

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
AGENDA PREPARATION SESSION
JUNE 24, 2020**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Chairman Fairbanks indicated the upcoming agenda items would be considered as follows:

- Resolution No. 620-33 was the usual County Clerk item regarding notaries, etc. This required no committee assignment.
- Resolution Nos. 620-34, 620-35, 620-41, 620-42, and 620-46 through 620-51 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 620-34

This Resolution authorizes the appointment of Gary Bender and the reappointment of Shawn Johnson to the Hamilton County Community Corrections Advisory Board for a term ending June 30, 2022.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 620-35

This Resolution reappoints Matthew Hullander to the Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2020 and ending July 1, 2025.

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There were no questions from Commissioners.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 620-41

This Resolution approves the purchase of Z-Band video distribution systems and related equipment amounting to \$68,299.91 from Choicecomm, LLC from the General Services Administration (GSA) contract (GS-35F-0593R) for the new East Hamilton Middle School and new Harrison Elementary School for the Hamilton County Board of Education.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 620-42

This Resolution approves the purchase of telephones and related equipment from Education Networks of America, Inc. (DBA ENA) amounting to a total of \$12,365.00 for the new East Hamilton Middle School for the Hamilton County Board of Education.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 620-46

This Resolution accepts the donation of 15,000 facial masks from Centene Corporation and authorizes the County Mayor to sign any documents necessary to implement this Resolution.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 620-47

This Resolution accepts the proposal of Tetra Tech, Inc. to provide Disaster Recovery Management Consulting Services for Hamilton County. Additionally, it amends the general fund expense budget by adding an additional \$1,685,201.68 to expenditures from previously unbudgeted funds and amends the general fund revenue budget by adding \$1,474,541.46 to revenues.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 620-48

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This Resolution approves the purchase of three (3) LIFEPAK 15 V4 cardiac monitor/defibrillators and supplies amounting to \$123,108.90 from Stryker Medical for Emergency Medical Services.

Commissioner Smedley questioned if all Hamilton County schools were equipped with cardiac defibrillators. She stated she would contact Justin Witt, Director of Maintenance and Operations for the Hamilton County Department of Education, for an answer before next week's vote.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 620-49

This Resolution authorizes the County Mayor on behalf of Hamilton County, Tennessee, the Health Services Division, operating as the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Health Department to sign a contract with the Tennessee Department of Health in the amount of \$388,900.00 to provide sexually transmitted disease and HIV education, prevention, and control services in Hamilton County, for a time period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 620-50

This Resolution accepts the proposal of Tetra Tech, Inc. to provide Disaster Debris Monitoring Services on an as-needed basis for Hamilton County beginning June 24, 2020 through June 23, 2023, with the option to renew for two additional one-year terms.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 620-51

This Resolution accepts the proposal of Ceres Environmental Services, Inc. to provide Disaster Debris Collection and Disposal Services on an as-needed basis for Hamilton County, beginning June 24, 2020 through June 23, 2023 with the option to renew for two additional one-year terms.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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At this time, Chairman Fairbanks 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 Fairbanks asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

Commissioner Geter announced a Diversity and Equity Committee Meeting would take place next Wednesday immediately following the Commission Meeting in the Commission Room at the Hamilton County Courthouse.

Commissioner Geter made comments regarding the recent protests against police brutality following the death of George Floyd while in custody of the Minneapolis Police Department. She referenced a recently released video involving Hamilton County Sheriff's deputies whose actions are being investigated by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) for excessive force.

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Commissioner Mackey echoed Commissioner Geter's comments. He spoke about the importance of the Black Lives Matter movement and encouraged all Commissioners to speak out against racism. He also spoke about the removal of Confederate statues, including the effort he helped lead in 2017 to remove the bust of Confederate Army Lt. General A.P. Stewart from the Courthouse lawn (*Resolution No. 1017-3*), which failed on a 6-2 vote. He also made comments regarding the recently released video involving Hamilton County Sheriff's deputies whose actions are being investigated by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) for excessive force and the subsequent outrage in the community.

Commissioner Sharpe echoed Commissioner Geter and Commissioner Mackey's comments regarding the recently released video involving Hamilton County Sheriff's deputies whose actions are being investigated by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) for excessive force and the subsequent outrage in the community. He called the actions unacceptable and questioned why de-escalation techniques were not utilized. He emphasized the need for more reasonable tactics in law enforcement protocols and procedures.

Commissioner Smedley thanked Mayor Coppinger and his staff for the budget that was approved during today's Recessed Meeting.

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Mayor Coppinger thanked Commissioner Smedley for her work in tornado relief efforts. He spoke about the impact of COVID-19 in Hamilton County and emphasized the importance of wearing masks and social distancing.

Mayor Coppinger also spoke about the recent protests against racism and police brutality. He stated everyone needs to work together to denounce racism.

Commissioner Bankston announced Vivian Woods, a former educator with the Hamilton County Department of Education, passed away yesterday.

DELEGATIONS

Chairman Fairbanks asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

Jasmine Townsend, Jared Story, Tamara Woodard addressed Commissioners regarding the community protests in response to police brutality and the recently released video involving Hamilton County Sheriff's deputies whose actions are being investigated by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) for excessive force.

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Commissioner Geter requested Sheriff Hammond or a representative for the Sheriff's Office attend next week's meeting to answer some of the questions raised during delegations.

Being no further business, Chairman Fairbanks declared the meeting adjourned until Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

07-15-20



Date

Clerk's Initials