWN CARE SERVICE, AND TURF TAMER, INC., FOR AN INITIAL NINE (9)
MONTH CONTRACT UNIT PRICING WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR THREE
(3) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR TERMS, BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017, THROUGH
MARCH 30, 2018, FOR GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR USE BY
HAMILTON COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR
TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 617-33 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 SIGN A CONTINUATION GRANT-IN-AID CONTRACT FOR
\$351,494.00 WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO SUPPORT
THE DELIVERY OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2017
- JUNE 30, 2018.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 617-34 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR
ON BEHALF OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, THE HEALTH SERVICES
DIVISION, OPERATING AS THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH**

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**DEPARTMENT TO SIGN A CONTINUATION CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$123,000.00 TO PROVIDE
FEDERALLY FACILITATED MARKETPLACE APPLICATION ASSISTANCE TO
PREGNANT WOMEN FOR THE TIME PERIOD JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30,
2018.**

Commissioner Boyd, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 617-28 through 617-34, and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution Nos. 617-28 through 617-34. 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 Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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Health Services Director Becky Barnes reported a Resolution would be presented to the Commission at next week's Recessed Meeting to renew a contract

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with the Tennessee Department of Health to provide breast and cervical cancer early detection services. It was noted the contract expires June 30, 2017.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Bankston asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

54:45

Commissioner Fields announced a Resolution will be on next week's agenda to discuss and approve the changes to the Commission's official rules and proceedings. A copy of the proposed amended rules was filed in the Clerk's Office.

55:04

Commissioner Mackey encouraged Commissioners to listen to citizen's concerns regarding school funding.

55:22

Commissioner Graham echoed Commissioner Mackey's comments. He also spoke about attending Tom Edd Wilson's funeral, and reported it was a beautiful ceremony.

Commissioner Graham announced the death on Saturday, June 11th of John Curtis, longtime Lookout Valley resident and owner of local restaurant Whizz Burger for 27 years. He asked Commissioners to keep the family of Mr. Curtis in their thoughts and

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prayers. Commissioner Graham also recognized Commissioner Fields' wife in the audience.

56:25

Commissioner Martin commended the large crowd in attendance for their participation in local government. He also recognized Chairman of the School Board Dr. Steve Highlander and newly elected Superintendent of Schools Dr. Bryan Johnson in the audience.

Commissioner Martin asked the Finance Department to research and report back to the Commission with the number of non-profit organizations Resolution No. 617-35 would affect.

Commissioner Martin announced Senator Bo Watson will be speaking at the Hixson Chamber of Commerce event today at the North River Civic Center at 12:00 PM regarding the state budget on education and the IMPROVE Act.

58:20

Commissioner Boyd recognized Dr. Johnson, Dr. Highlander, Zac Brown, Assistant Superintendent for School Operations, Jill Levine, Chief Academic Officer, and Justin Robertson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction in the audience. He thanked the Department of Education for their participation.

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1:00:00 Commissioner Smedley congratulated Dr. Johnson on his new position as Superintendent of Schools. She thanked Dr. Highlander, Mr. Robertson, and other representatives from the Department of Education for being present. She noted a joint meeting with the Department of Education would be scheduled soon.

1:00:46 Commissioner Fairbanks thanked Dr. Highlander and Dr. Johnson for being present.

1:01:45 Attorney Taylor called for a legal meeting immediately following today's Commission meeting. He noted two matters would be added to next week's Recessed meeting for consideration.

1:01:59 Mayor Coppinger thanked Commissioners for their participation in this year's budget process. He congratulated and welcomed Dr. Johnson to Hamilton County, and thanked all the representatives from the Department of Education for attending today's meeting.

Mayor Coppinger asked Purchasing Director Gail Roppo to speak regarding the Resolution No. 617-35, which intends for non-profits receiving funding in excess of 25% of their operating budget to follow County procurement and travel expense policies. Mayor Coppinger stated once the affected organizations are identified, it will still be up to their boards to be the watchdog for compliance.

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1:04:48 Ms. Roppo explained her staff could help educate organizations on County spending policies, but she does not have to staff to enforce their compliance. She added it was likely the organizations would have to amend their by-laws to adopt County policies. It was noted the same would apply to enforcing travel policies, which would fall under the Finance Department.

Mayor Coppinger reported it would take many meetings, individual discussions, and coordination with different boards to determine the scope of how this Resolution will apply. He expressed concern over the unintended consequences of applying governmental policies to non-governmental agencies.

1:08:22 Commissioner Boyd emphasized the intent of Resolution No. 617-35 is not to place additional burden on the Mayor and his staff, but to encourage transparency and accountability for public knowledge.

1:10:23 In response to Commissioner Graham's question, Mayor Coppinger stated there is no intention of increasing auditing or purchasing staff.

1:12:35 Chairman Bankston echoed previous comments that no additional burden should be placed on the Mayor and his staff. He thanked Dr. Johnson and Dr. Highlander for being present.

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DELEGATIONS

Chairman Bankston asked for delegations on matters other than zoning. Several audience members came forward. Chairman Bankston reported each speaker had three minutes to make his or her presentation.

1:13:00 Franklin McCallie, residing at 1615 Read Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37408, addressed the Commission regarding funding for public education in Hamilton County. Mr. McCallie encouraged Commissioners to invest more revenue in public education, even if that means raising property taxes, and urged them to provide every student with the opportunity to be successful.

Chairman Bankston noted the City of Chattanooga does not contribute to funding the school system.

At this time, a lengthy discussion took place among Mr. McCallie and Commissioners regarding inequities across Hamilton County schools, and additional revenue sources to increase school funding.

1:28:24 Eric Atkins, residing at 2705 Riverside Drive, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37406, addressed the Commission regarding the recent education debate. He spoke about the history of education in the United States, and highlighted important movements

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including the Common School Movement during the nineteenth century led by Horace Mann, who advocated for a universal standard for public education. He also noted the recent anniversary of the Supreme Court's Brown v. Board of Education decision on May 17, 1954, which declared segregation in public schools to be unconstitutional. He emphasized the important impact of these decisions on today's school system.

1:32:20 Rosabelle Gorman, residing at 8684 Arbutus Drive, Hixson, Tennessee 37343, addressed the Commission regarding the education budget. She stated many letters were mailed to the Mayor and Commissioners prior to the budget vote encouraging them to raise taxes for schools. She questioned when the Commission would be willing to raise taxes to fund education.

1:35:47 Caleb Long, residing at 4506 McCahill Road, Red Bank, Tennessee 37415, addressed the Commission as a representative from IBEW Local Union 175, which represents over 3,100 electrical workers in Southeast Tennessee, Northwest Georgia, and Northeast Alabama. He noted there are over 400 applicants who have applied to their apprentice school, with only 50% passing the reading comprehension test. He expressed concern over not having trained and capable staff.

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There being no further business, Chairman Bankston declared the meeting in recess until Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

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