

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
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STATE OF TENNESSEE) Regular Meeting

COUNTY OF HAMILTON) August 16, 2017

0:01 **BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 16th day of August, 2017, a Regular 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:--

0:15 Present and presiding was the Honorable Chester Bankston, Chairman. County Clerk Bill Knowles called the roll of the County Commission and the following, constituting a quorum, answered to their names: Commissioner Beck, Commissioner Fairbanks, Commissioner Fields, Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Mackey, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Smedley, and Chairman Bankston. Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1.

Chairman Bankston reported Commissioner Boyd would be absent for today's meeting.

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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Attached hereto is a copy of the Public Notice of this meeting, which was published in a local newspaper and made a matter of record of this meeting.

0:35 Commissioner Smedley introduced Reader Betty Morris, Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Chattanooga, who gave the invocation. Former Assessor of Property Bill Bennett led in the pledge to the flag.

PRESENTATION – JERRY D. TURNER PHOTOGRAPH

2:55 Commissioner Mackey and former Assessor of Property Bill Bennett made a presentation to Commissioners regarding the late former District 9 Commissioner Jerry D. Turner.

It was noted on June 28th Commissioner Mackey asked for a photograph of Mr. Turner be located and placed on the wall of the Commission Conference Room along with all other former Commission members. He pointed out that Mr. Turner only served a brief time on the Commission, but a record of his service should be preserved.

Mr. Bennett stated that Mr. Turner served on the Commission from October 3, 1994 to November 10, 1994. He compared his brief service to that of a former United States President who died after serving only 32 days in office.

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He also mentioned other community and professional accomplishments of Mr. Turner. He reported that he served as legal counsel to former County executive Dalton Roberts, a member of the Highway 58 Volunteer Fire Department, and a Director of the Savannah Valley Water Board.

Mr. Bennett said a photograph was located and is already in place on the Conference Room wall. He thanked Commissioner Mackey and County Clerk Bill Knowles for their work on the matter.

Chairman Bankston and Commissioner Mackey thanked Clerk Knowles for his efforts in obtaining a photograph of Mr. Turner.

Commissioner Martin noted the community of Harrison was named for former U.S. President William Henry Harrison who was referenced earlier in the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

8:47

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Graham, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of July 26, 2017, the Agenda Preparation Session of July 26, 2017, and the Regular Meeting of August 2, 2017, be approved, treat same as read, made a matter of record and filed. The foregoing Motion was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission

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being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

9:20

RESOLUTION NO. 817-12 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS, THE BONDS AND OATHS OF NOTARIES PREVIOUSLY ELECTED, OATHS OF DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND THE BOND OF DEPUTY SHERIFF.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 817-12. 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 Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Boyd was absent. Commissioner Beck was not present for the vote. Total present – 7. Total absent – 2. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

Chairman Bankston reported that Resolution Nos. 817-13 through 817-15 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

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RESOLUTION NO. 817-13 A RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT TWO (2) MEMBERS TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO SERVE A SIX (6) YEAR TERM BEGINNING AUGUST 16, 2017 AND ENDING AUGUST 16, 2023.

This Resolution reappoints Tom W. Francescon and Alan E. Richelson.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 817-13. 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 Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

10:39

RESOLUTION NO. 817-14 A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT TWO (2) MEMBERS AND REAPPOINT ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY EMPLOYEE APPEALS BOARD FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM BEGINNING AUGUST 16, 2017 AND ENDING AUGUST 16, 2019.

This Resolution appoints Michael Baskette and Greg Walton, and reappoints John Shackelford.

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Commissioner Martin recognized Mr. Baskette in the audience.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 817-14. 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 Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

11:41

RESOLUTION NO. 817-15 A RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT SIX (6) MEMBERS AND APPOINT THREE (3) MEMBERS TO THE CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD FOR RECREATION FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM BEGINNING AUGUST 16, 2017 AND ENDING AUGUST 16, 2019.

This Resolution appoints Ronnie Phillips, Gerald Perry, Riley Walker, and reappoints Margaret Chastain, Jerry Jeansonne, Richard H. Phillips, Bill McCord, Jonathan Mason, and Mike Steele.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 817-15. 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 Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

12:29

RESOLUTION NO. 817-16 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT WITH DERTHICK, HENLEY & WILKERSON (DH&W) ARCHITECTS FOR THE DESIGN OF THE GANNS (MIDDLE VALLEY) ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$241,351.41 OF PREVIOUSLY BUDGETED FUNDS.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Fields, to adopt Resolution No. 817-16. 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 Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman

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Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1.

Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

Chairman Bankston asked that Resolutions No. 817-17, 817-18A, and 817-18B be considered together at this time.

13:17

RESOLUTION NO. 817-17 A RESOLUTION AMENDING EXISTING CONDITION TO "CONVENIENCE STORE SERVICE STATION, OIL CHANGE FACILITY, OR COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATION TOWER ONLY, AND PROVISION OF LANDSCAPING ALONG RIGHT-OF-WAY" TO RESOLUTION NO. 895-19C OF PREVIOUS CASE 1995-190 ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1870 HEISS MOUNTAIN ROAD.

RESOLUTION NO. 817-18A A RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATIONS TOWER FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1870 HEISS MOUNTAIN ROAD.

RESOLUTION NO. 817-18B A RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATIONS TOWER FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1870 HEISS MOUNTAIN ROAD.

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Commissioner Smedley, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolutions No. 817-17, 817-18A, and 817-18B, and stated the Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval of Resolutions No. 817-17 and 817-18B, which includes certain conditions as recommended by the Planning Commission. It was noted the applicant was in attendance, and no opposition was present.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolutions No. 817-17 and 817-18B. The foregoing Resolutions were unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

Chairman Bankston asked that Resolution Nos. 817-19 and 817-20 be considered together at this time.

15:41

RESOLUTION NO. 817-19 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 ACCEPT AN AGREEMENT BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017 AND

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ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2018, BETWEEN HAMILTON COUNTY AND THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,094.00 TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS TO PREVENT THOSE FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS FROM BECOMING HOMELESS

RESOLUTION NO. 817-20 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTINUATION CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, THE HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION, OPERATING AS THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, FOR THE TIME PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2017 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$392,300.00 TO PROVIDE PARENTS ARE FIRST TEACHERS (PAFT) SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S MATERNAL, INFANT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING PROGRAM (MIECHV).

Commissioner Fairbanks provided details regarding Resolution No. 817-19, and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 817-19. 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 Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye",

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Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

Commissioner Fairbanks provided details regarding Resolution No. 817-20, and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 817-20. 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 Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Bankston asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

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18:12 Commissioner Graham reminded members of the Commission and audience of the Lookout Valley Lion's Club annual charity golf tournament on Saturday, September 9th.

18:38 Commissioner Martin announced Superintendent of Schools Dr. Bryan Johnson will be coming to Clear Creek Church of Christ on Monday as part of his listening tour.

Commissioner Beck suggested Dr. Johnson be invited to make a presentation before Commissioners.

19:56 Chairman Bankston announced Dr. Johnson attended a community meeting in District 9 last night and thanked him for his participation.

20:19 Mayor Coppinger acknowledged the victims of the Charlottesville, Virginia rally and referred to a tweet by Senator Bob Corker encouraging citizens to stand united against violence and hatred and pray for the victims of the attacks.

DELEGATIONS

Chairman Bankston asked for delegations on matters other than zoning. There were none.

Time Code
Position

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Chairman Bankston announced there would be no meeting next week.

There being no further business, Chairman Bankston declared the meeting in recess until Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

09-06-17

WJK

Date

Clerk's Initials