

HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA PREPARATION SESSION NOVEMBER 29, 2017

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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

- The Criminal Court Clerk's reports for June, July, August, and September 2017 would be submitted for the record.
- An Order of Designation to the Planning Commission would be submitted as a matter of record.
- The Trustee's Monthly and Excess Fee Reports for October 2017 would be submitted as a matter of record.
- Resolution No. 1217-1 was the usual County Clerk item regarding notaries, etc. This required no committee assignment.
- Resolution Nos. 1217-11 through 1217-14 were assigned to the Finance Committee, chaired by Commissioner Smedley.
- Resolution Nos. 1217-2 through 1217-10 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1217-2

This Resolution reappoints John K. "Bucky" McCulley as Chairman of the Sheriff's Civil Service Advisory Board to serve a three-year term beginning November 15, 2017 and ending November 15, 2020.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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1:25 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1217-3**

This Resolution reappoints Frank Kinser to a four year term, beginning November 6, 2017 and ending November 6, 2021. This Resolution also reappoints Ryan Crimmins, Jerre Haskew, and Gordon Davenport, Jr. to four year terms, beginning November 19, 2017 and ending November 19, 2021.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1217-4

1:53 Chairman Fairbanks spoke regarding this item, which cancels the County Commission agenda and regular meetings of December 27, 2017 and January 3, 2018, due to the upcoming Christmas holidays.

In response to Commissioner Fields' question, Chairman Fairbanks advised he would request clarification from Attorney Taylor as to why a formal Resolution is being presented to cancel the meetings, and if this would pose any issues in the event an emergency meeting is required.

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In response to Chairman Fairbanks' question, Attorney Southerland reported notice would be required in order to call a meeting during the time the Commission is in adjournment.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1217-5

5:06

Justin Witt, Director of Maintenance and Operations for the Department of Education, spoke regarding this item, which authorizes the County Mayor to increase the contract with Hefferlin + Kronenberg Architects, PLLC for the design of the Sale Creek Middle/High School Addition, for an amount not to exceed \$9,552.98 of previously budgeted funds. It was noted this will be the final expenditure on the Sale Creek Middle/High School Addition project and will close out the architectural contract.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1217-6

6:44

Justin Witt, Director of Maintenance and Operations for the Department of Education, spoke regarding this item, which increases the contract with Billingsley Architecture for the design of the Woffever Creek Elementary School Addition, for an amount not to exceed \$61,775.51 of previously budgeted funds. It was noted this will be

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the final expenditure on the Wolfcreek Elementary School Addition project and will close out the architectural contract.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1217-7

7:23

Director of Administration for the Sheriff's Office Don Gorman spoke regarding this item, which accepts a continuation contract between the Sheriff's Office and the State of Tennessee's Department of Human Services for a Child Support Program for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Mr. Gorman explained this grant has been in place for the past 15 years and is used to pay for the salary, benefits, and travel for two detectives and two civil process servers who pursue those behind on child support payments. He reported the Sheriff's Office has the required match of \$110,172.00 budgeted.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1217-8

8:40

Sheriff Jim Hammond spoke regarding this item, which requests \$25,000 from the County to go toward a project designed to provide appropriate care and treatment

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for inmates with mental illness who cycle through local correctional facilities and hospitals. The project is expected to reduce costs for County correctional facilities and local hospitals while improving the health, well-being and stability of mentally ill individuals. The overall outcome for the program is to provide those mentally ill individuals an environment offering supportive housing and a full range of treatment and services, as well as reduce the number of people with mental illness in County correctional facilities.

12:50 Geno Bennett, Support Services Director for the Sheriff's Office advised BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee and CHI Memorial are providing \$25,000 each toward the project, and another \$21,000 has been raised through the private sector.

16:00 At this time, a lengthy discussion took place between Commissioners, Mayor Coppinger, Sheriff Hammond, Mr. Bennett, and Janna Jahn of the Development Department regarding funding for the project. It was noted the \$25,000 from BCBS and \$25,000 from CHI Memorial, combined with the additional \$25,000 contribution from the County if approved, would bring the total to \$75,000. The \$21,000 raised from the private sector was provided for administrative fees, travel expenses, and other costs.

