

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 16, 2025**

**STATE OF TENNESSEE**            )            Regular Meeting

**COUNTY OF HAMILTON**        )            April 16, 2025

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 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: --

0:17

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 Mike Chauncey, Commissioner Joe Graham, Commissioner Lee Helton, Commissioner Warren Mackey, Commissioner David Sharpe, Commissioner Gene-o Shipley, Commissioner Ken Smith, and Chairman Jeff Eversole. Commissioner Greg Beck was absent. Commissioner Steve Highlander arrived during Resolution No. 425-17. Total present - 10. Total absent -1.

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

Attached hereto is a copy of the Public Notice for this meeting, which was published in a local newspaper and made a matter of record of this meeting.

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0:50 Commissioner Helton introduced Scotty McCurdy, Church of the Highlands, to offer the invocation. Commissioner Helton led in the pledge to the flag.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2:49 **ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Baker, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of March 26, 2025, the Agenda Preparation Session of March 26, 2025, and the Regular Meeting of April 2, 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 Chauncey, “Aye,” Commissioner Graham, “Aye,” Commissioner Helton, “Aye,” Commissioner Mackey, “Aye,” Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye,” Commissioner Shipley, “Aye,” Commissioner Smith, “Aye,” and Chairman Eversole, “Aye.” Commissioner Beck and Commissioner Highlander were absent. Total present – 9. Total absent – 2. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

**PROCUREMENT PURCHASE ORDER REPORT**

3:37 Procurement’s reports detailing purchase orders between \$25k and \$50k for March 2025 were submitted and made a matter of record.

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**ORDER OF DESIGNATION**

Order of Designation was recorded, designating Nathan Janeway or Todd Leamon to sit as the County Mayor's representative on the Special Called Planning Commission meetings for 2025 and 2026.

3:43

**RESOLUTION NO. 425-15 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT  
APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS, THE BONDS AND OATHS OF  
NOTARIES PREVIOUSLY ELECTED, AND THE OATH OF DEPUTY SHERIFF.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adopt Resolution No. 425-15.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," Commissioner Smith, "Aye," and Chairman Eversole, "Aye." Commissioner Beck and Commissioner Highlander were

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absent. Commissioner Sharpe stepped away during the vote. Total present – 8. Total absent – 3. Total “Aye” votes – 8. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

4:32

**RESOLUTION NO. 425-16 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER JOE GRAHAM AND COUNTY AUDITOR CHRIS MCCOLLOUGH AND THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER LEE BROUNER, COUNTY ATTORNEY RHEUBIN TAYLOR, AND COUNTY CLERK WILLIAM "BILL" KNOWLES AS MEMBERS OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY ETHICS COMMITTEE FOR A TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR, BEGINNING APRIL 16, 2025, AND ENDING APRIL 15, 2026.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Shipley, to adopt Resolution No. 425-16.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, “Aye,” Commissioner Chauncey, “Aye,” Commissioner Graham, “Aye,” Commissioner Helton, “Aye,” Commissioner Mackey, “Aye,” Commissioner Shipley, “Aye,” Commissioner Smith, “Aye,”

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and Chairman Eversole, “Aye.” Commissioner Beck and Commissioner Highlander were absent. Commissioner Sharpe stepped away during the vote. Total present – 8. Total absent – 3. Total “Aye” votes – 8. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

5:42 **RESOLUTION NO. 425-37 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF FORTY-SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$46,500) TO KRISTIN CRUSE, AND ATTORNEYS, DEREK NELSON, WARREN & GRIFFIN, P.C., FOR FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ANY AND ALL CLAIMS ARISING FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT INVOLVING A HAMILTON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION VEHICLE ON OR ABOUT THE 25TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adopt Resolution No. 425-37.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, “Aye,” Commissioner Chauncey, “Aye,” Commissioner Graham, “Aye,” Commissioner Helton, “Aye,” Commissioner Mackey, “Aye,” Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye,” Commissioner Shipley, “Aye,”

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Commissioner Smith, “Aye,” and Chairman Eversole, “Aye.” Commissioner Beck and Commissioner Highlander were absent. Total present – 9. Total absent – 2. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

6:46

**RESOLUTION NO. 425-17 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO INITIATE THE PHYSICAL TRANSITION AND MOVE OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY RECOVERY COURT (HCRC) FROM THEIR CURRENT OFFICES AT THE MLK BUILDING ON OAK STREET TO THE EAST ANNEX BUILDING (EAST ANNEX) AT 8395 HICKORY VALLEY ROAD.**

Commissioner Helton, Chairman of the Building and Economic Development Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 425-17 and stated the Building and Economic Development Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Helton, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adopt Resolution No. 425-17.

