

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
AGENDA PREPARATION SESSION
DECEMBER 31, 2014**

STATE OF TENNESSEE) Agenda Preparation Session
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) December 31, 2014

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 31st day of December, 2014, an Agenda Preparation Session 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:--

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Present and presiding was the Honorable Jim Fields, Chairman. Deputy County Clerk Michael Clark called the roll of the County Commission and the following, constituting a quorum, answered to their names: Commissioner Bankston, Commissioner Beck, Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Fairbanks, Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Haynes, Commissioner Mackey, Commissioner Smedley, and Chairman Fields. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0.

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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PRESENTATION

Commissioner Fairbanks presented a Certificate for Outstanding Community Service to Madison Cravey, a student at Daisy Elementary School. He read from a News Channel 9 story where Madison had been chosen as a Pay It Forward recipient for her exceptional acts of kindness. Additionally, Madison's father who was on leave from military service in Afghanistan was thanked with a standing ovation.

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Also present in the audience to celebrate Madison's recognition were City of Soddy Daisy Mayor Rick Nunley, Commissioner Patti Skates, and Daisy Elementary principal Samantha Walter. Principal Walter expressed her appreciation to Madison.

Members of the Commission shook hands with and personally congratulated Madison and her family members.

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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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

- Resolution No. 115-1 was the usual County Clerk item regarding notaries, etc. This required no committee assignment.
- Criminal Court Clerk reports for September and October 2014 would be submitted for the record.
- An Order of Designation for Todd Leamon to serve on the Planning Commission at the December 8, 2014 meeting would be submitted for the record.
- The Trustee's Excess Fee Report and Monthly Report for November 2014 would be submitted for the record
- for the month of March 2014 would be submitted as a matter of record.
- An order appointing Floyd D. Ferrell to the Savannah Valley Utility District Board of Commissioners would be submitted for the record.
- Resolutions No. 115-2 and 115-3 were assigned to the Zoning Committee, chaired by Commissioner Bankston.
- Resolutions No. 115-12, 13 and 14 were assigned to the Roads Committee, chaired by Commissioner Haynes.
- Resolutions No. 115-4 through 115-11 and 115-15 through 115-20 were assigned to the Finance Committee, chaired by Commissioner Graham.
- Resolution No. 115-21 was heard by a Committee of the Whole.

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11:08 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 115-21**

Chairman Fields indicated Walden's Ridge Emergency Services handles emergency service to the entire incorporated area of Signal Mountain as well as an area along Suck Creek Road. Two fire engines used by this group are over twenty years old and in poor working condition. He explained that this expenditure from his district discretionary funds would be used to assist in the purchase of replacement equipment. There were no questions regarding the resolution.

12:23 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Fields asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

All members of the Commission, Mayor Coppinger and Attorney Taylor wished citizens a safe and Happy New Year.

12:40 Commissioner Haynes invited participation this evening in the Karen Lawrence Run for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Registration is at 6 pm and the run would begin at 7 pm.

13:02 Commissioner Graham reported his daughter attended her first high school dance recently and he was not permitted to attend. He also reported the birth of his first granddaughter, Kinsley Paige Graham, who was born in the early morning of December 26. He urged everyone to usher in the New Year with their family and loved ones.

15:04 Commissioner Bankston recognized his wife in the audience and thanked her for her attendance.

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15:31 Commissioner Fairbanks thanked his daughter in the audience for her attendance.

Commissioner Beck congratulated Commissioner Graham and welcomed him into the crazy grandparents club where he would find himself bragging about his grandchildren and indulging them completely.

17:18 Mayor Coppinger expressed his thanks to Soddy Daisy Mayor Nunley and Commissioner Skates for their excellence in leading that City. He also congratulated them for their stewardship in acquiring land known locally as the Big Soddy Creek Gulf. This land would be held in trust as a wilderness area for the benefit of the citizens of the community.

18:30 Chairman Fields also recognized his wife in the audience and expressed appreciation for her attendance.

DELEGATIONS

Chairman Fields asked if there were delegations to speak on any matters other than zoning.

Sheriff Jim Hammond asked to make a presentation.

19:09 **PRESENTATION – SHERIFF JIM HAMMOND**

Sheriff Hammond showed a brief video demonstrating the need for SUVs being requested in Resolution No. 115-7 due to the large amount of equipment to be carried by officers on patrol. He indicated he would be speaking to the Finance Committee

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following the agenda session regarding the item but had wanted to demonstrate the need before the full Commission.

Chairman Fields indicated committees would meet immediately following adjournment. There were no further delegations.

Being no further business, Chairman Fields declared the meeting adjourned until Wednesday, January 7, 2015, at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

01-21-15 WJK
Date Clerk's Initials