

**RECESSED MEETING AND  
AGENDA PREPARATION SESSION  
HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
JULY 30, 2014**

<b>STATE OF TENNESSEE</b>	)	Recessed Meeting and Agenda Preparation Session
<b>COUNTY OF HAMILTON</b>	)	July 30, 2014

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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: --

0:14 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 Boyd, Commissioner Fields, Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Haynes, Commissioner Henry, Commissioner Mackey, and Chairman Skillern. 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 Bill McGriff.

0:35 Commissioner Graham welcomed Pastor Chris Peponis, Fellowship Baptist Church, who gave the invocation. Commissioner Graham led in the pledge to the flag.

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**1:50 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

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

- Resolution No. 814-1 was the usual County Clerk item regarding notaries, etc. This required no committee assignment.
- An Order of Designation to the Planning Commission would be submitted as a matter of record
- Quarterly Fee Office Reports would be submitted as a matter of record.
- Quarterly Investment Reports would be submitted as a matter of record.
- The County Trustee's Monthly Report and Excess Fee Report for June 2014 would be submitted as a matter of record.
- Resolution No. 814-2 was an appointment, which required no committee assignment.
- Resolutions No. 814-3 through 814-10, 814-13, and 814-16 through 814-19 were assigned to the Finance Committee, chaired by Commissioner Graham.
- Resolutions No. 814-11 and 814-12 were assigned to the Roads Committee, chaired by Commissioner Bankston.
- Resolutions No. 814-14 and 814-15 were assigned to the Legal Committee, chaired by Commissioner Fields.
- Resolutions No. 814-20 and 814-22 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 814-22**

Chairman Skillern asked that Resolution No. 814-22, which would appoint G. Michael Luhowiak as Public Administrator for a four-year term, be read into the record at this time. There was no discussion regarding this Resolution. Chairman Skillern indicated the committee would be recommending approval.

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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 814-20**

Chairman Skillern spoke regarding this Resolution, which would accept \$100,000 of discretionary funding allotted to Chairman Skillern, and allocate the funds exclusively for the construction of a new road beginning at an intersection with Sequoyah Road and ending at Daisy Elementary School. The road would be built on County property purchased approximately two years ago. He reported that the school system had agreed to pay any expenses over the \$100,000 amount. The County Engineering Department would oversee this project.

Mayor Coppinger added that this new road would help alleviate crowding on the current road, which was also shared with Soddy Daisy High School.

5:10

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Skillern asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

Commissioner Mackey spoke regarding a recent news report that the City of Chattanooga would be partnering with the State Highway Patrol to begin patrolling within City limits.

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Commissioner Graham announced that today was his wife Leticia’s birthday. He wished her a happy birthday.

Members of the Commission welcomed State Representative and former Commissioner JoAnne Favors, who was in the audience today.

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

8:18      **DELEGATIONS**

Chairman Skillern asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

8:34      Rick Carpenter, a resident at 3119 Chicalilly Avenue, again addressed the Commission regarding his conflict with the Water and Wastewater Treatment Authority (WWTA). He asked questions pertaining to the Commission’s authority over the WWTA and specifically the funding of attorney Chris Clem’s position with WWTA.

11:36      County Attorney Rheubin Taylor informed Mr. Carpenter that the County Commission did not have authority over actions of the WWTA Board, or the funding of

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their legal counsel. Chairman Skillern stated that the Commission is not the appointing authority for WWTa Board members.

Mr. Carpenter in his allotted time at the podium also quoted Election Administrator Steelman as stating that the Election Commission lacked jurisdiction in the area of voter suppression.

18:11

State Representative JoAnne Favors was present at today's meeting. She expressed special appreciation for the long service of outgoing Commissioner Skillern. She also praised the Commission for their diligent work for the citizens of Hamilton County. She reported that she had been working for nearly two years on matters concerning the Affordable Healthcare Act. She asked the Commission consider this Act from a new light, regarding how it would give access to affordable healthcare to members throughout the County.

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

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Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

08-20-14  
Date

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Clerk's Initials