

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2015**

STATE OF TENNESSEE) Regular Meeting
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) December 2, 2015

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 2nd day of December, 2015, 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 shortly after the roll call. Commissioner Haynes was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1.

Chairman Bankston reported that Commissioner Haynes would not be present for today's meeting. He also acknowledged that Commissioner Beck arrived after roll was called.

Also in attendance were County Mayor Jim Coppinger, members of his administrative staff, County Attorney Rheubin Taylor, and County Auditor Bill McGriff.

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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.

0:35

Commissioner Fields introduced Pastor Brian Cosby, Wayside Presbyterian Church, who gave the invocation. Commissioner Fields led in the pledge to the flag.

3:49

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of November 11, 2015, the Agenda Preparation Session of November 11, 2015, and the Regular Meeting of November 18, 2015, 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". Commissioner Haynes was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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TRUSTEE MONTHLY REPORT

The Trustee’s monthly report for October 2015 was submitted and made a matter of record.

TRUSTEE EXCESS FEE REPORT

The Trustee’s excess fee report for October 2015 was submitted and made a matter of record.

FEE OFFICE REPORTS

Fee reports for the following constitutional officers were submitted and made a matter of record:

- Clerk & Master – July 2015 through September 2015
- Circuit Court Clerk – July 2015 through September 2015
- Register of Deeds – July 2015 through September 2015
- County Clerk – July 2015 through September 2015

JUVENILE COURT CLERK REPORTS

The Juvenile Court Clerk reports for August and September 2015 were submitted and made a matter of record.

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RESOLUTION NO. 1215-1 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 Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 1215-1.

Chairman Bankston asked if there were any questions. There were none.

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". Commissioner Haynes was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

Chairman Bankston reported that Resolution Nos. 1215-2 through 1215-14 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

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RESOLUTION NO. 1215-2 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO HARRISON RECREATIONAL BOOSTER CLUB IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT NINE.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 1215-2. 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 Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Haynes was absent. Commissioner Graham was not present for the Roll Call. Total present – 7. Total absent – 2. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

5:48

RESOLUTION NO. 1215-3 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO SIGNAL MOUNTAIN LIONS CHARITY IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT TWO.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to adopt Resolution No. 1215-3. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a

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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 Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Haynes was absent. Commissioner Graham was not present for the Roll Call. Total present – 7. Total absent – 2. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1215-4 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO
SCENIC CITIES BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND
DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS
ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT SEVEN.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 1215-4. 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 Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Haynes was absent. Commissioner Graham was not present for the Roll Call. Total present – 7. Total absent – 2. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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RESOLUTION NO. 1215-5 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO MOWBRAY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF TWELVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$12,300.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT ONE.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 1215-5. 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 Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Haynes was absent. Commissioner Graham was not present for the Roll Call. Total present – 7. Total absent – 2. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

7:52

RESOLUTION NO. 1215-6 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO SODDY DAISY FOOD BANK, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT ONE.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Fields, to adopt Resolution No. 1215-6. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a

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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 Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Haynes was absent. Commissioner Graham was not present for the Roll Call. Total present – 7. Total absent – 2. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 1215-7 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO FIRST THINGS FIRST, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT EIGHT.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 1215-7. 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 Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Haynes was absent. Commissioner Graham was not present for the Roll Call. Total present – 7. Total absent – 2. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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RESOLUTION NO. 1215-8 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO GIRLS INCORPORATED OF CHATTANOOGA IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT EIGHT.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 1215-8. 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 Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Bankston, “Aye”. Commissioner Haynes was absent. Commissioner Graham was not present for the Roll Call. Total present – 7. Total absent – 2. Total “Aye” votes – 7. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

9:44

RESOLUTION NO. 1215-9 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE NEXT DOOR, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT EIGHT.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, to adopt Resolution No. 1215-9.

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Commissioner Mackey and Commissioner Beck stated their support for First Things First, Girl, Inc., and The Next Door, Inc. They thanked each nonprofit organization for their diligent efforts in the community.

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 Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Bankston, “Aye”. Commissioner Haynes was absent. Commissioner Graham was not present for the Roll Call. Total present – 7. Total absent – 2. Total “Aye” votes – 7. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

12:39

RESOLUTION NO. 1215-10 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PARTNERSHIP FOR FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND ADULTS, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT FOUR.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to adopt Resolution No. 1215-10. 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”,

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Commissioner Fairbanks, “Aye”, Commissioner Fields, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Bankston, “Aye”. Commissioner Haynes was absent. Commissioner Graham was not present for the Roll Call. Total present – 7. Total absent – 2. Total “Aye” votes – 7. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

13:15

RESOLUTION NO. 1215-11 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA ON BEHALF OF MURRAY HILLS PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY THREE DOLLARS (\$2,533.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT FOUR.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, to adopt Resolution No. 1215-11. 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 Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Bankston, “Aye”. Commissioner Haynes was absent. Commissioner Graham was not present for the Roll Call. Total present – 7. Total absent – 2. Total “Aye” votes – 7. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

