

HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA PREPARATION SESSION NOVEMBER 9, 2016

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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

- A Report of Investment Activity for the quarter ending September 30, 2016 was submitted for the record.
- Quarterly Fee Office reports, for the quarter ending July 31, 2016 were submitted for the record.
- An order appointing Jeff Davis to the Hixson Utility District Board of Commissioners would be submitted for the record.
- An order appointing Robertson Healy to the Savannah Valley Utility District would be submitted for the record.
- An Order of Designation to the Planning Commission would be submitted as a matter of record.
- Resolution No. 1116-14 was the usual County Clerk item regarding notaries, etc. This required no committee assignment.
- Resolution Nos. 1116-22 through 1116-26, 1116-27A, 1116-27B, 1116-28A, 1116-28B, and 1116-29 were assigned to the Zoning Committee, Chaired by Commissioner Smedley.
- Resolution Nos. 1116-30 through 1116-37 were assigned to Finance, Chaired by Commissioner Boyd.
- Resolution Nos. 1116-15 through 1116-21 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

Chairman Bankston congratulated Dr. Greg Martin, who was in the audience, on winning the District 3 Commission seat in yesterday's election.

Chairman Bankston stated that Resolution Nos. 1116-15 through 1116-21 would now be heard by the Committee of the Whole.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1116-15

1:03 Mayor Coppinger spoke regarding this item, which appoints Jenneth Randall as County Auditor. He reported that Ms. Randall has been serving as interim County Auditor since Bill McGriff's retirement effective September 30, 2016. He stated that she has over 25 years of service with the County.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1116-16

2:35 Mayor Coppinger spoke regarding this item, which appoints Angel Moore and Chris Ramsey for a term ending January 2, 2017, Eve Nite, Rachel Schulson, and Dr. Jay Sizemore for a term ending February 19, 2018, Lesley Searce and Christian Patino, for a term ending June 22, 2018 to the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Health Council. He stated that of the previous appointees, one has passed away, one has retired, one has resigned, and others have not been able to attend a sufficient number of meetings during their tenure, creating a need for their replacement.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1116-17

3:37

This Resolution appoints Jody Millard as a regular member to the Sheriff's Civil Service Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of William Pippin, who passed away.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1116-18

3:57

Commissioner Fields spoke regarding this item, which authorizes the expenditure of up to \$150,000.00 from bond funds for resurfacing of the Red Bank High School track. He stated that his constituents contacted him about the condition of the track, and the Mayor's office informed him that there were sufficient bond funds for the resurfacing project. Commissioner Fields listed several usages of the track including track meets, tournaments and championships that bring up to 300 students to the track, firefighter, FBI, military, and special Olympics training events, fundraisers and many other community events.

Commissioner Fields distributed pictures to members of the Commission and the Mayor documenting the need for repairs. He noted that the track was last resurfaced in 2010. The pictures were also furnished to the Clerk's office and filed with the minutes.

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7:27

Mayor Coppinger stated that the project has been thoroughly vetted by the Finance Department. He added that tracks provide an important service to the community.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1116-19

8:34

Commissioner Mackey spoke regarding this item, which appropriates \$5,000.00 from general fund travel discretionary monies to Urban Impact Incorporated, as allotted to District 4. He noted that the funds will assist with community programs for children in his district.

9:32

In response to Commissioner Graham's question, Commissioner Mackey confirmed that the funds are from his travel discretionary account. Commissioner Graham stated his support for the Resolution.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1116-20

9:50

Attorney Taylor spoke regarding this item, which corrects an error stated in a previous meeting. The Resolution reports the correct term expiration of Chief Judicial Commissioner Randy Russell to be April 30, 2017. Mr. Russell was the sole nominee

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for Chief Judicial Commissioner and was elected by a roll call vote on October 26, 2016
(*Resolution No. 1016-39*).

There were no questions from Commissioners.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1116-21

Alecia Poe, Human Resources Administrator, spoke regarding this Resolution, which accepts the proposal of EAP Care, Inc. to provide Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Services to Hamilton County employees for \$1.55 per employee per month. It was noted that EAP Care, Inc. is the current provider and is a local company, which allows employees to receive immediate care if necessary.

In response to Commissioner Fields' question, Ms. Poe stated that \$1.55 per employee per month adds up to \$33,480.00 annually.

12:43

Commissioner Smedley announced that the Zoning Committee would be meeting in the Commission conference room immediately following the Agenda Session.

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13:02

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Bankston asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

Mayor Coppinger and members of the Commission congratulated Dr. Greg Martin on his successful election to the District 3 Commission seat yesterday. They each stated that they looked forward to working with Dr. Martin on the Commission and complimented his service on the School Board.

13:50

Commissioner Graham thanked Joe Smith, Dr. Martin's opponent in yesterday's election, for his willingness to serve. He encouraged any politician who participated in this campaign season to clean up their signs and stands, any other brochures or fliers as soon as possible.

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Commissioner Graham announced that Friday, November 11th at 11:00 am, a Veteran's Day Service will take place at the Chattanooga National Cemetery. He encouraged everyone to attend.

16:27 Commissioner Smedley congratulated all the winners of yesterday's election including President-elect, Donald Trump. She announced that next Monday at 6:00 pm, a community meeting held by School Board member Joe Wingate would be taking place at East Hamilton Middle/High School to discuss the selection of a new Superintendent of Schools.

17:12 In response to Commissioner Beck's question, Chairman Bankston stated that the Commission will advertise the School Board vacancy once Dr. Martin has officially resigned.

18:10 Mayor Coppinger spoke about the brush fires that have spread throughout the County, which is a total of about 1,000 acres. He praised all the work the volunteer fire departments have put into containing the fires, as well as local businesses that have provided food and other supplies to firefighters. He reported that no injuries have been reported and no houses are threatened at this time. He reminded everyone that open burning should not be taking place right now because of the unseasonably dry weather.

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Mayor Coppinger also stated that the County pays \$5,000 each year to the Forestry Service, who has been providing airdrops via helicopters to help contain the fires. It was noted that two black hawk jets, costing \$70,000 per day, are assisting the Forestry Service.

23:00 Chairman Bankston thanked those working to contain the fires for all their hard work and dedication.

DELEGATIONS

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

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Being no further business, Chairman Bankston declared the meeting adjourned until Wednesday, November 16th at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

12-07-16
Date

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Clerk's Initials