

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2015**

STATE OF TENNESSEE) Regular Meeting

COUNTY OF HAMILTON) September 16, 2015

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 16th 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:--

0:22 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 Boyd, Commissioner Fairbanks, Commissioner Fields, Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Haynes, Commissioner Mackey, Commissioner Smedley, and Chairman Bankston. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0.

Also in attendance were County Mayor Jim Coppinger, members of his administrative staff, Assistant County Attorney Neill Southerland, 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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0:44 Commissioner Fairbanks introduced Pastor Bill Henry, Calvary Bible Church, who gave the invocation. Commissioner Fairbanks introduced the Leadership Class from Boyd Buchanan School who led in the pledge to the flag.

3:35 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Graham, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of August 26, 2015, the Agenda Preparation Session of August 26, 2015, and the Regular Meeting of September 2, 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 Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

4:22 **ORDER OF DESIGNATION**

An order was submitted for the record designating Todd Leamon to sit as the County Mayor's representative on the Planning Commission for the meeting of September 14, 2015.

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4:32 **RESOLUTION NO. 915-21 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, THE OATH OF DEPUTY SHERIFF, AND THE OATH OF CHAIRMAN AND CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to adopt Resolution No. 915-21.

Chairman Bankston asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

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 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. 915-23 through 915-31 and 915-34 were heard by the Committee of the Whole.

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5:27 **RESOLUTION NO. 915-23 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DALLAS BAY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT ONE.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Fields, to adopt Resolution No. 915-23.

Chairman Bankston asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

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

6:20 **RESOLUTION NO. 915-24 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO ORANGE GROVE CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT ONE.**

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 915-24.

Chairman Bankston asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

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 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.

7:05

RESOLUTION NO. 915-25 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO MOWBRAY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$13,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT ONE.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 915-25.

Chairman Bankston asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

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

7:48

RESOLUTION NO. 915-26 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO EAST LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,800.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT FOUR.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 915-26.

Chairman Bankston asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

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

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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.

8:43

RESOLUTION NO. 915-27 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK OF COLLEGEDALE IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT SEVEN.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 915-27.

Commissioner Smedley noted that a portion of the funds will be used to erect a monument for the five service members that were killed during the July 16th shootings in Chattanooga. She presented a photo of the monument to Commissioners. In response to a recent newspaper article, Commissioner Smedley clarified that while Collegedale does have its own tax base, a portion of the city lies within her district and she has a duty to represent them equally.

In response to Commissioner Graham's question, Chairman Bankston clarified that Veterans Memorial Park is in District 9. It was noted that Resolution No. 815-16,

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adopted by the Commission on August 5th, appropriated \$10,000.00 of discretionary monies allotted to District 9 to Veteran's Memorial Park.

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

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

11:55

RESOLUTION NO. 915-28 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE NEXT DOOR, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT NINE.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to adopt Resolution No. 915-28.

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Commissioner Boyd spoke about the ongoing conversations regarding discretionary spending.

12:22

In response to Commissioner Boyd's question, Assistant County Attorney Neill Southerland explained that discretionary funds can be allotted to either 501c3 or 501c4 organizations. She clarified most civic organizations are classified as a 501c4. It was noted that volunteer fire departments are considered 501c4 organizations. Attorney Southerland added that each organization should have current financial statements filed with the County Clerk's office.

Commissioner Mackey spoke about discretionary spending and how it is scrutinized. He noted that if there was a misuse of funds, the media would call attention to it.

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 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.

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RESOLUTION NO. 915-29 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO AWARD FIVE (5) DAYS OF PAID LEAVE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENCOURAGING ALL HAMILTON COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN THROUGH PAYROLL DEDUCTION.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Fields, to adopt Resolution No. 915-29.

17:05 In response to Commissioner Boyd's question, Mayor Coppinger clarified that five County employees will be awarded one day of paid leave.

Alecia Poe, Human Resources Director, explained that a committee for the United Way program will draw five participating employee's names at random. Those five employees will each be awarded one day of paid leave.

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

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18:28 **RESOLUTION NO. 915-30 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE
UPDATED NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP), FLOOD
INSURANCE RATE MAPS (FIRM) FOR UNINCORPORATED HAMILTON COUNTY,
TENNESSEE.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to
adopt Resolution No. 915-30.

Chairman Bankston asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

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

19:10 **RESOLUTION NO. 915-31 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDING OF A
CERTAIN PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT) AGREEMENT WITH ALSTOM
POWER, INC.**

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Fields, to adopt Resolution No. 915-31.

Chairman Bankston asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

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

19:49

RESOLUTION NO. 915-34 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RETURN TO THE FUND BALANCE OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY GENERAL FUND OF THE ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR (\$100,000.00) APPROPRIATION FOR DISCRETIONARY SPENDING AS PREVIOUSLY ALLOTTED TO COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT SIX (6), AND AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT OF THE SAME.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Fields, to adopt Resolution No. 915-34.

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Chairman Bankston asked if there was any discussion.