7:26

Commissioner Sharpe spoke about his concerns with transportation to the new location for Recovery Court participants, many of whom are at rock bottom in their lives, particularly individuals in the early stages of these programs. He stated the new location is over a mile from

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the nearest bus stop and is concerned with their ability to consistently get to the program on time so they can complete it successfully.

9:24

In response to Commissioner Sharpe's question, the Chief Operating Officer for the Mayor's Office, David Roddy, stated multiple options will be available as they assess the needs of the program participants. He noted there will be resources in the budget to supply transportation to the clients.

There were no questions from the audience.

The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," Commissioner Smith, "Aye," and Chairman Eversole, "Aye." Commissioner Beck was absent. Total present – 10. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 10. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 425-18 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FIRM OF TINKER  
MA, LLC FOR DESIGN OF THE GATEWAY CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION  
BUILDING RENOVATION.**

Commissioner Helton, Chairman of the Building and Economic Development Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 425-18 and stated the Building and Economic Development Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Helton, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 425-18.

The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, “Aye,” Commissioner Chauncey, “Aye,” Commissioner Graham, “Aye,” Commissioner Helton, “Aye,” Commissioner Highlander, “Aye,” Commissioner Mackey, “Aye,” Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye,” Commissioner Shipley, “Aye,” Commissioner Smith, “Aye,” and Chairman Eversole, “Aye.” Commissioner Beck was absent. Total present – 10. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 10. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 425-19 A RESOLUTION TO REVISE THE FUNDING POLICY FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY EMPLOYEES' PENSION PLAN, THE HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PENSION PLAN, AND THE HAMILTON COUNTY TEACHERS' PENSION PLAN.**

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 425-19 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 425-19.

12:20

Commissioner Sharpe stated the change has no material impact on these plans; it is simply an adjustment to a few words.

There were no questions from the audience.

The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe,

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“Aye,” Commissioner Shipley, “Aye,” Commissioner Smith, “Aye,” and Chairman Eversole, “Aye.” Commissioner Beck was absent. Total present – 10. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 10. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

12:42 **RESOLUTION NO. 425-20 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE QUOTATION FROM ONE DIVERSIFIED, LLC FROM THE OMNIA PARTNERS PURCHASING COOPERATIVE FOR AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT UPGRADES, AMOUNTING TO \$67,938.30, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 425-20 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 425-20.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

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Without objection, Commissioner Smith asked for Resolution Nos. 425-21 and 425-22 to be read together.

13:35

**RESOLUTION NO. 425-21 A RESOLUTION TO RELINQUISH HAMILTON COUNTY'S INTEREST IN A 2008 FORD EXPLORER WITH 100,260 MILES AND A 2008 SECOND FORD EXPLORER WITH 163,337 MILES CO-TITLED WITH SALE CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 425-22 A RESOLUTION TO WAIVE THE PROCUREMENT RULES AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO TRANSFER TWO SURPLUS VEHICLES TO HAMILTON COUNTY STARS RESCUE.**

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Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 425-21 and 425-22, and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shipley, to adopt Resolution Nos. 425-21 and 425-22.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, “Aye,” Commissioner Chauncey, “Aye,” Commissioner Graham, “Aye,” Commissioner Helton, “Aye,” Commissioner Highlander, “Aye,” Commissioner Mackey, “Aye,” Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye,” Commissioner Shipley, “Aye,” Commissioner Smith, “Aye,” and Chairman Eversole, “Aye.” Commissioner Beck was absent. Total present – 10. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 10. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

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14:36

**RESOLUTION NO. 425-23 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM ZOLL DATA SYSTEMS, INC. FOR AN INITIAL THREE (3) YEAR TERM TO PROVIDE SOFTWARE AND DATA SOLUTION SERVICES AMOUNTING TO A TOTAL OF \$202,120.00 FOR THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT - AMBULANCE BILLING SERVICES, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 425-23 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and he would not be making a motion.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Sharpe, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to defer Resolution No. 425-23 to the May 28, 2025, Recessed Meeting.

