

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
AGENDA PREPARATION SESSION
JULY 10, 2019**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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

- An Order of Designation to the Planning Commission would be submitted as a matter of record.
- Resolution No. 719-12 was the usual County Clerk item regarding notaries, etc. This required no committee assignment.
- Resolution Nos. 719-19A, 719-19B, and 719-20 through 719-24 were assigned to the Zoning Committee, chaired by Commissioner Bankston.
- Resolution Nos. 719-13 through 719-18 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

1:00 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 719-13**

Chairman Smedley spoke regarding this item, which appropriates \$500.00 from general fund travel discretionary monies as allotted to District 7 to The Honoring the Sacrifice Foundation. She stated the funds would assist with their program.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 719-14

Commissioner Bankston spoke regarding this item, which appropriates \$500.00 from general fund travel discretionary monies as allotted to District 9 to The Honoring the Sacrifice Foundation. He stated the funds would assist with their program.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

1:36

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 719-15

Juvenile Court Administrator Sam Mairs spoke regarding this item, which authorizes the County Mayor to enter into and execute a contract with the State of Tennessee, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth, to receive \$22,000.00 to be used for the Court Appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA) within the Hamilton County Juvenile Court. He noted there is no county match.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 719-16

Administrator of Human Resources Sandra Ellis spoke regarding this item, which accepts the proposal of Med Investors Development, LLC dba One to One Health to provide health management program and onsite clinic operations for Hamilton County, beginning December 1, 2019 through November 30, 2024, with the option for one additional five year renewal. She stated this contract is for the administration of the employee health clinic, which is currently managed by Galen whose contract expires at the end of November. She noted the employee health clinic has resulted in a reduction in the total health plan costs to the county.

In response to Commissioner Fairbanks' question, Ms. Ellis stated the current clinic staff are technically Galen employees, however there is no non-compete agreement in place so they have the option to maintain their employment at clinic if they choose.

In response to Commissioner Baker's question, Dr. Keith Helton, M.D. and CEO of One to One Health, stated the specific focus of One to One Health is proactive employee health and wellness.

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7:18

In response to Commissioner Martin's question, Ms. Ellis reported the current annual cost per year to the county is \$1,216,006.00. Brent Wick, Employee Benefit Advisor at Russ Blakely & Associates, added last year's total cost was \$968,682.00.

In response to Commissioner Boyd's question, Mr. Wick provided information on the cost savings to the county when employees utilize the county clinic and pharmacy.

12:18

Mayor Coppinger commended Human Resources staff, Dr. Helton, and Mr. Wick and the Russ Blakey group for their work on the program.

15:10

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 719-17

Development Director Dan Saieed spoke regarding this item, which authorizes the County Mayor to apply for a \$50,000.00 Three Star Grant from the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development to provide workforce training to Hamilton County individuals who are ineligible for other federal or state funded training programs and who are facing barriers to obtaining training. He reported the grant would work through the Southeast Tennessee Development District to provide training for those interested in starting a career in manufacturing. It was noted no county match is required. He stated Southeast Tennessee Development District Executive Director Beth

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Jones and Director of Workforce Development Michele Holt were present to answer any questions.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

16:19

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 719-18

Director of General Services Lee Norris spoke regarding this item, which authorizes the County Mayor to sign an agreement in the amount of \$44,450.00 with the Scenic Cities Beautiful Commission to provide litter prevention education services with a contract period beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Smedley asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

17:51 Commissioner Sharpe thanked Volkswagen for their \$1 million donation to Hamilton County public schools to fund classroom projects. He spoke about the importance of county funding for public schools.

18:40 Commissioner Boyd spoke about the Department of Education's proposed budget and specifically took issue with comments made by District 2 School Board member Kathy Lennon in the Times Free Press. He noted many investments Commissioners have made in education and the school system.

22:56 Commissioner Mackey stated he has not seen any newspaper articles disrespecting Commissioners. Commissioner Martin added Commissioners should not be analyzing newspaper articles or opinion pieces.

25:40 Commissioner Baker thanked County Trustee Hullander for his eulogy at the funeral of former Commissioner Curtis Adams on Sunday.

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DELEGATIONS

Chairman Smedley asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

26:28

Jerald Peterson, residing at 1019 Central Drive Hixson, TN 37343, addressed Commissioners regarding the Department of Education's budget, contracts for school buses, and seatbelts in school buses.

Being no further business, Chairman Smedley declared the meeting adjourned until Wednesday, July 17th, 2019 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

08-07-19
Date

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Clerk's Initials