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**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
AGENDA PREPARATION SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2015**

**STATE OF TENNESSEE**        )  
**COUNTY OF HAMILTON**        )  
  Agenda Preparation Session  
  September 30, 2015

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 30th day of September, 2015, an Agenda Preparation Session 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:--

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, County Attorney Rheubin Taylor, and County Auditor Bill McGriff.

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2:01 **PRESENTATION - CERTIFICATE OF CONGRATULATIONS – DR. WARREN  
MACKEY, PRESIDENT OF TENNESSEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ASSOCIATION (TCCA).**

Chairman Bankston presented a proclamation to Commissioner Mackey who had recently served as the 2014-2015 TCCA President.

Several Commissioners noted Commissioner Mackey's accomplishments and extended heartfelt thanks for his invaluable service.

3:39 **PRESENTATION – MOCCASIN BEND NATIONAL ARCHEOLOGICAL DISTRICT**

Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park Superintendent Brad Bennett made a presentation about the preliminary alternatives for management of the Moccasin Bend National Archeological District (Moccasin Bend). The planning effort will amend the 1988 General Management Plan of Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park to guide decisions about future natural and cultural resource conditions, as well as visitor experience opportunities on Moccasin Bend. Mr. Bennett briefly described the concept and general actions for alternatives A through D. Information packets were distributed to the Mayor, the commission, and the Clerk's office.

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When the planning process is completed, this amended general management plan will help guide the National Park Service's decision making for Moccasin Bend for the next 20 years. The National Park Service is now seeking the community's thoughts, suggestions, and comments on the four alternatives provided.

The park will host the first of two public meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 from 3 pm through 6 pm at the gateway site to Moccasin Bend National Archeological District on Hamm Road. The second public meeting will take place on Thursday, October 22, 2015, from 4 pm through 7 pm at Outdoor Chattanooga.

There were no questions or comments by members of the Commission. Chairman Bankston thanked Mr. Bennett for making today's presentation.

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

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

- The Criminal Court Clerk's report for July 2015 would be submitted for the record.

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- The Trustee's Excess Fee Report and Monthly Report for August 2015 would be submitted for the record.
- The Juvenile Court Clerk's report for July 2015 would be submitted for the record.
- Resolution No. 1015-1 was the usual County Clerk item regarding notaries, etc. This required no committee assignment.
- Resolution Nos. 1015-2, 1015-3, 1015-4 and 1015-6 through 1015-20 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.
- Resolution Nos. 1015-5 and 1015-21 through 1015-23 were assigned to the Finance Committee, chaired by Commissioner Boyd.
- Resolution No. 1015-24 was assigned to the Roads Committee, chaired by Commissioner Haynes.

Chairman Bankston stated that Resolution Nos. 1015-5 and 1015-21 through 1015-23 would now be heard by the Committee of the Whole.

17:18 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1015-2**

Chairman Bankston spoke regarding this Resolution, which appoints Commissioner Fields, Commissioner Mackey, and Chairman Bankston to the Hamilton County Audit Committee for a term expiring September 30, 2016.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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17:43 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1015-3**

Chairman Bankston spoke regarding this Resolution, which appoints Dewayne Woodall and reappoints James Walker and C. Alan Roderick to the Hamilton County Board of Electrical Examiners, terms ending September 7, 2019.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

18:10 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1015-4**

Mayor Coppinger spoke regarding this Resolution, which appoints Lee Ortwein to the Hamilton County Community Corrections Advisory Board, term ending October 6, 2017. He noted District Attorney Neal Pinkston highly recommended Mr. Ortwein's appointment.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

19:02 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1015-6**

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Commissioner Beck spoke regarding this Resolution, which appropriates one thousand dollars from general fund discretionary monies, as allotted to district five, to the Harrison Recreational Booster Club. He noted the funds will assist with recreation equipment purchases.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

19:51 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1015-7**

Commissioner Fields spoke regarding this Resolution, which appropriates thirty thousand dollars from general fund discretionary monies, as allotted to district two, to Walden's Ridge Emergency Services. He noted the funds will assist with training and the purchase of equipment.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

20:42 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1015-8**

Chairman Bankston spoke regarding this Resolution, which appropriates ten thousand dollars from general fund discretionary monies, as allotted to district nine, to Orange Grove Center. He noted the funds will be used to assist with remodeling expenses.

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There were no questions from Commissioners.

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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1015-9**

Commissioner Smedley spoke regarding this Resolution, which appropriates ten thousand dollars from general fund discretionary monies, as allotted to district seven, to Orange Grove Center. She noted the funds would assist with remodeling and recycling expenses.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

21:40

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1015-10**

Commissioner Mackey spoke regarding this Resolution, which appropriates ten thousand dollars from general fund discretionary monies, as allotted to district four, to Orange Grove Center. He noted the funds would assist with the purchase of equipment to process glass.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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22:22 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1015-11**

Commissioner Mackey spoke regarding this Resolution, which appropriates three thousand dollars from general fund discretionary monies, as allotted to district four, to Highland Park Neighborhood Association. He noted the funds would assist with improvements at Shaw Park.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

23:00 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1015-12**

Commissioner Mackey spoke regarding this Resolution, which appropriates six thousand dollars from discretionary bond funds, as allotted to district four, to Sculpture Fields at Montague Park. He noted the funds would assist with the purchase of materials for the fallen service men sculpture contracted and built by Peter Lundberg at the U.S. Naval and Marine Reserve Center on Amnicola Highway.

There were no questions from Commissioners.



