

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
AGENDA PREPARATION SESSION
OCTOBER 8, 2014**

0:15 **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

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

- An Order of Designation to the Planning Commission would be submitted as a matter of record.
- An Order of Appointment to the Union Fork-Bakewell Utility District would be submitted as a matter of record.
- Resolutions No. 1014-16 was the usual County Clerk item regarding notaries, etc. This required no committee assignment.
- Resolutions No. 1014-17 through 1014-19 were assigned to the Finance Committee, chaired by Commissioner Graham.
- Resolutions No. 1014-20, 21, and 1014-23 through 1014-31 were assigned to the Finance Committee, chaired by Commissioner Graham.
- Resolutions No. 1014-22, 1014-32, and 1014-33 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

1:06 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1014-22**

Mayor Coppinger noted this was a routine Resolution approved by the Commission each year granting leave time as an incentive to those making payroll contributions to the United Way. He pointed out that five winners would be selected to receive one leave day each, and not one employee receiving five days of leave.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1014-32

Public Works Administrator Todd Leamon spoke regarding this item, which would amend the distance requirement to be enforced in the granting of the right to sell beer by the package within the County from its present 750 feet of a church, school or other place of public gathering to 200 feet. He stated it was his understanding that the Resolution setting the distance requirement at 750 feet had been adopted in 1978. He noted that changing the requirement to 200 feet would make the County more consistent with municipalities in the area such as City of Chattanooga.

Commissioner Boyd cited instances where package stores were located within a close proximity to a school or park in the City of East Ridge. He stated his belief that there was adequate area in the County to develop that would not be so close to a public gathering place.

6:45

Mayor Coppinger noted that the County had been contacted in the past by multi-purpose businesses considering growth in the area. It had been indicated to them that the 750 feet distance requirement of the County was significantly more stringent than area municipalities. Making these policies uniform within Hamilton County would make it easier when enticing business to locate here.

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Commissioner Graham stated that modern convenience stores selling beer by the package offered a number of other amenities to the community. He noted that any organization wishing to begin selling beer in the County would still require approval by the Beer Board and Regional Planning Agency if rezoning were required. This Resolution would give them the ability to hear cases that met the new distance requirement. He indicated his intent to support the Resolution next week.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1014-33

Attorney Taylor spoke regarding this Resolution, which would clarify the health insurance benefits available to County employees upon their retirement. He stated that the Commission had previously adopted Resolution No. 392-15, which enumerated certain benefits to County employees once retired. He emphasized that Resolution No. 1014-33 would in no way alter or amend the previous Resolution and was intended to provide clearer information.

Attorney Taylor stated that all coverage for the retiree and/or their spouse would cease upon becoming eligible for Medicare. He provided further detailed explanation of these health insurance benefits.

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Upon questioning by Commissioner Fairbanks, Attorney Taylor responded that employees who did not qualify under these requirements would still be able to be covered under COBRA for 18 months.

Mayor Coppinger again emphasized that this Resolution would not make any changes to the current health benefits plan and was only intended to help clarify the language of the existing plan. If the Resolution were adopted by the Commission, he anticipated that the updated language would be used in the County employee handbook.

26:26 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Fields asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

26:30 Commissioner Haynes again thanked Pastor McClure, who gave today's invocation, for his many years of service throughout Hamilton County.

26:49 Commissioner Mackey gave an account of last night's National Night Out, a community event against crime. He noted he had been encouraged by the support of this event.

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27:22 Commissioner Graham spoke regarding a recent political candidates forum hosted by the Lookout Valley Neighborhood Association at the John A. Patten Center. He noted that a large community turnout was present as well some elected officials.

Commissioner Graham invited everyone to attend the eighth annual auto show fundraiser hosted by the Lookout Valley Lions Club at the John A. Patten Recreation Center. The event would be held on Saturday, October 11. He noted that all funds raised were spent providing holiday food packages and Christmas gifts for needy Lookout Valley families.

30:09 Commissioner Boyd made comments concerning Erlanger Hospital recently unveiling plans for improving their Children's Hospital facility. He highlighted the importance of the Erlanger Hospital system to the region and encouraged everyone to support this initiative.

31:40 Commissioner Bankston reported that the Humane Educational Society recently held a golf tournament fundraiser event on Saturday, October 4. He thanked everyone involved for their participation.

32:14 Commissioner Fairbanks congratulated the Sale Creek High School Lady Panthers volleyball team for winning their fifth straight District 6-A tournament earlier

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that week. Mayor Coppinger noted that HR Administrator Poe has a daughter on the team.

32:53 Commissioner Turner-Smedley invited everyone to attend the annual Bark in the Park dog event at Heritage Park on Saturday, October 11.

33:44 Mayor Coppinger reported that he had the opportunity to attend a portion of the entrepreneurial community event Startup Week, sponsored by the State of Tennessee. He noted that Hamilton County was the only county in the state to be selected for this event.

36:30 Upon request by Mayor Coppinger, Health Services Administrator Becky Barnes gave the Commission a brief update regarding the Enterovirus D68 and Ebola viruses. She stated that there were no reported cases of either in the County and emphasized that they were not currently circulating in the United States. She noted that the County constantly made attempts to anticipate a wide variety of disease outbreaks and public health threats. Measures were currently being taken to increase surveillance and security in the community.

38:06 Commissioner Mackey asked whether the County had a contingency plan if an instance of Ebola were reported. Ms. Barnes indicated a plan was in place.

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39:21 **DELEGATIONS**

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

Being no further business, Chairman Fields declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

11-05-14
Date

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Clerk's Initials