

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2019**

**STATE OF TENNESSEE**            )  
**COUNTY OF HAMILTON**        )

Regular Meeting  
September 18, 2019

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019, 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:--

0:16           Present and presiding was the Honorable Randy Fairbanks, Chairman. County Clerk Bill Knowles 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, members of the Mayor’s administrative staff, Assistant County Attorney Neill Southerland, 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.

Commissioner Bankston gave the invocation and led in the pledge to the flag.

**PRESENTATION – TOBACCO FREE CHATTANOOGA**

1:45

Dr. Sean Richards, Chairman of Tobacco Free Chattanooga, presented a plaque to Commissioners and Mayor Coppinger for their support in designating Hamilton County a smoke free community. He explained currently the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) prohibits smoking in public housing and establishes a perimeter of 25 feet around buildings, but Section 8 housing and private rental homes are not included in the smoking ban. He spoke about the increasing amount of research on the dangers of second and third hand smoke, especially on children and elderly individuals. Dr. Richards explained chemicals left behind from smoke could stick to walls and furniture and negatively affect the health of future tenants.

Dr. Richards introduced Director of Community Health Services Bill Ulmer, Tobacco Prevention Coordinator Paula Collier, and Public Health Educator Megan Bernard.

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In response to Commissioner Baker's question, Dr. Richards spoke about the recent spike in respiratory illnesses and deaths related to vaping. He emphasized vaping is not a safe alternative to smoking and noted very little research and data is available on the products.

12:21

In response to Commissioner Geter's question, Ms. Collier explained how Tobacco Free Chattanooga works with the Health Department and Chattanooga Public Housing to educate the community on the dangers of tobacco use and reduce the use of smoking in the public housing system.

In response to Commissioner Mackey's question, Dr. Richards stated smoke from marijuana also leaves behind chemicals that can be harmful.

In response to Commissioner Sharpe's question, Dr. Richards confirmed the majority of research on marijuana comes from private groups.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Sharpe, seconded by Commissioner Baker, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of August 28, 2019, the Agenda Preparation Session of August 28, 2019, the Regular Meeting of September 4, 2019, 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 Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

**THREE STAR COMPLIANCE REPORT**

Mayor Coppinger submitted for the record a letter reflecting Hamilton County's compliance with the Three Star Program.

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22:13

**RESOLUTION NO. 919-17 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 OATH OF CHAIRMAN AND CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.**

Clerk Knowles announced his office had two late Notary applications he would like added to the list of applicants. There were no objections and the names of Rebecca J. Delong and Jennifer D. Cook were added to Notary section of the Resolution.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 919-17. 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 Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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23:16 **RESOLUTION NO. 919-18 A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE  
HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH AND SAFETY HEARING BOARD TO FILL AN  
UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING APRIL 20, 2020.**

This Resolution appoints Donald Seagle to fill the unexpired term of Gordon Anderson.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 919-18. 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 Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

24:00 **RESOLUTION NO. 919-19 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO  
HARRISON RURITAN FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED  
DOLLARS (\$500.00) FROM GENERAL FUND TRAVEL DISCRETIONARY MONIES,  
AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT FIVE.**

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**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 919-19. 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 Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

24:37

**RESOLUTION NO. 919-20 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO HARRISON RURITAN FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND TRAVEL DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT SIX.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 919-20. 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 Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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25:12      **RESOLUTION NO. 919-21 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO  
HARRISON RURITAN FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND  
DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND TRAVEL DISCRETIONARY  
MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT SEVEN.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Sharpe, to adopt Resolution No. 919-21. 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 Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

25:48      **RESOLUTION NO. 919-22 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO  
HARRISON RURITAN FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND  
DOLLARS (\$1 ,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND TRAVEL DISCRETIONARY  
MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT NINE.**



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**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 919-22. 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 Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

26:24

**RESOLUTION NO. 919-23 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSALS OF CIGNA AND SUN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY TO PROVIDE VOLUNTARY DENTAL INSURANCE FOR HAMILTON COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 919-23. 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 Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley,

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“Aye”, and Chairman Fairbanks, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

27:03

**RESOLUTION NO. 919-24 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REGULATIONS  
GOVERNING THE USE OF THE COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Geter, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 919-24.

