

**RECESSED MEETING  
HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DECEMBER 31, 2014**

**STATE OF TENNESSEE            )**            Recessed Meeting  
**COUNTY OF HAMILTON         )**            December 31, 2014

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 31st day of December, 2014, a Recessed 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 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.

Commissioner Fairbanks introduced his pastor, Calvin Nunley of Christ Family Church for the invocation. Commissioner Fairbanks led in the pledge to the flag.

0:20            **RESOLUTION NO. 1214-9    A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN HAMILTON COUNTY AND VOLKSWAGEN GROUP OF AMERICA, INC. FOR AN OFFICE COMPLEX LOCATED AT 7000**

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**DISCOVERY DRIVE, CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, AND AUTHORIZING  
THE COUNTY MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS  
NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE SAID LEASE.**

Chairman Fields indicated this item had not been before a committee and was placed on the agenda at the request of Mayor Coppinger.

Mayor Coppinger indicated he had requested consideration of this item today due to the time sensitivity. He indicated Volkswagen wishes to move into the building on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Coppinger explained that this was a 30,000 square foot building in the Enterprise South Industrial Park formerly occupied by the Eastside Utility District and owned by Hamilton County. Volkswagen had leased the building previously during construction of their facility, but it had been unoccupied for a period of time. During the time when the building remained empty it was vandalized. Volkswagen wished to again lease the building during the expansion of their existing automobile assembly plant. The lease terms would be \$5.00 per square foot for three years with two one-year extension opportunities. The potential period of occupancy would be five years. In addition, Volkswagen would spend approximately one million dollars in repairs and renovations to the building.

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**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Bankston, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 1214-9.

Mayor Coppinger and County Attorney Taylor responded to questions from Commissioners regarding the lease agreement terms as well as future plans for the sale of this property once the lease expires.

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 Bankston, "Aye"; Commissioner Beck, "Aye"; Commissioner Boyd, "Aye"; Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Aye"; Commissioner Haynes, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Aye"; Commissioner Smedley, "Aye"; and Chairman Fields, "Aye." Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes - 9. Total Nay votes – 0.

10:04

Commissioner Haynes asked for clarification from Attorney Taylor as to procedures to remove an item from the table. Attorney Taylor indicated it required a motion and second and six favorable votes to remove an item from the table.

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**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Haynes, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, to remove Resolution No. 1114-9 from the table.

(For the record the item tabled was 1114-9A. No action was taken on Resolution 1114-9.)

Chairman Fields indicated he did not have this resolution in front of him, but it was placed on the table at the November 19, 2014 meeting and pertained to office furnishings for the Criminal Courts.

The foregoing Motion to take Resolution No. 1114-9 (1114-9A) from the table failed on a Roll Call vote with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye"; Commissioner Beck, "Aye"; Commissioner Boyd, "Nay"; Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye"; Commissioner Graham, "Nay"; Commissioner Haynes, "Aye"; Commissioner Mackey, "Nay"; Commissioner Smedley, "Aye"; and Chairman Fields, "Nay." Total "Aye" votes – 5. Total "Nay" votes – 4. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0.

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

Respectfully submitted:



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William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

01-21-15  
Date

WJK  
Clerk's Initials