

HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA PREPARATION SESSION SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Chairman Fairbanks indicated the upcoming agenda items would be considered as follows:

- The Trustee's Monthly and Excess Fee Reports for August 2019 would be submitted for the record.
- The Trustee's Revised Monthly Report for August 2019 would be submitted for the record.
- An Order of Designation to the Planning Commission would be submitted as a matter of record.
- Resolution No. 1019-1 was the usual County Clerk item regarding notaries, etc. This required no committee assignment.
- Resolution Nos. 1019-6 through 1019-10 were assigned to the Finance Committee, chaired by Commissioner Smedley.
- Resolution Nos. 1019-2 through 1019-5 and 1019-11 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

0:39

PRESENTATION – HURRICANE DORIAN RELIEF EFFORTS

Director of Hamilton County Emergency Medical Services (HCEMS) Ken Wilkerson gave a presentation regarding the Tennessee Region 3 Ambulance Strike Team deployed to Florida to assist in Hurricane Dorian relief efforts. Region 3 Strike Team Coordinator Captain Eric Ethridge was notified of the possibility of deployment on August 29, 2019. Director Wilkerson authorized commitment of two ambulances, a logistics trailer and supervisor vehicle, and five personnel for deployment if activation was received. Team members that volunteered for the deployment were Team Leader

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Captain David Burdett, Captain Brian Bricker, Captain Billy Burnette, Lieutenant Brandy Rogers, and Supply Specialist/Advanced EMT Tim Hixson. On August 31, 2019 the Region 3 Strike Team along with Strike Teams from all over Tennessee assembled in Hamilton County to travel to Florida. The deployment lasted nine days and the team traveled approximately 2,000 miles through six states to Florida, and then to North Carolina before returning home. Director Wilkerson spoke highly of the team and their willingness to volunteer to help provide local resources to those in need. He specifically thanked Commissioners, Mayor Coppinger, Administrator of General Services Lee Norris, Director of Procurement and Fleet Management Gail Roppo, Rhonda Waters in the Purchasing Department, HCEMS Deputy Director John Miller, and all HCEMS administration and staff. A copy of the presentation was filed in the Clerk's Office.

Mayor Coppinger distributed Outstanding Citizen Awards to members of the strike team Captain David Burdett, Captain Brian Bricker, Captain Billy Burnette, Lieutenant Brandy Rogers, Advanced EMT Tim Hixson, and Captain Eric Ethridge who coordinated and facilitated the relief efforts.

At this time, a round of applause was given and members of the strike team shook hands with Commissioners, Mayor Coppinger, and Attorney Taylor.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1019-2

12:27

Commissioner Fairbanks spoke regarding this item, which appropriates \$1,000.00 from general fund travel discretionary monies as allotted to District 1 to Harrison Recreational Booster Club. It was noted the funds would assist with their recreational programs.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1019-3

13:02

Commissioner Fairbanks spoke regarding this item, which appropriates \$1,000.00 from general fund travel discretionary monies as allotted to District 1 to Soddy Daisy Trojan Fund. It was noted the funds would assist with their programs.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1019-4

14:06 Mayor Coppinger spoke regarding this item, which confirms the appointment by the County Mayor of Vonda Patrick as Director of Financial Management. He noted bringing director appointments before Commissioners is not required however he does so out of courtesy because it involves a high level staff member.

16:41 In response to Commissioner Martin’s question, Attorney Taylor stated that administrator appointments are required to be confirmed by the Commission. He added director appointments are not required to be confirmed by the Commission however it has been past practice to do so.

Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Boyd, and Chairman Fairbanks thanked Mayor Coppinger for keeping them informed and bringing high level appointments before the Commission.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1019-5

19:09 Administrator of Public Works and County Engineer Todd Leamon spoke regarding this item, which accepts the bid of Metropolitan Security Services, Inc. DBA Walden Security for a five-year contract beginning November 7, 2019 through

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November 6, 2024, with the option to renew for one additional five-year term for security services for the Support Services Department.

19:56 In response to Commissioner Boyd's question, Purchasing Director Gail Roppo stated larger and more complex contracts of this nature typically involve an extended contract length.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1019-11

21:35 Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Hammond spoke regarding this item, which authorizes the Hamilton County Sheriff to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice for up to \$2.2 million to implement an outcomes based contract with permanent supportive housing service providers to improve recidivism, housing, and related outcomes for formerly incarcerated people. He stated this grant would allow his office to expand the number of people served beyond the 50 participants of the frequent user pilot program (FUSE), which aims to reduce the number of people with mental illness in the county jail.

25:27 In response to Commissioner Martin's question, Chief of Staff for the Sheriff's Department Geno Bennett stated the grant would last for a total of 54 months. He noted

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the cost of the program after the 54 months would be determined as data becomes available once the program and budget has been developed.

Commissioner Sharpe thanked Sheriff Hammond and Chief Bennett for bringing this grant before Commissioners and working to reduce recidivism in the jail.

Commissioner Smedley, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated the Finance Committee would meet in the Commission Room immediately following today's Agenda Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Fairbanks asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

29:27

Commissioner Mackey announced Nippon, an automotive paint factory, is planning to build a 270,000 square foot facility on approximately 29 acres in the Avondale neighborhood in East Chattanooga. The Nippon plant will be the largest manufacturer to locate in East Chattanooga since 1917 and will bring 150 new jobs to the area over the next five to seven years.

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30:15 Commissioner Boyd, who works as a project engineer for Aquafil USA, stated the company recently announced that every 2020 Corvette made has carpet yarn from Aquafil USA.

31:14 Commissioner Sharpe announced the Friday night football game between Red Bank High School and South Pittsburg High School was nominated for the Tennessee Titans High School Game of the Week. The coach of the winning team will receive a grant from the Tennessee Titans in the amount of \$1,000 to benefit their school's football program. He encouraged everyone to vote on the Titan's website.

32:06 Mayor Coppinger announced the Hamilton County fair is this weekend and encouraged everyone to attend. He also announced Hamilton County's 200th birthday celebration would take place on October 25th on the Courthouse lawn beginning at 11:00 AM.

Mayor Coppinger thanked Chattanooga Bakery for the MoonPies they sent to Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs after the University of Tennessee Vols defeated the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Mocs on Saturday, September 14th.

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Mayor Coppinger congratulated Commissioners on the Riverview Tower affordable housing project in the former Jaycee Tower building where 100 people were set to be displaced. He stated because of the PILOT agreement Commissioners approved on December 7, 2016 (*Resolution No. 1216-8*) 161 people are now living there.

35:06

Chairman Fairbanks announced a Hamilton County Public Records Commission meeting would take place next Wednesday, October 2nd at 8:00 AM in Room 206 of the Hamilton County Courthouse.

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DELEGATIONS

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

Being no further business, Chairman Fairbanks declared the meeting adjourned until Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

10-16-19
Date

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Clerk's Initials