

**REGULAR MEETING  
HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2020**

**STATE OF TENNESSEE**            )           Regular Meeting

**COUNTY OF HAMILTON**        )           September 2, 2020

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**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2020, a Regular Meeting of the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners was conducted electronically pursuant to Executive Order No. 16 issued by Tennessee Governor Bill Lee on March 20, 2020, Executive Order No. 34 issued on May 6, 2020, Executive Order No. 51 issued on June 29, 2020, and Executive Order No. 60 issued on August 28, 2020 in response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), when the following proceedings were held, to wit:--

Present and presiding was the Honorable Chairman Randy Fairbanks. Chief Deputy County Clerk Brooke Weaver called the roll of the County Commission and the following, constituting a quorum, answered to their names: Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Bankston, Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Geter, Commissioner Mackey, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Sharpe, Commissioner Smedley, and Chairman Fairbanks. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0.

Also in attendance were County Mayor Jim Coppinger, County Attorney Rheubin Taylor, and County Clerk Bill Knowles.

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Chairman Fairbanks asked County Attorney Rheubin Taylor to offer the invocation. Commissioner Baker led in the pledge to the flag.

Chairman Fairbanks read a statement into the record regarding today's electronic meeting. He stated the Governor's directive (*Executive Order No. 60*) allows local governmental bodies to conduct their meetings without its members being physically assembled together in order to reduce exposing the general public, members of those local governmental bodies, and governmental staff to the possibility of contracting COVID-19. Chairman Fairbanks reported each Commissioner, staff member, or member of the public participating in today's meeting is doing so from his or her own home or outside office, and none is gathered together in any one place.

Chairman Fairbanks explained prior to the conclusion of today's meeting, all viewers would be advised how they may call in; identify themselves; and address the Commission on matters other than zoning. He added the meeting would be livestreamed for public access on County's YouTube page, which can be found by visiting [www.youtube.com/hamiltoncountyttn](http://www.youtube.com/hamiltoncountyttn).

Chairman Fairbanks announced that without objection, the Commission's present Rules of Procedure would be suspended in order to conduct today's meeting in conformance with the Governor's directive. There was no objection.

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**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE OF THE HAMILTON  
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Chairman Fairbanks opened the floor for nominations to election a Chairman for the ensuring year.

Commissioner Bankston nominated Commissioner Tim Boyd.

Commissioner Sharpe nominated Commissioner Chip Baker.

Chairman Fairbanks asked if there were any other nominations. There were none.

Chief Deputy Clerk Weaver called the roll on the nominations of Commissioner Tim Boyd and Commissioner Chip Baker to serve as Commission Chairman. Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Baker", Commissioner Bankston, "Boyd", Commissioner Boyd, "Boyd", Commissioner Geter, "Baker", Commissioner Mackey, "Boyd", Commissioner Martin, "Baker", Commissioner Sharpe, "Baker", Commissioner Smedley, "Boyd", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Baker". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total votes for Commissioner Tim Boyd – 4. Total votes for Commissioner Chip Baker – 5.

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Chairman Fairbanks announced Commissioner Baker was elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

At this time, Chairman Fairbanks opened the floor for nominations to elect a Chairman Pro Tempore.

Commissioner Bankston nominated Commissioner Sabrena Smedley.

Commissioner Geter nominated Commissioner David Sharpe.

Chairman Fairbanks asked if there were any other nominations. There were none.

Chief Deputy Clerk Weaver called the roll on the nominations of Commissioner Sabrena Smedley and Commissioner David Sharpe to serve as Commission Chairman Pro Tempore. Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Sharpe", Commissioner Bankston, "Smedley", Commissioner Boyd, "Smedley", Commissioner Geter, "Sharpe", Commissioner Mackey, "Smedley", Commissioner Martin, "Smedley", Commissioner Sharpe, "Sharpe", Commissioner Smedley, "Smedley", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Smedley". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total votes for Commissioner Sabrena Smedley – 6. Total votes for Commissioner David Sharpe – 3.

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Chairman Fairbanks announced Commissioner Smedley was elected Chairman Pro Tempore for the ensuing year.

**OATH OF OFFICE FOR CHAIRMAN AND CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE OF THE  
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County Clerk Bill Knowles administered the Oath of Office for Commission Chairman to Commissioner Chip Baker; he also administered the Oath of Office for Commissioner Chairman Pro Tempore to Commissioner Sabrena Smedley.

A brief recess was called to allow Chairman Baker to assume leadership of the Commission.