13:53

RESOLUTION NO. 1215-12 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO ONE HUNDRED BLACK MEN OF CHATTANOOGA, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO

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**THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY
MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT FOUR.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, to adopt Resolution No. 1215-12. 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 Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Haynes was absent. Commissioner Graham was not present for the Roll Call. Total present – 7. Total absent – 2. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1215-13 A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL OF
DILLARD ELITE TRAINING BY DESIGN TO PROVIDE ONSITE FITNESS CLASS
INSTRUCTION SUPPORT TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY WELLNESS CENTER AND
TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY
TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Fields, to adopt Resolution No. 1215-13. The foregoing Motion was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and

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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". Commissioner Haynes was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

15:15

RESOLUTION NO. 1215-14 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF HELTON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE NOLAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION AMOUNTING TO \$4,500,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 1215-14. 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". Commissioner Haynes was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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Chairman Bankston asked that Resolution Nos. 1215-15 through 1215-18 be considered together at this time.

16:06

RESOLUTION NO. 1215-15 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF DON LEDFORD AUTO PARK, LLC FOR TWO (2) REGULAR CAB PICKUP TRUCKS AND CDJR OF COLUMBIA FOR ONE (1) SUPER CREW CAB PICKUP TRUCK AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 1215-16 A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE PURCHASE OF GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2015, THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2015, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 1215-17 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE UNIT PRICE BIDS OF CMS COMMUNICATIONS, OM OFFICE SUPPLY, INC. AND MXN CORPORATION BEGINNING DECEMBER 2, 2015, THROUGH DECEMBER 1, 2016, FOR DATA COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 1215-18 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF CLEARLINE NETWORKS, LLC FOR INSTALLATION, TERMINATION, TESTING,

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**PROGRAMMING AND CERTIFICATION OF THE COMMUNICATIONS CABLING
FOR GANNS MIDDLE VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AMOUNTING TO
\$72,945.00 FOR THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT 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. 1215-15 through 1215-18 and stated that the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, to adopt Resolution Nos. 1215-15 through 1215-18.

Chairman Bankston asked if there were any questions. There were none.

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". Commissioner Haynes was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

20:24

Chairman Bankston asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

20:27

Commissioner Mackey spoke about the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga football's team and wished the team continued success.

20:45

Commissioner Graham stated he had a wonderful Thanksgiving and invited everyone to the annual 24-hour long Mainx24 festival beginning Saturday, December 5th at 6:30 am on Main Street. The parade will begin at 10 am. He also extended an invitation to the Red Bank Christmas parade taking place this Saturday, December 5th at 5:00 pm.

Commissioner Graham stated his was disappointed with a recent Times Free Press news article published on November 26th regarding joint city and county projects. He referenced some of the insulting terminology used in the article. He reminded everyone that city and county government are batting for the same team. He stated he was looking forward to the upcoming year and looked forward to working with everyone.

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26:20 Commissioner Mackey noted that he had missed the article. In response to Commissioner Mackey's request, Commissioner Graham clarified that the news article accused the county commission members of being liars.

26:54 Commissioner Boyd congratulated Tracy Malone, East Ridge High School Head Football Coach, on his victorious 12 -1 record and being named Coach of the Year. He reported Bass Pro Shop at Camp Jordan is continuing to build and the expansion of Camp Jordan Parkway is underway with an estimated spring 2016 completion date.

28:05 Commissioner Fairbanks invited everyone to attend Soddy Daisy's annual Christmas parade this Sunday, December 6th at 2 pm.

28:22 Commissioner Smedley invited everyone to attend Collegedale's annual Christmas parade this Sunday, December 6th at 2 pm. There will also be two tree lightings, Collegedale Commons December 6th at 5:30 pm and Heritage Park December 11th 6:00 pm.

29:11 Commissioner Beck responded to comments made about the controversial Times Free Press news article. He spoke highly of the county commission's

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transparency and asked people reading the article to be cautious and realize that the accusations made are a result of being misinformed.

31:21

Mayor Coppinger invited the commission to attend a groundbreaking at the site of the Sale Creek Middle School on December 15th, at 10 am.

31:46

Chairman Bankston spoke highly of the Collegedale parade and encouraged everyone to attend.

Commissioner Bankston complimented Clerk Knowles and his Bonny Oaks office for their efficiency in renewing a vehicle tag Monday after the Thanksgiving holiday, which was also the busy end of the month renewal period. He noted he was the twenty-fifth person in line and his wait time was under two minutes. Commissioner Smedley echoed Commissioner Bankston's comments about the Clerk's office. Clerk Knowles expressed appreciation for the comments.

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33:18 **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, December 9, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

<u>12-16-15</u>	<u>W.F.K.</u>
Date	Clerk's Initials