Commissioner Mackey expressed his hesitation to support this item. In response to Commissioner Mackey’s question, Administrator of Public Works and County Engineer Todd Leamon provided additional details regarding the use of the county right-of-way. He stated state law requires the county to allow any public utility to have use of the right-of-way and this Resolution established guidelines and procedures governing that use.

In response to Commissioner Smedley’s question, Mr. Leamon confirmed establishing these procedures will improve communication and provide a benefit to Hamilton County.

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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 Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Commissioner Mackey was absent for the roll call. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

**LATE ITEM**

33:07

**RESOLUTION NO. 919-33 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO HARRISON RURITAN FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS {\$500.00) FROM GENERAL FUND TRAVEL DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT TWO.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Sharpe, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 919-33. 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 Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Mackey were absent for the roll call. Total present – 7. Total absent – 7. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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Chairman Fairbanks asked that Resolution Nos. 919-25 through 919-28 be heard at this time.

33:50

**RESOLUTION NO. 919-25 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE, FROM THE TENNESSEE STATEWIDE CONTRACT/SWC-209 OF TWO (2) VEHICLES TO BE UTILIZED AS UNMARKED VEHICLES, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.00 FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 919-26 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF TWENTY (20) VEHICLES AMOUNTING TO \$667,524.00 FROM FORD OF MURFREESBORO FROM THE STATE CONTRACT SWC-209 FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 919-27 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY TO APPLY FOR A 2019 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND THE TENNESSEE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY WITH A PERIOD BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2022 AND**

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**ALLOWING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT UPON RECEIPT OF THE GRANT.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 919-28 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF ESKOLA, LLC FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE RE-ROOFING PROJECT AMOUNTING TO \$1,542,267.00, FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

Commissioner Smedley, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 919-7 through 919-15 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 919-25. 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 Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 919-26.

37:05

In response to Commissioner Boyd's question, Chief Deputy Sheriff Austin Garrett confirmed the replacement vehicles are a 1 to 1 replacement of sedans, which the department is moving away from utilizing.

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

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 919-27. 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 Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley,

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“Aye”, and Chairman Fairbanks, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 919-28.

41:20

In response to Commissioner Boyd’s question, Administrator of Public Works and County Engineer Todd Leamon reported Eskola LLC is out of Morristown, TN. He added the replacement roof would be a membrane roof.

In response to Commissioner Martin’s question, Mr. Leamon stated the roof would have a 30-year warranty.

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

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Chairman Fairbanks asked that Resolution Nos. 919-29, 919-30, 919-31A, 919-31B, and 919-33 be heard at this time.

42:49

**RESOLUTION NO. 919-29 A RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR A SHORT TERM VACATION RENTAL FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5701 ISLAND VIEW DRIVE.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 919-30 A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM A-1 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT AND R-2 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3132 OOLTEWAH RINGGOLD ROAD.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 919-31A A RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS PERMIT FOR A RESIDENTIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3132 OOLTEWAH RINGGOLD ROAD.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 919-31B A RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS PERMIT FOR A RESIDENTIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3132 OOLTEWAH RINGGOLD ROAD.**



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**RESOLUTION NO. 919-32 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE HAMILTON COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE II. DEFINITIONS BY ADDING A DEFINITION FOR COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURE, COMMERCIAL ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, OPEN AIR MARKET, AND TO AMEND ARTICLE IV. A-1 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO PERMIT A SPECIAL COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURAL AND COMMERCIAL ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, AND TO AMEND ARTICLE VI. SPECIAL PERMITS BY THE HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION TO ADD REGULATION STANDARDS FOR COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCIAL ANIMAL HUSBANDRY.**

Commissioner Bankston, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 919-29, and stated the Zoning Committee reviewed and made a recommendation to deny.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Bankston, seconded by Commissioner Sharpe to deny Resolution No. 919-29.

44:49

In response to Commissioner Mackey's question, Commissioner Bankston stated there was significant opposition to this item and the applicant was not present during the Zoning Committee meeting.

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The foregoing Motion to deny Resolution No. 919-29 was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Nay", Commissioner Martin, "Nay", Commissioner Sharpe, "Pass", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 6. Total "Nay" votes – 2. Total "Pass" votes – 1.

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

Clerk Knowles called the roll of member having previously announced "Pass". Commissioner Sharpe announced "Aye" on the second call of the vote. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 2.