Chairman Baker reconvened today's Regular Meeting.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Sharpe, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of August 12, 2020, the Agenda Preparation Session of August 12, 2020, the Regular Meeting of August 19, 2020 be approved, treat same as read, made a matter of record and filed. The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Baker, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

**ORDER OF DESIGNATION**

An Order was recorded designating Todd Leamon to sit as the County Mayor's representative on the Planning Commission for the meeting of September 14, 2020.

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**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

The Trustee's Monthly and Excess Fee Reports for July 2020 were submitted and made a matter of record.

**PRESENTATION – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – SILVERDALE DETENTION  
CENTER TRANSITION OF MANAGEMENT PHASE 1 EXPANSION**

Director of Information Systems for the Sheriff's Office Ron Bernard provided a historical timeline of the Silverdale facility and operations, including how the expansion and renovation plan was developed. He explained in 2018, \$20 million was allocated in bond funds for the Phase 1 expansion and renovation (*Resolution No. 218-15*). He noted in April 2019 a contract with Hellmuth, Obata, & Kassabaum, Inc. (HOK) was executed for master planning and design services for the Phase 1 project (*Resolution No. 419-6*). He stated the Phase 1 construction bid was advertised in early 2020 with plans to begin construction in September 2020. A copy of the timeline was filed in the Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Boyd raised a point of order stating discussion regarding the Silverdale Phase 1 expansion should be reserved until a Motion has been made on Resolution No. 920-5. Chairman Baker allowed the Sheriff's Office to continue their presentation.

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Director Bernard spoke about how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected the jail, including reduced inmate populations and permanent changes to how hearings and other law enforcement activities would occur. He stated on July 3, 2020 CoreCivic chose to terminate their contract with Hamilton County for operation of the Silverdale Detention Center giving the Sheriff's Office 180 days to take over operation of the facility, which would begin December 31, 2020. Sheriff Hammond assembled a team that same month to study the transition; the team meets two times per week.

In response to Commissioner Sharpe's question, Deputy Chief of Corrections Joe Fowler reported there are currently 1,137 people incarcerated at the Silverdale Detention Center and downtown jail. Sheriff Hammond reported the number has been lower during the COVID-19 pandemic due to officers issuing citations in lieu of arrests.

In response to Commissioner Martin's question, Sheriff Hammond stated the eventual goal is to close the downtown jail.

In response to Commissioner Geter's question, Jimi Hammond, IT Manager for the Sheriff's Office and a member of the transition team, provided information on the plan for inmate housing expansion, which includes temporary/modular housing pods. A copy of the transition plan including photos of the temporary housing and members of the transition team was filed in the Clerk's Office.



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At this time, a lengthy discussion took place regarding the temporary housing plans. It was noted the funding would come out of the most recent bond issuance (*Resolution No. 820-28*) and the project would have to go through procurement procedures.

**RESOLUTION NO. 920-1 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS, THE BONDS AND OATHS OF NOTARIES PREVIOUSLY ELECTED, THE OATH OF DEPUTY SHERIFF, AND THE BOND OF ASSESSOR OF PROPERTY.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Sharpe, to adopt Resolution No. 920-1. 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 Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Baker, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 920-2 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF SEVENTEEN ( 17) NORCON INTERCOM SYSTEMS AND ACCESSORIES FROM ANIXTER, INC. FROM THE OMNIA PARTNERS PUBLIC**

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**SECTOR PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (FORMERLY NATIONAL IPA / U.S. COMMUNITIES) AMOUNTING TO \$33,660.00 FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 920-2.

Chief Deputy Clerk Brooke Weaver asked that an August 25<sup>th</sup> email sent to Commissioners from County Clerk Bill Knowles regarding this equipment be made a matter of record. A copy was filed in the Clerk's office.

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 Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Baker, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 920-4 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO CONTINUE GRANT CONTRACTS BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021, BETWEEN HAMILTON COUNTY AND THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, AND TO SIGN ANY AND ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS, FOR AN AWARD OF \$299,094 FROM TITLE XX SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANTS (SSBG) TO PROVIDE ADULT DAY CARE AND ADULT HOMEMAKER SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 920-4. 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 Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Baker, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 920-5 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF KTM BUILDERS, LLC FOR THE SILVERDALE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY EXPANSION AND UPGRADE PROJECT AMOUNTING TO \$20,069, 178.00, FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

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**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, to adopt Resolution No. 920-5.

In response to Commissioner Geter's question, Sheriff Hammond provided details regarding plans for hiring and training procedures.