20:26

Commissioner Haynes expressed his desire to offer a “friendly” amendment to the resolution.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Haynes seconded by Commissioner Graham, to amend Resolution No. 915-34 to include returning to Hamilton County’s general fund \$100,000.00 in discretionary funds previously appropriated to District 3.

Chairman Bankston asked if there was any discussion on the Motion to amend Resolution No. 915-34.

21:06

Commissioner Beck spoke about his support of discretionary spending. He emphasized that discretionary funds are a privilege for Hamilton County districts, and he highlighted several projects that have been made possible through the use of discretionary spending.

In response to Commissioner Beck’s question, Commissioner Haynes explained that by returning the \$100,000.00 in discretionary monies to the general fund balance he is representing the wishes of his constituents in District 3.

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23:39

Commissioner Mackey recognized the students from the Boyd-Buchanan School leadership class present at today's meeting. He spoke about his support of discretionary spending. He noted that discretionary funds are a necessity in District 4 to complete much needed projects.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to amend Resolution No. 915-34 appropriating the returned discretionary monies, \$100,000.00 from District 6 and \$100,000 from District 3, to Orange Grove Center.

Assistant County Attorney Neill Southerland clarified that the motion to amend Resolution No. 915-34 accepting the return of \$100,000.00 from District 3 to the General Fund must be voted on before consideration of motion to appropriate \$200,000 in discretionary funds to Orange Grove Center.

The foregoing Motion to amend Resolution No. 915-34 to include the \$100,000.00 in discretionary monies from District 3 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 Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Nay", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 2.

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Chairman Bankston asked if there was any discussion regarding the Motion to amend Resolution No. 915-34 to appropriate the returned discretionary monies, \$100,000.00 from District 6 and \$100,000 from District 3 to Orange Grove Center.

At this time, lengthy discussion took place re: the precedent of the Commission appropriating returned discretionary funds to another source.

42:26

Commissioner Graham reiterated that it was at the request of District 6, and his duty as an elected official, to give the money back to the county's reserve fund. He and Commissioner Haynes both restated that they did not support amending the 2015 – 2016 Budget (Resolution No. 615-35A) which took \$900,000 from the reserve fund (rainy day fund) and added it to the County Commission's budget for equal discretionary spending between all districts. In closing Commissioner Graham addressed the Mayor and stated if discretionary monies can't be solely designated to their respective district, then he supports eliminating 100% of discretionary monies from this point forward.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Fields, to call for the question on the Motion to amend Resolution No. 915-34.

The Chairman recognized Commissioner Mackey.

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52:34

Commissioner Mackey spoke at length about discretionary spending. He expressed his disapproval of the use of inflammatory language when discussing matters involving discretionary spending.

Chairman Bankston asked the Clerk to call the roll on the Motion requesting a vote.

The foregoing Motion calling for the question 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.

The foregoing Motion to amend Resolution No. 915-34 to appropriate the returned discretionary monies, \$100,000.00 from District 6 and \$100,000 from District 3, to Orange Grove Center, Inc. failed on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Nay", Commissioner Boyd, "Nay", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Nay", Commissioner Graham, "Nay", Commissioner Haynes, "Nay",

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Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 4. Total "Nay" votes – 5.

The foregoing main Motion to adopt Resolution No. 915-34 as amended 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 Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Nay", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 2.

Clerk Knowles asked that the County Attorney provide the Clerk's office with a Resolution reflecting adoption of Resolution 915-34 as amended.

59:55

Mayor Coppinger spoke regarding how funds are allocated in the budget. He noted that every district in Hamilton County has access to public education and public health, and a large portion of the budget goes to fund those services. Mayor Coppinger spoke about the sales tax agreement that the County previously had with the City of Chattanooga. He noted that many agencies such as Orange Grove Center used to receive funding through that agreement. When the City of Chattanooga chose not to renew that agreement with Hamilton County, the county was forced to cease funding those nonprofit agencies. In closing, Mayor Coppinger spoke about the importance of

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preserving the reserve fund for emergencies. He added that preserving the reserve fund in the past saved the taxpayers a significant amount of money when the Commission voted to participate in funding Volkswagen projects.

Chairman Bankston asked that Resolution Nos. 915-22A through 915-22C be considered together at this time.

1:08:35 **RESOLUTION NO. 915-22A A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE APPROVAL OF A
SPECIAL PERMIT FOR AN AIRCRAFT LANDING STRIP PER ARTICLE VI,
SECTION 402, ON A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 2380 RETRO HUGHES ROAD.**

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON RESOLUTION NO. 915-22A

**RESOLUTION NO. 915-22B A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE APPROVAL OF A
SPECIAL PERMIT FOR AN AIRCRAFT LANDING STRIP PER ARTICLE VI,
SECTION 402, ON A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 2380 RETRO HUGHES ROAD.**

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON RESOLUTION NO. 915-22B.

**RESOLUTION NO. 915-22C A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE APPROVAL OF A
SPECIAL PERMIT FOR AN AIRCRAFT LANDING STRIP PER ARTICLE VI,
SECTION 402, ON A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 2380 RETRO HUGHES ROAD.**

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1:09:35 Commissioner Haynes, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 915-22A through 915-22C. He stated the Zoning Committee reviewed each item and recommended approval of Resolution No. 915-22C which is without conditions that limit the landing strip to ten 30-minute flights per month, and require that all airplanes that approach and take-off from the landing strip must do so from the north end.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Haynes, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 915-22C.

