

**RECESSED MEETING AND
AGENDA PREPARATION SESSION
HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
JUNE 25, 2014**

STATE OF TENNESSEE)	Recessed Meeting and Agenda Preparation Session
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)	June 25, 2014

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 25th day of June, 2014, a Recessed Meeting and Agenda Preparation Session 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 Fields, Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Haynes, Commissioner Henry, and Chairman Skillern. Commissioners Boyd and Mackey were not in attendance. Total present - 7. Total absent – 2.

Also in attendance were County Mayor Jim Coppinger, members of his administrative staff, County Attorney Rheubin Taylor, and County Auditor Bill McGriff.

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Commissioner Haynes welcomed Pastor Gary Armes, Hickory Valley Christian Church, who gave the invocation. Commissioner Haynes led in the pledge to the flag.

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2:02

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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

- Resolution No. 714-1 was the usual County Clerk item regarding notaries, etc. This required no committee assignment.
- A Criminal Court Clerk Report for May 2014 would be submitted as a matter of record.
- A Juvenile Court Clerk Report for April 2014 would be submitted as a matter of record.
- The County Trustee's Monthly Report and Excess Fee Report for May 2014 would be submitted as a matter of record.
- Resolutions No. 714-3 through 714-7, and 714-10 through 714-13 were assigned to the Finance Committee, chaired by Commissioner Graham.
- Resolutions No. 714-2, 8, 9, 15, 16, and 17 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

2:08

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 714-8

Commissioner Graham spoke regarding this Resolution, which would declare the former Army Reserve Center property on East 23rd Street as surplus. This property is currently jointly owned with the City of Chattanooga. The Resolution would also accept a proposal from Rocky Top Enterprises, LLC and authorize the County Mayor to negotiate a Real Estate Purchase Agreement for the sale price of \$157,348.

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Nick Wilkinson, City of Chattanooga Deputy Administrator of Economic Development, provided additional details regarding the proposal.

Upon questioning by Commissioner Graham, Mr. Wilkinson confirmed that approximately one acre at the back of the property would not be included as part of the sale.

Eddie Anderson, President of Stringfellow Inc. and General Manager of Rocky Top Enterprises, addressed the Commission regarding this issue. He stated that the property would be utilized as a truck equipment center. Mr. Anderson gave a brief outline of his history with both Stringfellow Inc. and Rocky Top Enterprises. He also reported that an agreement had been made with the Vietnam Veterans of America have use of one of the buildings on the property for one dollar a year. The Vietnam Veterans group would be responsible for maintenance and liability insurance of the building.

Commissioner Graham stated that in December 2013 the Commission had approved a Resolution for a lease agreement with Vietnam Veterans of America for a similar one dollar per year term. He added that the Rocky Top Enterprises project would create approximately 25 new jobs.

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Upon questioning by Commissioner Fields, Mr. Anderson responded that their bid was considered the highest and best bid for the property.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 714-9

Resolution No. 714-9 was heard as a Committee of the Whole. This Resolution would approve architectural firms for the design of a new school for Ganns Middle Valley Elementary and three additions to existing schools at Nolan Elementary, Sale Creek Middle/High, and Wolftever Elementary. There was no discussion regarding this matter.

16:01

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 714-15

Chairman Skillern spoke regarding this Resolution, which would authorize expenditures at the discretion of individual Commission members in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$900,000 from the County line of credit to be used exclusively for public works capital projects. He stated that this was a housekeeping matter, as the funding source would come from bond money.

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16:48 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 714-16 AND 714-17

County Attorney Rheubin Taylor spoke regarding Resolutions No. 714-16 and 714-17, which would appoint and reappointment members to the Hamilton County Employee Appeals Board and the Hamilton County Health and Safety Hearing Board, respectively.

18:08 DISCUSSION RE: CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PROJECT

Chairman Skillern reported that he had been contacted yesterday by a representative from the Chamber of Commerce regarding an upcoming project which would result in new jobs created in the County. He stated that unless there was opposition by the Commission, this item would be heard during next week's Regular Meeting and considered for adoption the following week at a Recessed Meeting on Wednesday, July 9.

19:15 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 714-2

23:58 Commissioner Graham stated that Resolution No. 714-2 had been assigned to the Finance Committee. As Chairman of this Committee, he requested that this item be heard as a Committee of the Whole in order for everyone to hear about a new project

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the County Clerk had volunteered to conduct regarding vehicle registration business. He commended the Clerk for the efficient manner in which he operated his office.

County Clerk Bill Knowles reported that he had volunteered to be part of a pilot for a new project under the leadership of Tennessee's Revenue Commissioner Richard Roberts. The program will implement a Print on Demand (POD) system of issuing State vehicle decals in Hamilton County.

He explained that pressure sensitive stock supplied by the State will display the plate expiration year and print vinyl decals on tag receipts. The decals are to be peeled from the receipt and affixed to the plate by applying motorists. It will save State costs and eliminate inventory tasks in the Clerk's office. It should also discourage decal theft from plates.

Clerk Knowles reported the immediate cost to the County would total \$15,200, and that the Department of Revenue would allot a one-time payment of \$11,000 to the County toward the initial cost of POD equipment, installation, and training from Business Information Systems. BIS provides IT software services and daily assistance to 92 of the State's 95 counties.

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The Clerk also stated the POD method would eliminate the City of Chattanooga's need to purchase an annual inventory of \$5.00 stickers issued by the Clerk's office under contract. He noted this Clerk service is a convenience to City motorists and produces a 5 percent collection fee from each sticker issued as permitted by TCA.

Commissioner Fields asked whether information is available regarding what local savings had been projected. Clerk Knowles responded that less time would be required to process transactions providing increased efficiency and as stated earlier would eliminate office record-keeping of some 300,000 decals annually.

Chairman Skillern noted with interest the immediate savings to the City of Chattanooga eliminating their need to purchase \$5.00 stickers each year.

29:49

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Skillern asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

30:03

Commissioner Fields congratulated Commissioner Haynes, who recently competed in the Senior Olympics and won three bronze medals.

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Attorney Taylor asked that Commission members meet with him in the adjacent conference room immediately following adjournment of today's meeting to discuss a brief legal matter.

30:46

Mayor Coppinger reported that the County had collected \$2,200,000 from the sale of the old Ooltewah Elementary School property. He stated that in accordance with the previously adopted Resolution No. 1011-26, this funding would be held "in escrow for the benefit of the Hamilton County Department of Education and reserved for the purchase of future school sites, building of new schools, and/or renovation of existing schools, as may be approved by this county legislative body."

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DELEGATIONS

Chairman Skillern asked for delegations on matters other than zoning. There were none.

There being no further business, Chairman Skillern declared the meeting adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

07-16-14
Date

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Clerk's Initials