

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
AGENDA PREPARATION SESSION
NOVEMBER 27, 2019**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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

- The Trustee's Monthly and Excess Fee Reports for October 2019 would be submitted for the record.
- Resolution No. 1219-1 was the usual County Clerk item regarding notaries, etc. This required no committee assignment.
- Resolution Nos. 1219-5 through 1219-14 were assigned to the Finance Committee, chaired by Commissioner Smedley.
- Resolution Nos. 1219-2 through 1219-4, 1219-15, and 1219-16 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

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PRESENTATION – DALLAS BAY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

Mitch McClure, Chairman of the Dallas Bay Volunteer Fire Department (VFD), distributed an accountability report for fiscal year 2019 to members of the Commission. A copy of the handout was filed in the Clerk's Office. He stated Dallas Bay VFD is currently rated an ISO 2 and is the only VFD in the state with that rating. He stated the department will be reviewed with the intent of improving to an ISO 1 rating in 2020 as well as obtaining an Advanced Life Support (ALS) certification. Mr. McClure reported Dallas Bay is on trend to respond to over 2,000 calls in 2019, which would be the highest number in the county. He thanked Mayor Coppinger and Director of Emergency Management Chris Adams for their support of the department.

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3:38 Commissioner Boyd thanked Mr. McClure for the thorough report. In response to Commissioner Boyd's question, Mr. McClure stated Dallas Bay VFD is an "all call" department responding to all calls initiated by Hamilton County 911.

Mayor Coppinger thanked Mr. McClure and all the volunteer firefighters. He commended Chief Adams for the way all the volunteer fire departments in Hamilton County interact with each other.

Chairman Fairbanks thanked Chief Adams for his work with the volunteer fire departments.

10:24 In response to Commissioner Mackey's question, Mr. McClure stated combining fire department services with the City of Chattanooga would be difficult.

13:59 At Chairman Fairbanks' request, Chief Deputy Sheriff Austin Garrett introduced Sheriff's Office staff members Deputy Chief Mark King, Captain Chuck Gaston, Lieutenant David Tittle, Captain Gene Coppinger, and Deputy Chief Joseph Fowler present at today's meeting.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1219-2

14:48 Mental Health Court Director Anna Protano-Biggs spoke regarding this item, which accepts the proposal of Mark Making for Mental Health Court Wellness Program Services and authorizes the County Mayor to sign any contracts necessary to implement this Resolution. She explained the Resolution would provide an eleven-week series of therapeutic art classes for victims of sexual trauma, and is totally funded by the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1219-3

16:41 Mitzi Sanders, Hamilton County Department of Education IT Department, spoke regarding this item, which accepts the bid of BRG Precision Products for one-year contract unit pricing, with the option to renew for one additional one-year term, beginning December 15, 2019 through December 14, 2020 for POE Analog Clocks for the Hamilton County Department of Education. She reported the clocks do not require electrical to be run and would be placed in the new Harrison Elementary School and East Hamilton Middle School.

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In response to Commissioner Geter's question, Ms. Sanders stated the analog clocks have been placed in the newer school buildings for the last six years.

It was noted that technology is separated from the amount of the new school construction bid amount. Mayor Coppinger asked that the cost for technology be included in the initial bid amount in the future.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1219-4

21:19

This Resolution accepts the return of monies appropriated to the Harrison Ruritan Foundation, Inc. in an amount totaling four thousand dollars (\$4,000); rescinding the Resolutions that originally appropriated these monies to this organization and returning same to the general fund travel discretionary funds from which this money was originally allotted. It was noted this Resolution would rescind Resolution Nos. 919-19, 919-20, 919-21, 919-22, and 919-33.

Commissioner Bankston reported the Harrison Ruritan Foundation had members that were willing to buy food from Sam's Club to donate to the Snack Pack Ministry, but was not directly affiliated with the program nor did they ever consider writing a check to the church the ministry operates within.

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22:35 Commissioner Sharpe referenced an article in today's paper and stated there was some misinformation in the article.

Commissioner Smedley spoke about the importance of the Snack Pack Ministry and stated it was unfortunate that this could not go through.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1219-15

25:30 Commissioner Boyd spoke regarding this item, which approves the expenditure of matching funds committed from private donors and other grant sources by December 31, 2019, not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) from general fund travel discretionary monies (as allotted to District 8) to assist in a civic engagement program conducted by the non-profit League of Women Voters of Tennessee. Commissioner Boyd introduced President of the League of Women Voters of Chattanooga Lisa Billbrey Hyder.

26:31 Ms. Hyder stated the organization is planning to offer mobile civics pop-up lessons to engage the community in voter participation.

Commissioner Sharpe thanked Ms. Hyder for her work in the community.

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Commissioner Geter also thanked Ms. Hyder for engaging the community and the students in the Hamilton County public education system.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1219-16

29:01

Mayor Coppinger spoke regarding this item, which approves the entering into a public/private partnership agreement among Hamilton County, Tennessee, the City of Chattanooga, and the Medal of Honor Museum for the remodeling of space and selling of pavers outside said Medal of Honor Museum.

Retired Rear Admiral Noah Long, Vice President of Design and Construction for the Medal of Honor Museum, provided additional explanation. He noted the brick pavers would be sold to individuals seeking to recognize the heroic efforts of persons who have served in the United States Armed Forces. It was noted the proceeds would support the museum.

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In response to Commission Baker's question, Admiral Long stated the museum's grand opening would be Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 10:00 AM. He noted Governor Lee would be attending.

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Commissioner Smedley, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated the Finance Committee would meet in the Commission Room immediately following today's Agenda Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Fairbanks asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

Members of the Commission, Attorney Southerland, and Mayor Coppinger wished everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

34:47 Commissioner Baker introduced his son, Solomon Baker, who would be graduating from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC) on Saturday.

Commissioner Baker also introduced CEO of the Erlanger Children's Hospital Don Mueller.

36:05 Mayor Coppinger reminded everyone about the joint meeting with the School Board and Superintendent Dr. Bryan Johnson at 6:00 PM on December 9th at the Red

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Bank Middle School Library. He reported the school system would be livestreaming the event.

36:55 Commissioner Sharpe called a Legal and Legislative Committee meeting following next week's Commission Meeting.

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DELEGATIONS

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

Being no further business, Chairman Fairbanks declared the meeting adjourned until Wednesday, December 4th, 2019 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

12-18-19

Date



Clerk's Initials