

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
AGENDA PREPARATION SESSION  
JUNE 26, 2019**

**STATE OF TENNESSEE                    )**                   Agenda Preparation Session  
**COUNTY OF HAMILTON                 )**                   June 26, 2019

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019, an 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:--

0:11                   Present and presiding was the Honorable Sabrena Smedley, Chairman. County Clerk Bill Knowles called the roll of the County Commission and the following, constituting a quorum, answered to their names: Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Bankston, Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Fairbanks, Commissioner Geter, Commissioner Mackey, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Sharpe, and Chairman Smedley. 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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### COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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

- An Order of Reappointment to the Walden's Ridge Utility District Board of Commissioners would be submitted as a matter of record.
- The Trustee's Monthly and Excess Fee Reports for May 2019 would be submitted as a matter of record.
- Resolution No. 719-1 was the usual County Clerk item regarding notaries, etc. This required no committee assignment.
- Resolution Nos. 719-6 through 719-10 were assigned to the Finance Committee, chaired by Commissioner Fairbanks.
- Resolution Nos. 719-2 through 719-5 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

0:58

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 719-2

Commissioner Fairbanks spoke regarding this item, which appropriates \$1,500.00 from general fund discretionary monies as allotted to District 1 to the Bakewell Community Center. He stated the funds would assist with an air conditioning unit.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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1:30

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 719-3**

Commissioner Bankston spoke regarding this item, which appropriates \$750.00 from general fund travel discretionary monies as allotted to District 9 to the Medal of Honor Hall of Valor Museum of Military History Foundation. He stated the funds would assist with their Celebration of Valor luncheon.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 719-4**

Chairman Smedley spoke regarding this item, which appropriates \$750.00 from general fund travel discretionary monies as allotted to District 7 to the Medal of Honor Hall of Valor Museum of Military History Foundation. She stated the funds would assist with their Celebration of Valor luncheon.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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2:25 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 719-5**

Administrator of Finance Al Kiser spoke regarding this item, which authorizes Hamilton County to make an intergovernmental transfer to the State of Tennessee's TennCare program in order to secure additional funding from the State of Tennessee's Public Hospital Supplemental Payment Pool (PHSPP) for the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Hospital Authority. He noted this was the standard annual transfer in which Erlanger transfers public funds to Hamilton County in the amount of \$12.3 million. Hamilton County will then forward that money to the State of Tennessee's TennCare program in order to secure \$36.1 million.

Commissioner Boyd spoke about the \$1.5 million in budgeted funds the county appropriates to Erlanger each year and emphasized this Resolution the Commission approves each year allows them to receive well over \$20 million each year.

5:04 In response to Commissioner Mackey's question, Mr. Kiser reported the City of Chattanooga does match the county's funding for Erlanger.

Commissioner Baker thanked Commissioner Boyd for his comments.

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Commissioner Fairbanks, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated the Finance Committee would meet in the Commission Room immediately following today's Agenda Session.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Smedley asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

6:04 Commissioner Sharpe expressed disappointment in the outcome of today's budget vote.

7:08 Commissioner Boyd stated he did a line item review of the budget documents submitted by the Department of Education and reduced it by \$34 million without any impact on academics. He stated his willingness to share his review with school board members.

9:02 Commissioner Geter spoke about the legacy of longtime educator, principal, and city school board member John P. Franklin who passed away last June at the age of 96. Mr. Franklin made history in 1971 by becoming the only African American to be elected in a citywide vote to the old Chattanooga City Commission. She spoke about attending

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yesterday's dedication officially naming the Chattanooga City Council Building at 10<sup>th</sup> and Lindsey Streets in honor of Mr. Franklin.

10:38            Commissioner Baker echoed Commissioner Geter's comments about Mr. Franklin. He encouraged Commissioners and school board members to work together.

11:32            Mayor Coppinger also spoke about Mr. Franklin's legacy and his dedication to public education.

Mayor Coppinger thanked Commissioners for their participation during the budget process and expressed his appreciation the attention that has been placed on the public education system throughout the community.

15:12            Commissioner Mackey thanked Mayor Coppinger for supporting Superintendent of Schools Dr. Bryan Johnson's budget. He encouraged Commissioners to take action.

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**DELEGATIONS**

Chairman Smedley asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

Jeanette Omarkhail, residing at 6731 Flagstone Drive Ooltewah, TN 37363, encouraged Commissioners to work with school board members to achieve the immediate needs in the public school system.

Rick Carpenter, residing at 1548 North Concord Road Chattanooga, TN 37421, addressed Commissioners regarding infrastructure needs throughout the county.

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Being no further business, Chairman Smedley declared the meeting adjourned until Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



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William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

07-17-19  
Date

W.F.K.  
Clerk's Initials