

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2016**

STATE OF TENNESSEE) Regular Meeting
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) November 2, 2016

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 2nd day of November, 2016, 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:--

0:11

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 Boyd, Commissioner Fairbanks, Commissioner Fields, Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Mackey, Commissioner Smedley, and Chairman Bankston. Commissioner Beck arrived moments after the roll call. Total present – 8. Total absent – 0.

Also in attendance were County Mayor Jim Coppinger, members of his administrative staff, Assistant County Attorney Neill Southerland, and interim County Auditor Jenneth Randall.

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.

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0:26 Commissioner Boyd introduced Reverend Brandon Gilvin, First Christian Church, who gave the invocation. Commissioner Boyd led in the pledge to the flag.

PRESENTATION – CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION – JANICE ROBERTSON

3:00 Commissioner Smedley introduced Janice Robertson, who founded the Snack Pack program at East Brainerd Church of Christ. John, her husband of 46 years, her pastor, and Anita Kapperman, who assists in the Snack Pack Program, joined Mrs. Robertson at the podium. Mrs. Robertson explained that her son, a former principal at Red Bank High School, brought to the attention of her church that a number of students at the school were hungry, and did not have enough food to eat on the weekends. She felt compelled to do something about the hunger problem in schools, and began the snack pack program in a closet at her church. She stated that the program began in 2014 with no funding and 150 students receiving packs weekly; the program has grown exponentially since it began. She added that by the second week of the 2016-2017 school year, almost 1,000 packs a week were being provided to 12 local schools. It was noted that some schools have students on a waiting list to receive the packs.

Mrs. Robertson stated that East Brainerd Church of Christ gave the program a \$12,000 annual budget in its second year of operation. Currently, the cost to provide 1,000 packs per week is \$72,000 a year. She explained that each pack costs \$2.00 and contains 10 items, a majority of which comes from the Chattanooga Area Food Bank.

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The packs are delivered to schools on Thursday or Friday mornings for students to take home so they have food to eat on the weekends. She stated that the students who receive the packs remain anonymous, but some area principals and guidance counselors have shared stories about the impact the program has had on students that might not have food to eat on the weekends without it.

Mrs. Robertson stated that the next packing event will take place next Wednesday at 6:30 PM at East Brainerd Church of Christ, where the items will be stored until they are delivered to schools. She noted that it is a community wide effort.

11:17 In response to Commissioner Mackey's question about the impact of hunger on the learning process, Mrs. Robertson stated that some area teachers and principals have noticed the negative impact hunger has on a child's attention span. She reported that 1 out of 5 children in Hamilton County schools do not have enough to eat. She emphasized the need for additional funding to continue the program.

13:19 Commissioner Beck commended the work Mrs. Robertson is doing with the Snack Pack program. In response to Commissioner Beck's question, Mrs. Robertson stated that the program expanded to Woodmore Elementary School about three weeks ago. It was noted that 280 packs are delivered to Woodmore weekly, which is the highest amount taken to any school and covers every student at the school. She added that parental involvement is minimal in order to maintain privacy, but a permission slip is

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sent home for parents to sign to approve participation in the program. She explained that the program does have non-profit status through East Brained Church of Christ.

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Commissioner Graham thanked Mrs. Robertson for her willingness to address the issue of hunger in schools. He added that he worked closely with Mrs. Robertson's son Justin, who was a principal at Lookout Valley and Red Bank Elementary Schools before he left to work in the Central Office.

Mrs. Robertson clarified that those involved in the program are volunteers and are not paid, and all donations go directly towards the purchase of food.

18:56

In response to Commissioner Fairbanks question, Mrs. Robertson reported that \$80 is enough to feed one child for a year. She stated that the program will also help students in emergency situations, including providing coats and clothing for children in need. She noted that some schools have rooms set up where children can change into clean clothing or brush their teeth if they do not have access to those things at home. She added that attendance is being monitored to see if there is an increase on days the packs are delivered.

Commissioner Mackey, Commissioner Beck, and Chairman Bankston thanked Mrs. Robertson for her presentation and willingness to address the issue of hunger in

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the schools. Commissioner Beck stated that he will match Commissioner Smedley's donation to the Snack Pack program.

25:04

Commissioner Smedley asked that everyone sponsor at least one child or volunteer their time, and pray for these children and their families. She asked that Paul Grove and Richard Johnson from WTCI-TV come to the podium to speak about their efforts to highlight positive stories such as Mrs. Robertson's in the community.

Mr. Grove, President and CEO, stated that the station has a program called "Greater Chattanooga" that is meant to tell inspiring stories occurring throughout the community. He noted that it is important to make sure that these positive stories are told to counteract some of the negativity that we see and hear every day. He stated that some of the stories are available on wtcityv.org.

