

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026 at 4:00 PM, 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:--

Also in attendance were County Mayor Weston Wamp, members of his administrative staff, and County Attorney Janie Varnell.

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### **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

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

- A Report of Investment Activity for the quarter ending December 31, 2025, would be submitted for the record.
- Fee Office Reports for the quarter ending December 31, 2025, would be submitted for the record.
- The Trustee's Monthly and Excess Fee Reports for December 2025 would be submitted for the record.
- Resolution No. 226-1 was the usual County Clerk item regarding notaries, etc. This required no committee assignment.
- Resolution Nos. 226-5 and 226-6 were assigned to the Building and Economic Development Committee, chaired by Commissioner Shipley.
- Resolution No. 226-7 was assigned to the Public Safety Committee, chaired by Commissioner Beck.
- Resolution No. 226-8 was assigned to the Finance and Budget Committee, chaired by Commissioner Eversole.
- Resolution Nos. 226-9 and 226-10 were assigned to the Public Works and Zoning Committee, chaired by Commissioner Highlander.
- Resolution Nos. 226-2 through 226-4 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 226-1 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT**

**APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS, THE BONDS AND OATHS OF  
NOTARIES PREVIOUSLY ELECTED, AND THE OATHS OF DEPUTY SHERIFFS.**

There were no questions from Commissioners or the audience.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 226-2 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL IN WINNING THE 2025 TENNESSEE SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ("TSSAA") VARSITY GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP AND AWARDING FUNDS FROM THE HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONS' FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF CHAMPIONSHIP RINGS.**

There were no questions from Commissioners or the audience.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 226-3 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL IN WINNING THE 2025 TENNESSEE SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ("TSSAA") VARSITY BOYS' GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP AND AWARDING FUNDS FROM THE HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONS' FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF CHAMPIONSHIP RINGS.**

There were no questions from Commissioners or the audience.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 226-4 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF FORMER TENNESSEE STATE REPRESENTATIVE TOMMIE F. BROWN AND RECOGNIZING JUNE 25 AS "TOMMIE F. BROWN DAY."**

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Dr. Mackey stated the resolution was brought forward to be presented on behalf of the entire County Commission.

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Commissioner Highlander noted the resolution honors the life of Tommie F. Brown during Black History Month.

3:00

In response to Commissioner Beck, Commissioner Mackey stated he had been in communication with family members, and those in the area would be notified and asked to be present.

3:21

In response to Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Mackey stated he would contact the Mayor's Office regarding a proclamation.

There were no questions from the audience.

Commissioner Eversole, Chairman of the Finance and Budget Committee, stated the Finance and Budget Committee would meet in the Commission Room immediately following today's Agenda Preparation Session adjournment.

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Commissioner Shipley, Chairman of the Building and Economic Development Committee, stated the Building and Economic Development Committee would meet in the Commission Room immediately following today's Finance and Budget Committee.

Commissioner Beck, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, stated the Public Safety Committee would meet in the Commission Room immediately following today's Building and Economic Development Committee.

Commissioner Highlander, Chairman of the Public Works and Zoning Committee, stated the Public Works and Zoning Committee would meet in the Commission Room immediately following today's Public Safety Committee.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Smith asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

Commissioner Baker welcomed Business Operations Manager at One-to-One Health, Eleanor Davis, to the meeting and thanked Hamilton County EMS, EPB, and first responders for their work over the past weekend.

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5:22 Commissioner Mackey expressed appreciation to the Commissioners for their collaboration in representing their districts and the county.

5:47 Commissioner Sharpe shared appreciation for citizen participation at the meeting and requested that hallway video monitors be included in the setup for future meetings when large attendance is anticipated.

7:06 Commissioner Highlander spoke about the Apison house fire in Commissioner Eversole's district. He encouraged citizens to exercise caution to prevent fires and to protect themselves and their animals during the cold weather.

7:28 Commissioner Eversole and Commissioner Graham expressed appreciation for the volunteer fire departments for their service to the county, noting their assistance with fire response and clearing fallen trees from roadways.

8:51 Chairman Smith noted appreciation for citizen attendance. He encouraged continued public engagement, both at meetings and through direct communication with Commissioners.

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**DELEGATIONS**

Chairman Smith asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

Commissioner Mackey and Commissioner Sharpe requested extended time be allowed for delegations. Chairman Smith allotted a total of thirty minutes.

Jess Bonham, residing in District 4, Amir Hamid, residing at 629 Godsey Lane, Summer Swafford, residing at 4026 Norwood Avenue, Daniel Garner, residing in Stonewell Farms, Ben Rankin, residing at 1001 North Natchez Road, Evelina Kertay, residing at 2700 North Orchard Knob Avenue, Joe Gaston, residing at 5 Brock Haven Drive, Leah Morris, residing at 1715 Anderson Avenue, Jessica Alexander, residing at 733 Battery Place, Elsa Hampton, residing at 716 Forest Avenue, Sadie Bell, residing at 1020 Trojan Road, Edith Perez, residing at 222 Berkley Drive, Christine DiPietro, residing at 1015 Brynewood Terrace, Judy Fargo, residing at 2316 Collins Lane, and Megan Gilbert, 3901 Weldon Drive, addressed the Commission regarding the 287(g) agreement between the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The speakers raised concerns about county costs, jail capacity, public safety, civil rights, community trust, and the impact on immigrant families. They urged the Commission to consider terminating the agreement.

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There being no further business, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting to  
Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

02-18-26      W.F.K

Date              Clerk's Initials