Commissioner Mackey voiced support for hiring a third party consultant to evaluate the project on behalf of Commissioners.

Commissioner Boyd voiced reservations about awarding the construction contract to KTM Builders, LLC. He provided a document to Commissioners outlining KTM Builder's job completion history. He raised concern that their previous largest job was a \$3.3 million project. He emphasized that KTM has what he called "big box" experience and no "institutional" building experience.

A copy of Commissioner Boyd's document was filed in the Clerk's Office.

In response to Commissioner Martin's question, Purchasing Director Gail Roppo reported the next lowest bid was approximately \$700,000 higher. Administrator of Public Works and County Engineer provided details regarding requirements for subcontractors.

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In response to Commissioner Martin's question, Director of Information Systems for the Sheriff's Office Ron Bernard noted the construction plans were vetted and approved by the Tennessee Correctional Institute (TCI).

In response to Commissioner Martin's question, Mr. Leamon provided information regarding the levels of assurance the county has for oversight of contractors.

In response to Commissioner Smedley's question, Mr. Leamon confirmed staff was comfortable bringing KTM Builders forward after thorough vetting.

In response to Commissioner Boyd's question, Mr. Leamon confirmed Hellmuth, Obata, & Kassabaum, Inc. (HOK) did send a letter stating they approved of KTM Builders for the project.

Commissioner Fairbanks stated he was comfortable with KTM Builders for this project.

The foregoing Motion failed on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Pass", Commissioner Boyd, "Nay", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Nay", Commissioner Mackey, "Nay", Commissioner Martin, "Aye",

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Commissioner Sharpe, “Nay”, Commissioner Smedley, “Nay”, and Chairman Baker, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 3. Total “Nay” votes – 5. Total “Pass” votes – 1.

Per the Commission’s Rules of Order, any member having previously announced “Pass” on the first call of the vote should be subsequently called on by the Clerk to vote a second time.

Chief Deputy Clerk Weaver called the roll of the member having previously announced “Pass”. Commissioner Bankston announced “Nay” on the second call of the vote. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 3. Total “Nay” votes – 6.

**RESOLUTION NO. 920-6 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF AN ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR INFORM RMS SOFTWARE AMOUNTING TO \$108,628.77 FROM CENTRAL SQUARE TECHNOLOGIES DBA TRITECH SOFTWARE SYSTEMS FOR ONE (1) YEAR BEGINNING AUGUST 7, 2020 THROUGH AUGUST 6, 2021, FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, to adopt Resolution No. 920-6. The foregoing Motion was unanimously adopted on a Roll

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Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Baker, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 920-7 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN UPGRADE TO EXISTING LIVESCAN PLUS EQUIPMENT AND THE ADDITION OF LIVESCAN PLUS EQUIPMENT TO BE LOCATED AT THE SILVERDALE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY AMOUNTING TO \$72,215.00 FROM DATAWORKS PLUS, LLC FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Sharpe, seconded by Commissioner Geter, to adopt Resolution No. 920-7. 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 Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Baker, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 920-8 A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE PURCHASE OF GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2020, THROUGH JULY 31, 2020, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 920-8. 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 Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Baker, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 920-9 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,450 WITH THE SCENIC CITIES BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION TO PROVIDE LITTER PREVENTION EDUCATION SERVICES WITH A CONTRACT BEGINNING JULY 01 , 2020 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2021.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 920-9. The foregoing Motion was unanimously adopted on a Roll



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Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Baker, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 920-10 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF AN AUTO CRANE VALUED AT EIGHTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$18,000) FROM ENVIRONMENTAL BARGE SERVICES LLC AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Bankston, to adopt Resolution No. 920-10. 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 Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Baker, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 920-11 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF THREE {3} FORD F-250 TRUCKS AMOUNTING TO \$100, 110.00 FROM FORD OF MURFREESBORO, FROM TENNESSEE STATE CONTRACT SWC-209 FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Geter, to adopt Resolution No. 920-11. 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 Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Baker, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 920-12 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) VOLVO COMPACT EXCAVATOR FROM ASCENDUM MACHINERY, INC. FROM THE SOURCEWELL PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (FORMERLY KNOWN AS NJPA) AMOUNTING TO \$103,770.00 FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