Mr. Johnson, Vice President of Development, echoed Mr. Grove's comments. He added that the station is actively looking for stories of this nature. He stated that the stories will be aired during the holiday season this year.

At this time, Commissioner Smedley presented Mrs. Robertson with a Certificate of Appreciation. A round of applause was given.

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30:38 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Graham, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of October 12, 2016, the Agenda Preparation Session of October 12, 2016, and the Regular Meeting of October 19, 2016, be approved, treat same as read, made a matter of record and filed. 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 Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 8. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

The Trustee's Monthly and Excess Fee reports for September 2016 were submitted and made a matter of record.

JUVENILE COURT CLERK REPORTS

The Juvenile Court Clerk's reports for July and August 2016 were submitted and made a matter of record.

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31:14 **RESOLUTION NO. 1116-1 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS, THE BONDS AND OATHS OF NOTARIES PREVIOUSLY ELECTED, AND OATHS OF DEPUTY SHERIFFS.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Fields, to adopt Resolution No. 1116-1. The foregoing Resolution was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Mackey was not present for the roll call. Total present – 7. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

Chairman Bankston reported that Resolution Nos. 1116-2 and 1116-3 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

31:51 **RESOLUTION NO. 1116-2 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT WITH THOMAS BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR THE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT EAST BRAINERD ROAD (SR-20) AND OOLTEWAH RINGGOLD ROAD (SR-321) FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$124,618.54.**

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 1116-2. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 8. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

32:32

RESOLUTION NO. 1116-3 A RESOLUTION TO MAKE CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATING TO THE ECG CHESTNUT, L.P. PROJECT, TO DELEGATE CERTAIN AUTHORITY TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HOUSING FACILITY BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to adopt Resolution No. 1116-3.

In response to Commissioner Fields' question, Assistant County Attorney Southerland clarified that the County's purpose in addressing this Resolution is to

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determine if it will provide a public benefit to Hamilton County. She stated that the 174 affordable housing units do meet the requirements to be considered a public benefit.

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Commissioner Smedley stated that while she recognizes the need for affordable housing in Hamilton County, she is not convinced that this is the best use of the property on Chestnut Street. She voiced her concern for the duration of the PILOT, which is seventeen years.

In response to Commissioner Mackey's question, Louann Smith, Attorney with Baker, Donelson, stated that the City of Chattanooga approved the PILOT as it is presented. She agreed with Commissioner Mackey that segregation based on income does exist in Chattanooga.

36:53

Commissioner Beck stated that he will be supporting this item, but he is also concerned about the length of the PILOT. He stated that many of the jobs the project will create will be temporary jobs, and he emphasized the need for long term permanent jobs in the area.

Commissioner Boyd stated that while he is also concerned about the length of the PILOT, he recognizes the need for affordable housing in Chattanooga. He stated that the Mayor's office and the City of Chattanooga have done their due diligence, and

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this PILOT does meet the requirements for affordable housing. He reminded Commissioners that the school portion of taxes will be around \$1 million.

33:02 Commissioner Fields clarified that the County only has to consider if the PILOT is within the parameters of the statute in providing a public benefit. He stated that the record indicates the PILOT does provide a public benefit, and he will be supporting the item.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows:

Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Nay", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Nay", and Chairman Bankston, "Nay". Total present – 8. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 5. Total "Nay" votes – 3.

CHAIRMAN BANKSTON ANNOUNCED THAT RESOLUTION NO. 1116-4 WAS NOT USED.

44:13 Chairman Bankston asked that Resolution Nos. 1116-5 through 1116-13 be considered at this time.

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RESOLUTION NO. 1116-5 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A STATE OF TENNESSEE, GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE GRANT FOR THE "REMOVE INTOXICATED AND IMPAIRED DRIVERS" PROJECT WITH A TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 AND AMENDING THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE OPERATING BUDGET BY ADDING \$76,000 TO REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES.

RESOLUTION NO. 1116-6 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANT AND TO AMEND THE SHERIFF'S OPERATING BUDGET BY INCREASING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES BY \$17,450. PURSUANT TO THE GRANT TERMS, THE FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR CORRECTION PURPOSES ONLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 1116-7 A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF CANINE EQUIPMENT AND ASSOCIATED SUPPLIES AND TRAINING FROM THE CHATTANOOGA DOG AGILITY CLUB TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$4,896 FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES.

