STATE OF TENNESSEE	)	Regular Meeting
COUNTY OF HAMILTON	)	September 2, 2015

**BE IT REMEMBERED,** that on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2015, 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:--

0:12 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 Fairbanks, Commissioner Graham, Commissioner
Haynes, Commissioner Mackey, Commissioner Smedley, and Chairman Fields. 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.

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.

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### HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 2, 2015

### 0:34 Commissioner Fairbanks introduced Pastor Joey Harris, Harmony Baptist

Church, who gave the invocation. Commissioner Fairbanks led in the pledge to the flag.

### 1:47 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Fields stated that the floor was open for nominations to elect a Chairman for the ensuing year.

Commissioner Graham nominated Commissioner Fields to serve as Chairman.

Commissioner Boyd nominated Commissioner Bankston to serve as Chairman.

Chairman Fields asked if there were other nominations. There were none.

County Clerk Bill Knowles called the roll on the nomination of Chester Bankston and Jim Fields to serve as Commission Chairman. Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Chester Bankston"; Commissioner Beck, "Jim Fields"; Commissioner Boyd, "Chester Bankston"; Commissioner Fairbanks, "Chester Bankston"; Commissioner Fields, "Jim Fields"; Commissioner Graham, "Jim Fields"; Commissioner Haynes, "Chester Bankston"; Commissioner Mackey, "Jim Fields"; and

Commissioner Smedley, "Chester Bankston". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total votes for Chester Bankston – 5. Total votes for Jim Fields – 4.

## OATH OF OFFICE FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Clerk Knowles administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Bankston who was elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Chairman Bankston took the seat as Chairman at this time. He thanked the

Commission for their support and stated he looked forward to serving in this capacity.

Chairman Bankston opened the floor for nominations for Chairman Pro Tempore.

Commissioner Haynes nominated Commissioner Fairbanks to serve as Chairman Pro Tempore.

Commissioner Mackey nominated Commissioner Graham to serve as Chairman Pro Tempore.

Chairman Bankston asked if there were other nominations. There were none.

County Clerk Bill Knowles called the roll on the nomination of Randy Fairbanks and Joe Graham to serve as Commission Chairman Pro Tempore. Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Joe Graham"; Commissioner Boyd, "Randy Fairbanks"; Commissioner Fairbanks, "Randy Fairbanks"; Commissioner Fields, "Joe Graham"; Commissioner Graham, "Joe Graham"; Commissioner Haynes, "Randy Fairbanks"; Commissioner Mackey, "Joe Graham"; and Commissioner Smedley, "Randy Fairbanks". Commissioner Bankston, "Randy Fairbanks". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total votes for Randy Fairbanks – 5. Total Votes for Joe Graham – 4.

Chairman Bankston announced that Commissioner Fairbanks had been elected as Chairman Pro Tempore.

## OATH OF OFFICE FOR CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Clerk Knowles administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Randy Fairbanks who was elected Chairman Pro Tempore for the ensuing year.

## 8:41 PRESENTATION – TENNESSEE WILDLIFE RESOURCE AGENCY – ENTERPRISE SOUTH NATURE PARK DEER HUNT.

Ben Layton, Big Game Specialist with TWRA provided detailed statistics regarding the deer herd assessment for Enterprise South Nature Park (ESNP). He reported that the three main criteria for determining condition of the deer herd on ESNP are physical conditions, abomasal parasite count, and population survey. He further reported that the deer hunting program has successfully reduced the population to below carrying capacity. He stated that the overall health and weight of the deer had improved. Mr. Layton's first recommendation was that hunting be discontinued on the portion of ESNP open to the public. Deer herd status will continue to be monitored by utilizing abomasal parasite counts and distance sampling methodology.

Mr. Layton's second recommendation was to continue the Wounded Warriors serviceman hunts on the acreage adjacent to Highway 58 and Hickory Valley Road, which is outside of the public portion of ESNP. He pointed out that perimeter deer hunts will serve to limit the growth potential of the deer herd at ESNP.

13:11 Commissioner Mackey thanked TWRA for improving the condition of the ESNP herds. He reported that homeowners surrounding ESNP have complained about deer being driven into their neighborhood. Mr. Layton acknowledge the issue and stated that a procedure similar to a big game depredation permit was currently being developed that would allow a neighborhood or homeowners association to obtain a permit for a hunter to come in and remove the deer. In closing Commissioner Mackey asked that Mr. Layton leave his business card for further contact.