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23:50 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1015-13**

Commissioner Mackey spoke regarding this Resolution, which appropriates two thousand five hundred dollars from general fund discretionary monies, as allotted to district four, to Southeast Tennessee Health Consortium. He noted the funds would assist with the Youth Blast Conference 2015.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

24:21 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1015-14**

Commissioner Mackey spoke regarding this Resolution, which appropriates three thousand dollars from general fund discretionary monies, as allotted to district four, to Stop the Madness National, Inc. He noted the funds would assist with the Summer Youth Enrichment Camp.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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24:52 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1015-15**

Commissioner Mackey spoke regarding this Resolution, which appropriates one thousand dollars from general fund discretionary monies, as allotted to district four, to Churchville Neighborhood Association, Inc. He noted the funds would assist with the National Night Out Event.

There were no questions from the Commission.

25:23 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1015-16**

Commissioner Mackey spoke regarding this Resolution, which appropriates one thousand five hundred dollars from general fund discretionary monies, as allotted to district four, to Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga, Inc. He noted the funds will assist with the organization's endeavor to provide funding for the Lincoln Park Annual Community Event.

There were no questions from the Commission.

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25:58 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1015-17**

Commissioner Fairbanks spoke regarding this Resolution, which appropriates eleven thousand three hundred fifty dollars from general fund discretionary monies, as allotted to district one, to the City of Soddy Daisy. He noted the funds will assist with repairs at Veterans Memorial Park.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

26:38 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1015-18**

Commissioner Fairbanks spoke regarding this Resolution, which appropriates six thousand four hundred dollars from general fund discretionary monies, as allotted to district one, to Bakewell Community Center. He noted the funds would assist with building renovations.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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27:24 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1015-19**

Dan Saieed, Director of Development spoke regarding this Resolution, which authorizes the County Mayor to submit a Fasttrack economic development grant application to the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development in an amount not to exceed \$5.5 million to assist GeStamp Chattanooga, LLC with equipment and building improvements to support the expansion of the company's Hamilton County operations.

In response to Commissioner Fields question, it was noted no local match is required.

28:35 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1015-20**

Steve Hiatt, Director of Existing Business Development for the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce spoke regarding this Resolution, which (I) makes certain findings relating to the expansion of an existing manufacturing facility located in the Enterprise South Industrial Park to be constructed, equipped and operated by GeStamp Chattanooga, LLC on property located at 4120 Jersey Pike, (II) authorizes the Mayor to

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enter into and execute an amendment to the existing agreement for payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes (PILOT) with the Industrial Development Board of the County of Hamilton County, Tennessee, GeStamp, Hamilton County, Tennessee, and the City of Chattanooga with respect to expanding the project to encompass the supplemental project, and (III) to delegate certain authority to the board relating to the PILOT agreement amendment.

He noted the PILOT agreement between GeStamp, the Board, the City and the County dated July 1, 2015 (Resolution No. 715-16) will be amended to include equipment, improvements to existing buildings, and improvements made to real property located at 4120 Jersey Pike (29.20 acres), formally owned by Brach & Brock Confections, Inc. The terms of the July 2015 PILOT agreement will not change; this resolution is simply adding the newly acquired Jersey Pike property. Initially GeStamp was going to expanded on property located adjacent to Enterprise South Industrial Park (ESIP). However once the building process began, very challenging infrastructure issues were discovered including \$2 million dollars worth of sink hole repairs. In an effort to meet demanding deadlines GeStamp bought the former Bach & Brock Confections manufacturing plant for \$4 million and will invest \$8.5 million for improvements.

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The Jersey Pike location will perform stamped chassis work for Volkswagen and BMW. To avoid any confusion it was clarified that the property located adjacent to ESIP will be utilized in the future for further expansion and the existing facility expansion project (Res. 715-16) which was discussed during a presentation on June 24, 2015 is still taking place. The plant expansion project is bringing new technology called hot stamping.

37:50

Chairman Bankston thanked Mr. Hiatt for the presentation and noted he was not required to attend next week's meeting.

38:40

Commissioner Boyd, Chairman of the Finance Committee announced that the Finance Committee would be meeting in the Commission Room immediately following the Agenda Session.

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Commissioner Haynes, Chairman of the Roads Committee, announced that the Roads Committee would be meeting in the Conference Room immediately following the Agenda Session.

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**DELEGATIONS**

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

39:12 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Bankston asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

39:22 Commissioner Mackey invited everyone to attend the Anti-Gang Program meeting, hosted by Donna Horne, Hamilton County School Board Member, today at 11:00 am, Hamilton Place Mall.

39:58 Commissioner Graham, Chairman of the Diversity and Equity Committee, invited everyone to attend next week's meeting taking place immediately after the Regular meeting. He noted there would be a phenomenal guest speaker at the meeting.

40:30 Commissioner Fairbanks and Mayor Coppinger both spoke about this year's Hamilton County Fair, which took place Saturday, September 26, and Sunday, September 27. They thanked everyone for making this year's Fair a huge success.

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Mayor Coppinger invited everyone to attend the Tech Goes Home demonstration, taking place today at 4 pm at East Lake Academy.

The Mayor also spoke about the International Volkswagen issue involving software VW had installed in certain vehicle models to cheat on emissions tests. He reported that he had discussed the situation with VW officials at several levels, and attended a meeting in Governor Haslam's office last Thursday. VW authorities indicated that the company remains on schedule to begin production in Chattanooga of their much-anticipated mid-sized SUV in 2016. He stated VW has already committed approximately 50 percent of the \$900 million promised and asked that everyone remain positive and supportive of Volkswagen during this difficult time.

45:42

Chairman Bankston invited everyone to attend the Softball Showdown between the City of Chattanooga and Hamilton County staff. The game will be held at the Summit Softball Complex this Thursday at 6 pm. This fundraiser is part of the 2015 Hamilton County Government United Way Campaign.



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Being no further business, Chairman Bankston declared the meeting adjourned until Tuesday, October 6, at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



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William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

10-21-15  
Date

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Clerk's Initials