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**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Bankston, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 920-12. 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 Bankston, “Aye”, Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Fairbanks, “Aye”, Commissioner Geter, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Baker, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 920-13 A RESOLUTION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A  
PROPOSAL BY THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR  
ROAD IMPROVEMENTS (BONNY OAKS DRIVE) FROM NEAR ADAMSON CIRCLE  
TO WEST OF BONNYSHIRE DRIVE (1A) (#2 PRIORITY) ROUTE: SR-317.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Bankston, to adopt Resolution No. 920-13. 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 Bankston, “Aye”, Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Fairbanks, “Aye”, Commissioner Geter, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Baker, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 920-14 A RESOLUTION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL BY THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS FROM EAST OF BEL-AIR ROAD TO NEAR SR-321 (OOLTEWAH-RINGGOLD ROAD) (1A) ROUTE: SR-320.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Bankston, to adopt Resolution No. 920-14. 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 Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Baker, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 920-15 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF SAFETY FOOTWEAR FROM RED WING BRANDS OF AMERICA, INC., FROM THE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA) CONTRACT GS-07F-0027N FOR VARIOUS HAMILTON COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

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**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Sharpe, to adopt Resolution No. 920-15. 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 Bankston, “Aye”, Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Fairbanks, “Aye”, Commissioner Geter, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Baker, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 920-16 A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NUMBERS  
1117-25 AND 218-15 WHICH APPROVED CERTAIN PROPOSED DESIGNATED  
BUILDING PROJECTS OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, AND  
THEIR RELATED FUNDING SOURCE THROUGH HAMILTON COUNTY BOND  
ALLOCATIONS.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 920-16. The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, “Aye”, Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Fairbanks, “Aye”, Commissioner Geter, “Nay”, Commissioner Mackey, “Nay”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley,

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“Aye”, and Chairman Baker, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 7. Total “Nay” votes – 2.

At this time, Chairman Baker stated the phone line for members of the public wishing to address the Commission on matters other than zoning would be open at this time. He stated those wishing to speak should call 423-209-8998 to be added to the queue.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Mackey thanked Commissioner Fairbanks for his leadership as Chairman; he congratulated Chairman Baker on his election. Commissioner Mackey requested an update on the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Coppinger provided an update regarding the impact of COVID-19 in Hamilton County. He reported while August was the deadliest month because of the virus in Hamilton County, the number of cases and hospitalizations are trending down. He provided an update on the mask mandate and stated no one has been jailed because of the mandate, however one company was cited to court for non-compliance. He announced a press conference with more details regarding COVID-19 statistics and the mask mandate would take place tomorrow at 11:30AM. He encouraged everyone to continue wearing masks in order to minimize the spread of the virus.

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Commissioner Martin congratulated Mayor Coppinger and the Finance staff on Hamilton County's recent AAA bond rating.

Commissioner Sharpe congratulated Chairman Baker and Commissioner Smedley on their elections as Chairman and Chairman Pro Tempore. He referenced the change in pay scale for Sheriff's deputies and questioned how that has affected the department. Sheriff Hammond explained certain issues the department faces in recruiting staff and addressing shortages.

In response to Commissioner Sharpe's question, Coty Wamp, Legal Counsel for the Sheriff's Office, reported that the steps the department is taking in negotiating federal funds for housing federal inmates.

Commissioner Smedley thanked Commissioner Fairbanks for his leadership as Chairman the past year; she congratulated Chairman Baker on his election.

Mayor Coppinger thanked Commissioner Fairbanks for his leadership as Chairman the past year; he congratulated Chairman Baker and Commissioner Smedley on their elections.

Mayor Coppinger spoke about Hamilton County's recent AAA bond rating by all three major bond-rating agencies. Since 2011, Hamilton County is the only county in

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Tennessee to receive top bond ratings from all three rating agencies – Standard and Poor’s, Fitch, and Moody’s.

Chairman Baker thanked Commissioners for their trust in electing him as Chairman. He thanked Commissioner Fairbanks for his leadership in the past year.

**DELEGATIONS**

Chairman Baker asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

Mark Keebler, residing at 7625 Hamilton Park Drive Chattanooga, TN 37421, addressed Commissioner as the owner of KMT Builders, Inc., regarding their concerns about the Silverdale Phase 1 project. He clarified certain comments made earlier in the meeting and emphasized the experience and qualifications of his staff and the subcontractors that have been vetted.

Ed Jolley, residing at 4910 Chestnut Avenue Signal Mountain, TN 37377, addressed Commissioners as the project estimator for KTM Builders, Inc. He spoke about their various job experience and emphasized their ability to build the jail project.



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There being no further business, Chairman Baker declared the meeting in recess until Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



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William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

09-16-20  
Date

W.F.K.  
Clerk's Initials