

**RECESSED MEETING
HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 29, 2015**

STATE OF TENNESSEE)	Recessed Meeting
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)	July 29, 2015

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 29th day of July, 2015, a Recessed Meeting 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 Jim Fields, 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 Boyd, Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Haynes, Commissioner Mackey, Commissioner Smedley, and Chairman Fields. Commissioner Fairbanks was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent -1.

Chairman Fields indicated that Commissioner Fairbanks was on vacation and would not be attending today's meeting.

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 Boyd introduced Pastor A. Timothy Leverette, Hamlett Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, who gave the invocation. Commissioner Boyd led in the pledge to the flag.

RESOLUTION NO. 715-27 A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JULY 16TH AS A “DAY OF REMEMBRANCE” IN HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, BY HONORING THE LIVES OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES MEMBERS SLAIN IN HAMILTON COUNTY ON SAID DATE.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 715-27.

3:15

Chairman Fields spoke regarding this resolution which acknowledged the senseless act of violence that took place in Hamilton County on July 16th, 2015. Five United States Armed Forces Service Members were slain. The five slain members were United States Navy Petty Officer Randall Smith and United States Marine Services Members Lance Corporal Squire “Skip” Wells, Gunnery Sergeant Thomas Sullivan, Sergeant Carson Holmquist and Staff Sergeant David Wyatt. He noted how strong our community is and that we will never forget the events that unfolded on this tragic day. In closing he stated that tragedy will not define us and our city will heal. He asked that the families of these fallen soldiers continue to be in everyone’s thoughts and prayers.

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Chairman Fields asked if there was any further discussion. There was none.

The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye"; Commissioner Beck, "Aye"; Commissioner Boyd, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Haynes, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; Commissioner Smedley, "Aye"; and Chairman Fields, "Aye." Commissioner Fairbanks was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes - 8. Total Nay votes – 0.

4:01

Mayor Coppinger spoke in detail about how state and local leaders reacted to the deadly shootings on July 16th. He praised local law enforcement and first responders for their fast response times and abilities to quickly neutralize the threat. The heroic efforts of all involved were incredible. Several FBI agents immediately came to Hamilton County and he thanked the commission for making resources readily available to assist in their investigation. In closing he expressed sincere appreciation for the tremendous amount of love, support, and admiration the community has given.

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Being no further business Chairman Fields declared the recessed meeting
adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

8-19-15
Date

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Clerk's Initials