Mr. Bennett stated while there is not a final figure on what the overall cost of the project will be at this time, the requested funds will be used to secure technical

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assistance from the Corporation of Supportive Housing, which has conducted similar projects in more than 30 cities across the country. He noted additional funding sources will be identified during the feasibility phase of the project to prevent any further cost to the County. Sheriff Hammond agreed to provide Commissioners with an itemized list of program costs.

18:35

28:08

Robert Scheri, Vice President of Mission Integration for CHI Memorial, stated a large number of people frequently use private and community facilities for conditions of homelessness and mental illness, which pulls resources from the criminal justice system and hospitals. He reported successful implementation of similar programs has reduced the misuse of these resources by up to 80%. Robin Cruise, a representative of BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, echoed Mr. Scheri's comments and emphasized BCBS's commitment to the project.

32:37

Sheriff Hammond reported the overall savings of the program is estimated to be in the millions. He added additional funding from state and federal grants is anticipated to prevent additional costs to the County. Ms. Jahn added program developers would be working closely with the mental health court.

40:15

Chairman Fairbanks thanked Sheriff Hammond and the other representatives for their presentation, and stated there was no need for them to return next week.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1217-9

43:52

Director of Administration for the Sheriff's Office Don Gorman spoke regarding this item, which accepts a donation of multi-assault counter-terrorism bags from the International Brotherhood of Police Officers (IBPO) to the Hamilton County Sheriff's office for law enforcement purposes. He reported this is a total donation with no County match.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1217-10

44:39

Director of Administration for the Sheriff's Office Don Gorman spoke regarding this item, which accepts the bid of Craig's Firearm Supply, Inc. for four models of new and unused service weapons via a weapons exchange program for the Sheriff's Office. He reported this exchange will update the weapons arsenal.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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

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Chairman Fairbanks reminded Commissioners of a brief legal meeting immediately following today's Agenda Session in the Commission Conference Room. The meeting was requested by Assistant County Attorney Southerland.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

46:53 Commissioner Fields announced Mayor Coppinger's participation in an upcoming charitable event supporting Bethel Bible Village, a nonprofit child services center. Mayor Coppinger reported he agreed to be slimed by the children of Bethel Bible Village if they reached the goal of raising \$17,000 and will appear for the public sliming December 2nd at 10:00 AM at Northgate Mall.

48:40 Commissioner Graham announced the MAINx24 festival would be held on Saturday, December 2nd on Main Street. He noted there would be a pancake breakfast, to kick off the 24 hour event that would also include a Christmas parade. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Commissioner Graham announced on Saturday, December 2nd the City of Red Bank will be holding their Christmas Jubilee including a parade and other activities.

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Commissioner Graham announced the Lookout Valley Christmas parade will be held on Saturday, December 9th.

50:19

Commissioner Boyd, Chairman of the Security and Corrections Committee, announced after meeting with the Sheriff and his staff last Wednesday, he would like to move forward in forming a task force to investigate possibilities of relocating the Sheriff's Department firing range from Moccasin Bend. He stated the task force would form in January and could provide the Commission with at least four site options by May 1st in order to get an idea of how viable the new training facility might be. Chairman Fairbanks gave Commissioner Boyd permission to proceed to head a task force that would include Commission members and staff members from the Sheriff's Department.

52:54

Commissioner Smedley announced the 3rd annual Tree Lighting event will take place at Heritage Park on Friday, December 1st at 6:00 PM. She stated that students from District 7 schools will be singing Christmas carols, and encouraged everyone to attend.

55:01

Commissioner Bankston announced the Collegedale Christmas parade would be held on Sunday, December 3rd at 3:00 p.m. and invited everyone to attend.

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Commission members and Mayor Coppinger gave their condolences to Chairman Fairbanks and his family for the recent passing of his brother.

Mayor Coppinger recognized Director of Parks and Recreation Tom Lamb and congratulated him for his role in the Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department completing a Tier 2 level recertification by the state of Tennessee, which recertifies them for the next 5 years and makes them eligible for additional grants.

Chairman Fairbanks announced the Soddy Daisy Christmas parade would be held on Sunday, December 3rd at 2:00 p.m. and invited everyone to attend.

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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. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, December 6th at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

12-20-17
Date

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Clerk's Initials