RESOLUTION NO. 1116-8 A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF A 40MM SINGLE SHOT LAUNCHER WITH AN ESTIMATED RETAIL VALUE OF \$975 FROM THE AMTECH LESS-LETHAL SYSTEMS TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

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RESOLUTION NO. 1116-9 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO AMEND THE 2016 – 2017 BUDGET FOR THE JUSTICE FOR FAMILIES GRANT, FROM THE OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (OVW). THE TWO YEAR GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000.00 WITH THE GRANT PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2015 TO MARCH 31, 2017 HAS A REMAINING BALANCE OF \$64,370.00 THE FY2017 BUDGETED AMOUNT OF \$125,000.00 FOR REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES SHOULD BE REDUCED TO \$64,370.00 TO REFLECT THE CURRENT FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR FY2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 1116-10 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR ON BEHALF OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, THE HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION, OPERATING AS THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$492,400.00 TO PROVIDE SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE AND HIV EDUCATION, PREVENTION AND CONTROL SERVICES IN HAMILTON COUNTY, FOR A TIME PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 1116-11 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF BROZELCO INC., SHIELDS ELECTRONICS SUPPLY, INC., AND TESSCO INCORPORATED FOR A ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT UNIT PRICING, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 3, 2016, THROUGH NOVEMBER 2, 2017, WITH THE OPTION TO

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RENEW FOR SIX (6) ADDITIONAL MONTHS, FOR COMMUNICATIONS CABLE FOR THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 1116-12 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF DATACOMM CABLING, LLC, INTEGRATED NETWORKING TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, AND PEARLNET LLC, FOR A ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT UNIT PRICING, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 3, 2016, THROUGH NOVEMBER 2, 2017, FOR HOURLY LABOR RATES FOR A TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN FOR THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 1116-13 A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE PURCHASE OF GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2016, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Boyd, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 1116-5 through 1116-8, and stated that the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution Nos. 1116-5 through 1116-8.

In response to Commissioner Boyd's question regarding Resolution No. 1116-8, Sheriff Hammond stated that the 40MM single shot launcher was donated by Joe Fowler, Chief of Corrections, for training purposes. He added that type of non-lethal equipment is typically used for training purposes, or in rare cases involving mental health patients that require restraining.

The foregoing Resolutions were unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 8. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

Commissioner Boyd, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 1116-9 and 1116-10, and stated that the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, to adopt Resolution Nos. 1116-9 and 1116-10. The foregoing Resolutions were unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 8. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

Commissioner Boyd, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 1116-11 through 1116-13, and stated that the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, to adopt Resolution Nos. 1116-11 through 1116-13. The foregoing Resolutions were unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 8. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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Chairman Bankston stated that a correction needed to be made to the caption wording of Resolution No. 1016-9, adopted on October 5, 2016. He stated that the Resolution as adopted incorrectly referred to the Hamilton County Parking Garage as the "Newell Tower Parking Deck". He asked that the corrected caption be read into the record. Deputy Clerk Carrie Godwin read the correct caption into the record. There was no objection to make the correction, and the Clerk's office was authorized to correct the record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Bankston asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

55:29

Commissioner Mackey announced that over 1,500 people attended the Halloween festivities at the Avondale Recreation Center. He stated that many good things were happening in the urban core.

56:03

Commissioner Graham announced that a celebration honoring veterans in the Lookout Valley area will take place Thursday at 7:00 PM at the John A. Patton Recreation Center in Lookout Valley.

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57:27 Commissioner Boyd stated that while driving through Downtown Chattanooga, he noticed a lot of construction and development happening. He noted that this growth was a great thing for the community.

58:31 Commissioner Smedley recognized her friend and fellow realtor Ron Tucker in the audience at today's meeting. She stated that another realtor, Robert Nodes, usually attends the meetings with Mr. Tucker, but recently retired.

Commissioner Smedley announced that Chief Dewayne Pitts, Tri-Community Volunteer Fire Department, invited everyone to attend the grand opening of the Apison Station Thursday morning at 11:00 AM.

58:31 Commissioner Smedley, Commissioner Beck, and Chairman Bankston applauded Mayor Coppinger for his dedication, accessibility, and quick response time when there is a need in one of their districts. They each noted that anytime they have reached out to the Mayor's Office for help, he has never hesitated to help in any way he can. Commissioner Smedley also thanked Lee Norris, Director of General Services, and Tom Lamb, Park Supervisor, for their help on an issue in District 7.

1:01:30 Mayor Coppinger thanked Commissioners for representing their districts well and notifying his office when issues exist in the community. He added that having good working relationships is how effective government should work.

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DELEGATIONS

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

There being no further business, Chairman Bankston declared the meeting in recess until Wednesday, November 9th, 2016 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

11-16-16
Date

WJK
Clerk's Initials