

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 5, 2025**

**STATE OF TENNESSEE**            )            Regular Meeting

**COUNTY OF HAMILTON**        )            March 5, 2025

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025, 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: --

0:29

Present and presiding was the Honorable Jeff Eversole, Chairman. County Clerk Bill Knowles called the roll of the County Commission, and the following, constituting a quorum, answered to their names: Commissioner Chip Baker, Commissioner Greg Beck, Commissioner Joe Graham, Commissioner Lee Helton, Commissioner Steve Highlander, Commissioner Warren Mackey, Commissioner David Sharpe, Commissioner Gene-o Shipley, and Chairman Jeff Eversole. Commissioner Mike Chauncey and Commissioner Ken Smith were absent. Total present - 9. Total absent - 2.

Also in attendance were County Mayor Weston Wamp, members of his administrative staff, County Attorney Rheubin Taylor, and County Auditor Chris McCollough.

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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.

0:50 Chairman Eversole introduced Pat Branham, Baha'i Faith of Metro, to offer the invocation. Chairman Eversole led in the pledge to the flag.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2:48 **ON MOTION** of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of February 12, 2025, the Agenda Preparation Session of February 12, 2025, and the Regular Meeting of February 19, 2025, be approved, treated the 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 Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Eversole, "Aye." Commissioner Chauncey and Commissioner Smith were absent. Total present - 9. Total absent -2

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**TRUSTEE REPORT**

The Trustee's Monthly and Excess Fee Report for January 2025 was submitted and made a matter of record.

**ORDER OF APPOINTMENT REPORT**

An order appointing Craig Curtis as a Commissioner to the Savannah Valley Utility District Board of Commissioners, with a term beginning February 26, 2025, and expiring September 15, 2025.

**RESOLUTION NO. 325-1 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.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to adopt Resolution No. 325-1.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

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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 Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Eversole, "Aye." Commissioner Chauncey and Commissioner Smith were absent. Total present - 9. Total absent -2

4:03

**RESOLUTION NO. 325-2 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT BY THE COUNTY MAYOR OF STEVE MEYER AND VAL DEOLLOQUI AND THE APPOINTMENT OF LEANNE MORROW TO THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD FOR TERMS ENDING JANUARY 6, 2029.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 325-2.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 325-3 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE JOINT REAPPOINTMENT BY THE COUNTY MAYOR AND THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA OF JOHN TUCKER TO THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, WITH A TERM ENDING DECEMBER 19, 2028.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Highlander, seconded by Commissioner Sharpe, to adopt Resolution No. 325-3.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

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5:40

**RESOLUTION NO. 325-4 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THAT THE GRANTING OF BUILDING PERMITS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF HAMILTON COUNTY BE BASED ON THE "BUILDABLE AREA" OF A SITE AS OPPOSED TO THE TOTAL FOOTAGE/ACREAGE THEREOF. (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS 225-46)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 325-5 A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON ZONING CHANGES WITHIN AREA NINE (9), BEING HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICTS 9 AND 10, OF THE YET-DEVELOPING "PLAN HAMILTON" UNTIL SAID PLAN IS ADOPTED. (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS 225-47)**

Chairman Eversole stated Resolution Nos. 325-4 and 325-5 were pulled by Commissioner Highlander during last week's Agenda Session.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 325-6 RESOLUTION NUMBER NOT USED**

6:03

**RESOLUTION NO. 325-7 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025  
GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES BUDGETS FOR THE OFFICE  
OF THE SHERIFF BY \$28,800 TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF  
TENNESSEE PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION TO BE  
USED TO PAY RETENTION BONUSES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$800 EACH FOR 36  
ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES.**

Chairman Eversole, a member of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 325-7 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Shipley, to adopt Resolution No. 325-7.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

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6:54

**RESOLUTION NO. 325-8 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE, DELIVERY, AND INSTALLATION OF STORAGE SOLUTIONS FOR PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FROM PATTERSON POPE INCORPORATED FROM THE SOURCEWELL PURCHASING COOPERATIVE AMOUNTING TO \$124,884.89 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

Chairman Eversole, a member of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 325-8 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Helton, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to adopt Resolution No. 325-8.

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7:59

**RESOLUTION NO. 325-9 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH FRANKLIN ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS, INC. FOR DESIGN OF THE NEW NORTH RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,887,500.00.**

Commissioner Helton, Chairman of the Building and Economic Development Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 325-9 and stated the Building and Economic Development Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Helton, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 325-9.

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In response to Commissioner Mackey's question, Administrator of Public Works and County Engineer Todd Leamon stated the student population will be between 800 and 1,000.

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9:39

**RESOLUTION NO. 325-10 A RESOLUTION ASSIGNING THE USAGE AND OPERATION OF THE FORMER HIGHWAY 58 EMS STATION, LOCATED AT 5406 HIGHWAY 58, TO HAMILTON COUNTY SPECIAL TACTICS AND RESCUE SERVICES (STARS) PROGRAM.**

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Commissioner Helton, Chairman of the Building and Economic Development Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 325-10 and stated the Building and Economic Development Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Highlander, seconded by Commissioner Helton, to adopt Resolution No. 325-10.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

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 Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," and Chairman Eversole, "Aye." Commissioner Chauncey and Commissioner Smith were absent. Total present - 9. Total absent -2

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Eversole asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

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10:40

At this time, several commissioners congratulated the City of Chattanooga Mayor Tim Kelly on winning his second term. They also congratulated everyone elected to the City Council and thanked everyone who ran for a position.

Commissioner Baker recognized Director of Intergovernmental and External Affairs with the City of Chattanooga Ellis Smith in the audience.

11:47

Commissioner Highlander announced District 9 will have a community meeting on an opposed subdivision on Snow Hill Road soon. He noted he would announce the date and time as soon as it is confirmed.

12:52

Chairman Eversole recognized Tri-Community Volunteer Fire Department Chief Dewayne Pitts in the audience. He commended him and his team for going to East Tennessee to help with wildfire efforts. He also announced the ABCs of the Constitution will be held at Howe Farms on March 8, 2025, from 1:00-5:00 PM and encouraged members to attend.

**DELEGATIONS**

Chairman Eversole asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

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15:05 Jack Kruesi, residing at 5213 Wilson Ave. Signal Mountain spoke about the drip dispersal systems. He stated a working drip dispersal system is located nine miles from the courthouse and is run by the Waste Water Treatment Authority (WWTA). He urged the commissioner to come out and look at the system.

16:20 Terry Yoder, residing at 6865 Villa Terrace, asked the commission to start including district numbers beside each resolution presented on the agendas.

There being no further business, Chairman Eversole declared the meeting in recess until Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



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William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

03-19-25

W.F.K.

Date

Clerk's Initials