15:26 Commissioner Boyd thanked TWRA for improving the condition of the ESNP herds. He also thanked TWRA for continuing to keep the Commission and the public informed. In closing, he expressed his appreciation for the detailed report and the attached supporting letter from the University of Georgia.

> Mr. Layton spoke about Resolution No. 1111-14, which requires TWRA to appear before and report deer population statistics to the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners before scheduling of a hunt. He suggested that the Resolution be changed to require TWRA to make their report no later than May of each year.

> The next scheduled Wounded Warriors serviceman hunt on the acreage adjacent to Highway 58 and Hickory Valley Road is scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

Attorney Taylor stated an amendment will be prepared for Resolution No. 1111-14 and submitted to the Commission for approval. The amendment will change the yearly report deadline to May of each year.

A copy of Mr. Layton's report was distributed to members of the Commission and the Clerk's office as a matter of record.

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### HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 2, 2015

### 19:01 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of August 12, 2015, the Agenda Preparation Session of August 12, 2015, and the Regular Meeting of August 19, 2015, 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 being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Aye"; Commissioner Boyd, "Aye"; Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Haynes, "Aye"; Commissioner Smedley, "Aye"; and Chairman Bankston, "Aye. Commissioner Mackey was in the office but absent for the roll call vote. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

### <sup>19:48</sup> CRIMINAL COURT CLERK REPORT

The Criminal Court Clerk report for June 2015 was submitted and made a matter of record.

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### HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 2, 2015

### TRUSTEE'S MONTHLY REPORT

The Trustee's monthly report for July 2015 was submitted and made a matter of record.

### TRUSTEE'S EXCESS FEE REPORT

The Trustee's excess fee report for July 2015 was submitted and made a matter of record.

### JUVENILE COURT CLERK'S REPORT

The Juvenile Court Clerk's report for June 2015 was submitted and made a matter of record.

# 20:11 RESOLUTION NO. 915-1 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS, THE BONDS AND OATHS OF NOTARIES PREVIOUSLY ELECTED, THE OATHS OF DEPUTY COUNTY CLERKS, AND THE OATHS OF DEPUTY SHERIFFS.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 915-1. 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 Boyd, "Aye"; Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Haynes, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; Commissioner Smedley, "Aye"; and Chairman Bankston, "Aye. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

Chairman Bankston noted that Resolution Nos. 915-5 through 915-7, 915-9 through 915-11, and 915-20 were heard by the Committee of the Whole.

 <sup>21:04</sup> RESOLUTION NO. 915-5 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$12,500.00) FROM GENERAL
FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES (AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT SIX) TO ASSIST
THE TOWN OF LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN WITH THE RENOVATION OF THEIR
PAVILION AND PICNIC AREA.

> **ON MOTION** of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Fields, to adopt Resolution No. 915-5. 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 Boyd, "Aye"; Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Haynes, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; Commissioner

Smedley, "Aye"; and Chairman Bankston, "Aye. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

21:51 RESOLUTION NO. 915-6 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SIX THOUSAND TWENTY SEVEN DOLLARS (\$6,027.00) FROM DISCRETIONARY BOND FUNDS (AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT TWO) TO ASSIST WITH THE COST OF A PARKING LOT FOR THE INDOOR BATTING FACILITY AT SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 915-. 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 Boyd, "Aye"; Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Haynes, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; Commissioner Smedley, "Aye"; and Chairman Bankston, "Aye. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

## 22:32 RESOLUTION NO. 915-7 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$4,960.00) FROM DISCRETIONARY BOND FUNDS (AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT TWO) TO ASSIST

# WITH A CEILING REPLACEMENT ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN OF WALDEN.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 915-7. 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 Boyd, "Aye"; Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Haynes, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; Commissioner Smedley, "Aye"; and Chairman Bankston, "Aye. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 915-8 WAS NOT USED.**

23:23 RESOLUTION NO. 915-9 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO GIRLS INCORPORATED OF CHATTANOOGA IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT FIVE.

> **ON MOTION** of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to adopt Resolution No. 915-9. 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 Boyd, "Aye"; Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Nay"; Commissioner Haynes, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; Commissioner Smedley, "Aye"; and Chairman Bankston, "Aye. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 1.

