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Also in attendance were County Mayor Jim Coppinger and County Attorney Rheubin Taylor.

Chairman Fairbanks asked County Attorney Rheubin Taylor to offer the invocation. Commissioner Smedley led in the pledge to the flag.

Chairman Fairbanks read a statement into the record regarding today's electronic meeting. He stated the Governor's directive (*Executive Order No. 51*) allows local governmental bodies to conduct their meetings without its members being physically assembled together in order to reduce exposing the general public, members of those local governmental bodies, and governmental staff to the possibility of contracting COVID-19. Chairman Fairbanks reported each Commissioner, staff member, or member of the public participating in today's meeting is doing so from his or her own home or outside office, and none is gathered together in any one place.

Chairman Fairbanks explained prior to the conclusion of today's meeting, all viewers would be advised how they may call in; identify themselves; and address the Commission on matters other than zoning. He added the meeting would be livestreamed for public access on County's YouTube page, which can be found by visiting [www.youtube.com/hamiltoncountyttn](http://www.youtube.com/hamiltoncountyttn).

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Chairman Fairbanks announced that without objection, the Commission's present Rules of Procedure would be suspended in order to conduct today's meeting in conformance with the Governor's directive. There was no objection.

**RESOLUTION NO. 720-1 (PREVIOUSLY RESOLUTION NO. 620-33) A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS AND THE BONDS AND OATHS OF NOTARIES PREVIOUSLY ELECTED.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Bankston, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 720-1. The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Commissioner Sharpe was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 720-2 (PREVIOUSLY RESOLUTION NO. 620-34) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 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.**

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**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Bankston, to adopt Resolution No. 720-2. The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Commissioner Sharpe was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 720-3 (PREVIOUSLY RESOLUTION NO. 620-35) A RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 AND ENDING JULY 1, 2025.**

This Resolution reappoints Matthew Hullander.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 720-3. The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Commissioner

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Sharpe was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 8. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 720-4 (PREVIOUSLY RESOLUTION NO. 620-41) A RESOLUTION APPROVING 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, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Bankston, seconded by Commissioner Geter, to adopt Resolution No. 720-4. The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, “Aye”, Commissioner Bankston, “Aye”, Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Geter, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Fairbanks, “Aye”. Commissioner Sharpe was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 8. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 720-5 (PREVIOUSLY RESOLUTION NO. 620-42) A RESOLUTION APPROVING 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, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Bankston, to adopt Resolution No. 720-5. The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Commissioner Sharpe was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 720-6 (PREVIOUSLY RESOLUTION NO. 620-46) A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF 15,000 FACIAL MASKS FROM CENTENE CORPORATION AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

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**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Bankston, to adopt Resolution No. 720-6. The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Commissioner Sharpe was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 720-7 (PREVIOUSLY RESOLUTION NO. 620-47) A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF TETRA TECH, INC. TO PROVIDE DISASTER RECOVERY MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND EXPENSE BUDGET BY ADDING AN ADDITIONAL \$1,685,201.68 TO EXPENDITURES FROM PREVIOUSLY UNBUDGETED FUNDS AND TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET BY ADDING \$1,474,541.46 TO REVENUES, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Bankston, to adopt Resolution No. 720-7. The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as

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follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye".

Commissioner Sharpe was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 720-8 (PREVIOUSLY RESOLUTION NO. 620-48) A RESOLUTION APPROVING 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 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Bankston, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 720-8. The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye".

Commissioner Sharpe was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.



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**RESOLUTION NO. 720-9 (PREVIOUSLY RESOLUTION NO. 620-49) 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 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.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Geter, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 720-9. The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Commissioner Sharpe was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 720-10 (PREVIOUSLY RESOLUTION NO. 620-50) A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF TETRA TECH, INC. TO PROVIDE DISASTER DEBRIS MONITORING SERVICES ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023 WITH**

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**THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR TERMS, AND  
AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY  
TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Bankston, to adopt Resolution No. 720-10.

In response to Commissioner Boyd's question, Administrator of Public Works and County Engineer Todd Leamon explained this contract would lock in rates in the event another natural disaster were to occur in the next five years. Mayor Coppinger added the county was forced to wait several days after the last tornado to execute emergency contracts and this would allow cleanup to start right away.

Commissioner Mackey voiced concern over the length of this contract as well as terms of board appointments. Mayor Coppinger stated the state sets term limits for certain boards.

The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows:  
Commissioner Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Nay", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye".

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Commissioner Sharpe was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 7. Total “Nay” votes – 1.

**RESOLUTION NO. 720-11 (PREVIOUSLY RESOLUTION NO. 620-51) A  
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF CERES ENVIRONMENTAL  
SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE DISASTER DEBRIS COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL  
SERVICES ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, BEGINNING  
JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023 WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO  
(2) ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR TERMS, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR  
TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adopt Resolution No. 720-11. The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, “Aye”, Commissioner Bankston, “Aye”, Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Geter, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Fairbanks, “Aye”. Commissioner Sharpe was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 8. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

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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 thanked Greater Tucker Missionary Baptist Church and Pastor Gary Hathaway for the COVID-19 testing event that took place over the weekend. She noted over 800 people were tested.

Commissioner Geter announced the Diversity and Equity Committee Meeting would begin immediately following today's Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Mackey spoke about the COVID-19 pandemic and encouraged everyone to wear masks and practice social distancing.

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Commissioner Martin congratulated the 2020 graduates and thanked the Department of Education for the graduation ceremonies that were held over the weekend.

Mayor Coppinger spoke about the COVID-19 pandemic and encouraged all Hamilton County residents to wear masks in public spaces. He also encouraged everyone to take advantage of the many testing options in Hamilton County.

Chairman Fairbanks also encouraged everyone to wear masks. He thanked staff members for their work on electronic meetings.

Commissioner Mackey thanked Mayor Coppinger for his leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**DELEGATIONS**

Chairman Fairbanks asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

Joseph Paden, residing at 406 Barrington Road Signal Mountain, TN 37377, addressed Commissioners regarding the current political climate.

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Tamara Woodard, Jasmine Townsend, and Chelsea DeWaters, residing in various districts in Hamilton County, addressed Commissioners regarding racial inequity, police brutality, and policy changes in the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

There being no further business, Chairman Fairbanks declared the meeting in recess until Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



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William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

07-15-20

Date



Clerk's Initials