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HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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0:55 Commissioner Boyd welcomed the large crowd present in the audience at today's meeting. Commissioner Boyd introduced Pastor Dr. Pedro Basden, Warren Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, who gave the invocation. Commissioner Boyd led in the pledge to the flag.

3:56 **RESOLUTION NO. 1116-38 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO MOWBRAY MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT ONE.**

 Commissioner Fairbanks reported that this expenditure would go towards reimbursement of equipment the fire department has lost while combating local wildfires. He noted that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides some federal funding for reimbursement, but not enough to cover all of the costs the fire department has incurred. Commissioner Fairbanks also expressed his appreciation for the Finance Department and the diligent work they do.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 1116-38.

6:01 In response to Commissioner Graham's question, Commissioner Fairbanks stated that this expenditure would come from last year's leftover discretionary funds.

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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 Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

Commissioner Graham announced that he was present.

RESOLUTION NO. 1116-39 A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A MEMBER TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD TO REPRESENT DISTRICT THREE.

Chairman Bankston stated that an election would be held to fill the Hamilton County School Board District 3 vacancy created by former member Greg Martin's resignation. He opened the floor for nominations at this time.

7:20 Commissioner Mackey spoke about the numbers of applications submitted and stated how fortunate Hamilton County is to have such a large group of citizens willing to serve. He stated that after reviewing applications, he wished to nominate Joe Smith to serve as the District 3 School Board member.

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8:02 Commissioner Beck spoke about the tragedy that occurred last week when a school bus carrying 37 students from Woodmore Elementary School crashed, killing six students and injuring dozens more. He stated that given the circumstances, he did not have adequate time to review applications or attend the public forum and would be abstaining from the vote.

9:47 Commissioner Martin stated that he interviewed all six candidates that submitted applications, and wished to nominate Mike Kirk for the position. He stated that Mr. Kirk remains very involved in the Hixson community, and will be able to provide the expertise needed on the School Board at this time.

 Commissioner Smedley reported that she also reviewed applications and interviewed each candidate at the public forum. She stated that District 3 is lucky to have such qualified candidates willing to serve. She added that it has been a tough decision to make.

11:56 Commissioner Graham stated that due to illness he had not had adequate time to interview all six candidates since receiving the applications. He asked that the Commission consider postponing the item for one week.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to postpone the District 3 School Board appointment for one week.

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In response to Commissioner Martin's question, Chairman Bankston stated the motion to postpone needs to be voted on and it was up to the Commission if they wanted to hold another public forum to interview each candidate.

14:06 Commissioner Fairbanks stated his opposition to postponing the appointment. He reported that he attended the forum and interviewed each candidate, and was prepared to vote on the item today.

Commissioner Martin stated that the next School Board meeting will take place on December 10th.

The foregoing Motion to postpone failed on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows:
Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Nay", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Nay", Commissioner Fields, "Nay", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Nay", Commissioner Martin, "Nay", Commissioner Smedley, "Nay", and Chairman Bankston, "Nay". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 2. Total "Nay" votes – 7.

Chairman Bankston asked if any member of the audience wished to submit a name for consideration. There were none.

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County Clerk Bill Knowles called the role on the nomination of Joe Smith and Michael Kirk to serve as District 3 School Board member. Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Abstain", Commissioner Boyd, "Smith", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Smith", Commissioner Fields, "Kirk", Commissioner Graham, "Kirk", Commissioner Mackey, "Smith", Commissioner Martin, "Kirk", Commissioner Smedley, "Smith", and Chairman Bankston, "Smith". Total votes for Smith – 5. Total votes for Kirk – 3. Total abstentions – 1.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 1116-39 inserting the name of Joe Smith. The 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 Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

An Oath of Office was administered to Joe Smith during the Agenda Session.

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Being no further business Chairman Bankston declared the recessed meeting
adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

12-21-16
Date

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Clerk's Initials