# 24:10 RESOLUTION NO. 915-10 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO CHATTANOOGA BALLET, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$1,750.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT EIGHT.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 915-10. 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 Boyd, "Aye"; Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Nay"; Commissioner Haynes, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; Commissioner Smedley, "Aye"; and Chairman Bankston, "Aye. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 1.

# <sup>25:01</sup> RESOLUTION NO. 915-11 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO SCULPTURE FIELDS AT MONTAGUE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF SIX THOUSAND

## DOLLARS (\$6,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT EIGHT.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 915-11. 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 Boyd, "Aye"; Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Haynes, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; Commissioner Smedley, "Aye"; and Chairman Bankston, "Aye. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

After the roll was called for Resolution No. 915-11 Commissioner Haynes left and was not present for the reminder of the meeting.

25:42 RESOLUTION NO. 915-20 A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT POWERS GRANTED TO TENNESSEE COUNTIES PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED SECTION 5-1-118, ET SEQ. (ALSO KNOWN AS "THE COUNTY GENERAL POWERS ACT"), AND TO AUTHORIZE HAMILTON COUNTY TO EXERCISE CERTAIN POWERS GRANTED TO MUNICIPALITIES PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED SECTIONS 6-2-201 (22) AND (23) WITH RESPECT TO THE

# REGULATION OF NUISANCES AND OTHER PRACTICES DETRIMENTAL TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE COUNTY.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 915-20. 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 Boyd, "Aye"; Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; Commissioner Smedley, "Aye"; and Chairman Bankston, "Aye. Commissioner Haynes was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

Chairman Bankston asked that Resolution Nos. 915-2 through 915-4 be considered together at this time.

27:20 RESOLUTION NO. 915-2 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF TENNESSEE WASTE HAULERS, LLC FOR A ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 7, 2015, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6, 2016, WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR TERMS, FOR THE RENTAL OF ONE (1) SELF-CONTAINED COMPACTOR AND DISPOSAL SERVICES FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION. RESOLUTION NO. 915-3 A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A CONTINUATION CONTRACT BETWEEN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE STATE OF TENNESSEE'S DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR A CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 915-4 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF DIVERS SUPPLY, INC. FOR SURFACE SUPPLIED AIR EQUIPMENT AMOUNTING TO \$29,584.81 FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Graham provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 915-2 through 915-4 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed each item and recommended approval.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution Nos. 915-2 through 915-4. 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 Boyd, "Aye"; Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; Commissioner

Smedley, "Aye"; and Chairman Bankston, "Aye. Commissioner Haynes was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

Chairman Bankston asked that Resolution Nos. 915-12 through 915-18 be considered together at this time.

30:35 RESOLUTION NO. 915-12 A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE PURCHASE OF GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2015, THROUGH JULY 31, 2015, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

> RESOLUTION NO. 915-13 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 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,010.00 WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY DENTAL CARE FOR UNINSURED ADULTS AGES 19– 64 YEARS FOR THE TIME PERIOD JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 915-14 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF TALLEY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. DBA SOUTHEASTERN MATERIALS, INC., HUDSON MATERIALS COMPANY, BLACKLIDGE EMULSIONS, INC., DUNLAP

STONE, INC. AND HIWASSEE PAVING, LLC. FOR SIX (6) MONTHS CONTRACT PRICING, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 7, 2015, THROUGH MARCH 6, 2016, FOR ASPHALT ROAD MATERIALS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 915-15 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS, VULCAN MATERIALS COMPANY, DUNLAP STONE, INC., AND MIDSOUTH AGGREGATES FOR SIX (6) MONTHS CONTRACT PRICING, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 7, 2015, THROUGH MARCH 6, 2016, FOR CRUSHED STONE AND SAND FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 915-16 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF SEQUATCHIE CONCRETE SERVICE, INC., TNT CONCRETE, LLC AND LAMBCON READY MIX FOR SIX (6) MONTHS CONTRACT PRICING, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 7, 2015 THROUGH MARCH 6, 2016, FOR READY MIX CONCRETE FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 915-17 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF CONTECH ENGINEERED SOLUTIONS, LLC, AND SHERMAN DIXIE CONCRETE INDUSTRIES,

INC. FOR SIX (6) MONTHS CONTRACT PRICING, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 7, 2015, THROUGH MARCH 6, 2016, FOR CONCRETE AND METAL CULVERT FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 915-18 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF PROBUILD AND SEQUATCHIE CONCRETE SERVICE FOR SIX (6) MONTHS CONTRACT PRICING, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 7, 2015, THROUGH MARCH 6, 2016, FOR BAGGED PORTLAND CEMENT FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Graham provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 915-12 through 915-18 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed each item and recommended approval.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution Nos. 915-12 through 915-18. 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 Boyd, "Aye"; Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; Commissioner

Smedley, "Aye"; and Chairman Bankston, "Aye. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

Chairman Bankston asked that Resolution No. 915-19 be considered at this time.