1:11:12 In response to Commissioner Boyd's question, Commissioner Haynes clarified that the landing strip is a grass strip. It was noted that the recommended conditions require that the landing strip be limited to personal use by the property owners, no commercial operations are allowed, all take-off/landings will occur during the daylight hours, and the airstrip not be lighted. Commissioner Haynes added that there has been some opposition to the landing strip.

In response to Commissioner Boyd's question, the applicant, David Taylor residing at 9165 Leyland Drive Ooltewah, TN 37363 and owning property at 2380 Retro Hughes Road, clarified that the aircraft is a small single-engine recreational airplane made by Just Aircraft in South Carolina. He added that the noise level of the aircraft is low and could be compared to noise when operating a "bush-hog".

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1:14:42 Harvey Anderson residing at 1022 Canyon Rim Drive Soddy Daisy, TN 37379 and owning property at 2660 Retro Hughes Road and Barron Hodges residing at 127 Thrasher Pike Soddy Daisy, TN 37379 and owning property at 2200 Retro Hughes Road spoke in opposition of Resolution No. 915-22C. They were each concerned with the size and the direction of the airstrip, as well as the 16,000 sq. ft. hanger on the property. It was noted that Mr. Anderson and Mr. Hodges were not in attendance at the Commission's Zoning Committee meeting after last week's agenda session. However, they both presented their objections at the recent Regional Planning Commission meeting.

1:16:59 In response to Commissioner Fields question, Commissioner Haynes clarified that Resolution No. 915-22C was approved by the Regional Planning Commission as well as the Zoning Committee.

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

The foregoing Motion to adopt Resolution No. 915-22C 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",

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Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Bankston, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

Chairman Bankston asked that Resolution Nos. 915-32 and 915-33 be considered together at this time.

1:28:00

RESOLUTION NO. 915-32 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,600 WITH THE SCENIC CITIES BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION TO PROVIDE LITTER PREVENTION EDUCATION SERVICES WITH A CONTRACT PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 01, 2015 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 915-33 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF HENRY SCHEIN, INC., MIDWEST MEDICAL SUPPLY COMPANY, LLC (MMS), SCIENTIFIC SALES, INC. AND QUADMED FOR ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT PRICING, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 16, 2015, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15, 2016, FOR EMS/HI-RISK MEDICAL GLOVES AND BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

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1:28:57 Commissioner Boyd, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 915-32 and 915-33 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed each item and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution Nos. 915-32 and 915-33. The foregoing motions 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 not present for the vote. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

1:30:29 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Bankston asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

Commissioner Graham thanked members of the Commission for the discussion that took place at today's meeting. He reminded those in attendance about the Chattanooga Unite Memorial Tribute taking place on the River tonight. The Tribute is to

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honor the five fallen military service members killed here recently, and to accept donations to assist their surviving families.

1:31:44

Commissioner Boyd spoke about the East Ridge High School football stadium. He reported that he has multiple bids to replace the stadium and will have budget numbers for demolition by the end of the week. He asked that any questions about the bid numbers by the media or public be directed to him. Commissioner Boyd also spoke about the importance of art in the community. In closing, he invited members of the Commission and audience to attend tonight's benefit concert and to donate generously to the cause.

1:34:11

Commissioner Fields reminded members of the Commission that September 17th is Constitution Day. He encouraged members of the Commission and the audience to attend the annual Constitution Day lecture at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC) at 7:30 pm in the UC Auditorium. Former UTC professor Wilfred M. McClay will be speaking about the relevancy of the Constitution given the changing times.

1:34:35

Commissioner Fairbanks recognized the Boyd-Buchanan leadership class that was present at today's meeting. He also recognized their leaders, Boyd Buchanan Football Coach Grant Reynolds, and Director of Operations, Mike Kirk. He also thanked Mayor Copping for his comments regarding the budget and discretionary spending.

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He also expressed disagreement with inflammatory language that was used at a recent news conference relating to the discretionary spending issue.

1:38:17 Commissioner Smedley also expressed her disapproval of the use of strong rhetoric when discussing matters of the Commission or fellow Commissioners.

Commissioner Beck corrected his earlier statement where he referred to Miracle League Board President Kim Chapman as Mary Ellen Locher in error.

1:39:58 Commissioner Haynes thanked Mayor Copping and members of the Commission for the discussion at today's meeting. He noted that a motivational factor in his decision to return the funds back to the reserve fund was due to the state comptroller's office stating that commissioners were not allowed to spend discretionary monies on education projects.

1:42:31 Commissioner Mackey expressed his respect for Commissioner Graham in light of recent disagreements.

Commissioner Graham announced that the Diversity and Equity Committee meeting will take place Wednesday, September 30th after the Agenda Session.

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1:43:17

DELEGATIONS

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

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

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

10-6-15
Date

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Clerk's Initials