Commissioner Bankston provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 919-30, 919-31A, and 919-31B, and stated the Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval of Resolution Nos. 919-30 and 919-31B, which contained certain conditions approved by the Regional Planning Agency. No action was taken on Resolution No. 919-31A.

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**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Bankston, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution Nos. 919-30 and 919-31B. The foregoing Resolutions were adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Nay", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 1.

47:29

Commissioner Smedley spoke about her concerns with the congestion along Ooltewah-Ringgold Road. She stated that road is being quickly developed with approximately 1,000 lots currently under construction. She reported the community has held meetings to discuss the fast growth in the area and voiced concerns about growth outpacing infrastructure. Commissioner Smedley stated the road is on the priority list to be widened, however it would still be 8 to 10 years before that happens. She encouraged Commissioners to visit Ooltewah-Ringgold Road during school arrival and dismissal to see the congestion firsthand. She noted she would be giving a presentation on the matter in the near future.

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Commissioner Mackey suggested contacting the Governor's Office to seek assistance in the road-widening project.

Commissioner Boyd stated Hamilton County is pro-growth and should not allow a few hundred people to dictate what is best for the entire county. He encouraged Commissioners to work with the state and developers in order to improve infrastructure in order to keep up with development and not stifle growth.

56:49 Commissioner Smedley responded to Commissioner Boyd's comments and stated her concern is specifically with Ooltewah-Ringgold Road and not District 7 as a whole.

Commissioner Mackey agreed with Commissioner Boyd's comments and added that funding schools adequately is also important to growth.

Commissioner Bankston provided details regarding Resolution No. 919-32 and stated the Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

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**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Bankston, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 919-32. 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 Baker, “Aye”, Commissioner Bankston, “Aye”, Commissioner Boyd, “Aye”, Commissioner Geter, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Fairbanks, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Fairbanks asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

1:00:01 Commissioner Mackey encouraged Commissioners to address sewage treatment options in Hamilton County.

Commissioner Martin spoke about growth and the impact on schools, taxes, and economic development.

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1:03:34 Commissioner Sharpe recognized Superintendent of Schools Dr. Bryan Johnson and the Department of Education for ending the year under budget and providing a \$550 additional bonus for teachers.

1:05:02 Commissioner Boyd spoke about the importance of following proper procedure in committee meetings. He referred to the Legal and Legislative Committee Meeting on August 28<sup>th</sup> and reminded Commissioners that committees do not vote on items but are designed to bring forth recommendations to the whole Commission.

Commissioner Boyd voiced concerns about fragile and aging infrastructure and referred to the recent water crisis where Tennessee American Water had a major water main break, which left around 35,000 without water for up to three days.

1:10:34 Mayor Coppinger addressed the water crisis emergency, which began Thursday night and lasted through late Sunday evening. He credited Marc Ericson, Deputy Director of the Hamilton County Office of Emergency Management, who coordinated the entire effort that involved 55 agencies from around the east Tennessee region. Mayor Coppinger commended the organization of the response teams and the job they did of gathering and relaying accurate information.

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1:20:03 Deputy Director Ericson stated the group began responding to the emergency within one hour of the news of the water main break on Thursday until around 4:00 PM Monday afternoon. He detailed the response efforts and stated the team did an outstanding job providing bottled water to the community and staging water tanks in order to assist hospitals and fire departments. He reported the full extent of the cost of the emergency is being gathered. It was noted the county has to account for every penny it spent in order to be reimbursed by the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA).

1:23:33 Mayor Coppinger introduced Vonda Patrick who recently joined the Finance Department. He announced Administrator of Finance Al Kiser would most likely be retiring within the next year.

1:27:38 Clerk Knowles spoke about how his office handled the water crisis, which closed the Courthouse on Friday. He stated that the Courthouse tag and title staff was assigned to the Bonny Oaks vehicle branch to accommodate the large number of tag applicants affected by the crisis.

1:28:17 Commissioner Baker thanked Deputy Director Ericson for the water crisis response. In response to Commissioner Baker's question, Mayor Coppinger stated a presentation honoring first responders who traveled to Florida to provide relief efforts during Hurricane Dorian would take place next week.

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**DELEGATIONS**

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

There being no further business, Chairman Fairbanks declared the meeting in recess until Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



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William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

10-02-19

W.F.K.

Date

Clerk's Initials