# <sup>36:18</sup> RESOLUTION NO. 915-19 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TENNESSEE CONSOLIDATED RETIREMENT SYSTEM SEPARATELY FROM HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITH WHICH IT IS CURRENTLY ASSOCIATED, AS PROVIDED IN TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, SECTION 8-35-201.

Commissioner Graham provided details regarding Resolution No. 915-19 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed the item and recommended denial. It was clarified that denial of the resolution will keep all new Hamilton County Board of Education employees beginning October 1, 2015, on the hybrid retirement plan. The hybrid retirement plan was unanimously adopted on March 18, 2015, Resolution Nos. 315-35 through 315-37.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to deny Resolution No. 915-19.

38:25 Commissioner Mackey noted that there were disagreements between the Finance Committee and the Board of Education. He asked Christie Jordan, Hamilton County Department of Education Assistant Superintendent of Finance to address the discrepancy in numbers reported.

39:00 Ms. Jordan approached the podium and addressed Commissioner Mackey's concerns. For the record she noted that a handout was distributed to the Commission and the Clerk's office. She further explained why classified employees (Educational Assistants, Clerical Assistants, and Secretaries) should remain on the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS) legacy plan. She noted the annual average salary for classified employees is about \$23, 275 and that they have work years of 201 days or less. Moving classified employees to the Hybrid Plan will require them to contribute 5% of their pay to said retirement plan. Reducing take home pay of the lowest paid employees will make it difficult to fill these positions.

> Ms. Jordan noted that there will be a shift in expense to Hamilton County Department Education (HCDE). What was once a retirement expense will now be a hiring and training expense. In closing she noted that under the hybrid retirement plan, classified employees do not have an incentive to maintain employment with HCDE.

In response to Chairman Bankston's question, Ms. Jordan reported that the Hamilton County Board of Education unanimously approved and recommended it be presented to the Commission.

In response to Commission Boyd's question, Ms. Jordan reported that, if the resolution is approved, it is unknown if HCDE's 2016 – 2017 budget will increase when compared to HCDE's 2015 – 2016 Budget.

> Commissioner Boyd stated he would not be supporting Resolution No. 915-19. He explained that the classified employees are working an average of less than 30 hours per week. By federal standards, part time is defined as working an average of less than 30 hours a week and is not required to be provided with benefits.

<sup>46:13</sup> In response to Commissioner Fairbanks inquiry, Albert Kiser, Administrator of Finance stated TCRS and their actuaries advised Hamilton County to opt for the hybrid retirement plan. Long term, the hybrid plan will save the county a substantial amount of money. It is also estimated that the 14.33% the county currently contributes to the legacy retirement plan could possibly increase in the future.

> The foregoing Motion to reject the resolution was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Nay"; Commissioner Boyd, "Aye"; Commissioner

Fairbanks, "Aye"; Commissioner Fields, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Nay"; Commissioner Smedley, "Aye"; and Chairman Bankston, "Aye. Total present – 8. Commissioner Haynes was absent. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 6. Total "Nay" votes – 2.

### 49:21 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Bankston asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

49:31 Commissioner Mackey spoke about continuous job growth in the area and encouraged the Mayor to look beyond our borders and continue to reach out to companies globally.

> The Mayor and several Members of the Commission thanked Commissioner Fields for his previous service as Chair and congratulated Chairman Bankston and Chairman Pro Tempore Fairbanks who were elected for the ensuing year.

50:54 Commissioner Fields announced that the Signal Mountain Lions Club will be hosting their annual Labor Day Barbeque at Althous Park and invited everyone to attend.

53:29

### DELEGATIONS

Chairman Fields asked for delegations on matters other than zoning. There was no one.

There being no further business, Chairman Fields declared the meeting in recess until Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

U. Knowler

William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

W.J.K. <u>09-16-15</u> Clerk's Initials Date