

**RECESSED MEETING  
HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2019**

<b>STATE OF TENNESSEE</b>	)	Recessed Meeting
<b>COUNTY OF HAMILTON</b>	)	September 25, 2019

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019, a Recessed 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:--

0:17 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 Bankston, Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Geter, Commissioner Mackey, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Sharpe, Commissioner Smedley, and Chairman Fairbanks. Commissioner Baker was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1.

Chairman Fairbanks reported Commissioner Baker would be absent for today's Recessed Meeting and Agenda Session.

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Also in attendance were County Mayor Jim Coppinger, members of his administrative staff, County Attorney Rheubin Taylor, and County Auditor Jenneth Randall.

0:36 Commissioner Bankston gave the invocation and led in the pledge to the flag.

1:46 **RESOLUTION NO. 919-34 A RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR AN EVENT FACILITY: WEDDING VENUE/BARN FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5904 BEECHTREE TRAIL.**

Clerk Knowles reported this item was initially presented as Resolution No. 819-39 on August 21, 2019 and deferred to today's Recessed Meeting due to a death in the family.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Bankston, to adopt Resolution No. 919-34.

Commissioner Bankston, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, stated a condition should be added to approve this item subject to the applicant receiving a variance from the Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals for setbacks.

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**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Bankston, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to amend Resolution No. 919-34 to add the condition that the applicant must receive a variance from the Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals for setbacks.

In response to Commissioner Martin's question, Commissioner Bankston stated the property is located in Apison.

Chairman Fairbanks asked if there was any opposition present. There was none.

7:39

Commissioner Boyd voiced concern over parking and noise issues a wedding venue could create. He stated he receives regular complaints about existing wedding venues. He requested more information regarding location and proximately to neighboring properties.

Commissioner Mackey spoke about the importance of growth in Hamilton County. Commissioner Boyd added a wedding venue would not necessarily increase property tax revenue for the county.

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In response to Commissioner Sharpe's question, Executive Director of the Regional Planning Agency clarified an error in the topographical map attached to the Resolution. He stated one side of the barn is too close to the property line, which would require a variance.

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In response to Commissioner Martin's question, Mr. Bridger stated the applicant would be required to follow state and local regulations in order to serve alcohol. He also explained parking on the property would be addressed with the County Engineer during the permitting process.

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In response to Commissioner Mackey's question, Mr. Bridger said state and local alcohol regulations would apply to all venues of this nature.

At this time, Chairman Fairbanks asked the roll be called on the Motion to amend Resolution No. 919-34.

The foregoing Motion to amend Resolution No. 919-34 to add the condition that the applicant must receive a variance from the Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals for setbacks 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 Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

Chairman Fairbanks asked Clerk Knowles to call the roll on the main Motion to adopt Resolution No. 919-34 as amended.

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The Motion to adopt Resolution No. 919-34 as amended was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Nay", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Pass", Commissioner Smedley, "Nay", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 5. Total "Nay" votes – 2. Total "Pass" votes – 1.

Per the Commission's Rules of Order No. 7, 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 "Abstain" on the second call of the vote. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 5. Total "Nay" votes – 2. Total Abstentions – 1.

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Being no further business Chairman Fairbanks declared the Recessed Meeting  
adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



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William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved

10-16-19  
Date

W.F.K.  
Clerk's Initials