16:23

Attorney Taylor stated Baker and Donelson should have their report ready for the commission by May 28, 2025.

17:22

In response to Commissioner Shipley's question, Chief Financial Officer Lee Brouner stated the county can continue operating as it has. He noted this is an opportunity for the county

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to use technology more efficiently and effectively. He stated they have agreed to do these services for the county at this price, but they do not know if the price or services will be guaranteed if they defer to a later date.

18:34

In response to Commissioner Graham's question, Mr. Brouner stated he does not see a reason to defer, but it is possibly contrary to the County Attorney's opinion. He noted this should not affect what Baker Donelson is doing.

19:32

In response to Commissioner Graham's question, Attorney Taylor stated the commission has engaged the services of Baker Donelson to analyze the county's internal workings, including county documents being handed out to others. He noted that handing out documentation to other persons is not recommended. He stated his office's recommendation is to allow Baker Donelson to do what they were contracted to do and proceed if the commission chooses. He noted this contract allows the circulation of more information out to other entities.

21:06

Commissioner Mackey stated there was a need last week to delay until the report from Baker and Donelson came in, and believes the need is still there.

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21:32

In response to Chairman Eversole's question, Attorney Taylor stated he conferred with Baker Donelson on his office's recommendation, and they agreed.

21:57

The Chief Operating Officer for the Mayor's Office, David Roddy, stated some of the communication expressed in conversations with Attorney Joe Conner with Baker Donelson was that they were hesitant to interfere with the county's day-to-day operations because of the time it takes to do the study. He noted the first conversations with interviews and working towards the report are not until April 21, 2025. He stated he wanted the commission to know the process has not started yet and may have to be pushed further than the deferral date.

There were no questions from the audience.

The foregoing Motion was deferred on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Nay," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Nay," Commissioner Smith, "Aye," and Chairman Eversole, "Aye." Commissioner Beck was absent. Total present – 10. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 2.

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Without objection, Commissioner Smith asked for Resolution Nos. 425-24 through 425-26 to be read together.

23:48

**RESOLUTION NO. 425-24 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE FOR INFORM RMS SOFTWARE AMOUNTING TO \$163,117.94 FROM CENTRALSQUARE TECHNOLOGIES, LLC BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2025, THROUGH MAY 31, 2026, FOR THE SHERIFFS OFFICE AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 425-25 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR THE EXISTING FIRE SYSTEMS AT THE HAMILTON COUNTY JAIL AND DETENTION CENTER AMOUNTING TO \$60,000.00 FROM JOHNSON CONTROLS FROM SOURCEWELL PURCHASING COOPERATIVE FOR THE HAMILTON SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 425-26 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) VEHICLES AMOUNTING TO \$259,473.00 FROM LONNIE COBB FORD, LLC AND WILSON COUNTY MOTOR COMPANY FROM THE STATE CONTRACT SWC-209 FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE, AND AUTHORIZING THE**

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**COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS  
RESOLUTION.**

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 425-24 through 425-26, and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Sharpe, to adopt Resolution Nos. 425-24 through 425-26.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," Commissioner Smith, "Aye," and Chairman Eversole, "Aye." Commissioner Beck was absent. Total present – 10. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 10. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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Without objection, Commissioner Smith asked for Resolution Nos. 425-27 through 425-29 to be read together.

25:45

**RESOLUTION NO. 425-27 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR ON BEHALF OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, THE HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION, OPERATING AS THE HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO SIGN AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED \$92,840.00 AND EXTEND THE CONTRACT BY ONE YEAR TO CONDUCT CHILDCARE AGENCY IMMUNIZATION AUDITS IN HAMILTON COUNTY FOR A TIME PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2024 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 425-28 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN A RECURRING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HAMILTON COUNTY TENNESSEE, THE HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION OPERATING AS THE HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT THE ANNUAL CONTRACT FUNDS FROM OCTOBER 1, 2025 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$444,300.00 FOR FY26 THROUGH FY27 TO PROVIDE PARENTS AS TEACHER (PAT) MODEL SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EVIDENCE BASED HOME VISITING PROGRAM**

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**WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S MATERNAL, INFANT, AND EARLY  
CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING (MIECHV) PROGRAM.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 425-29 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR  
TO SIGN A CONTINUATION CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT,  
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO  
EXCEED \$1,171,400.00 TO PROVIDE CARE COORDINATION IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S COMMUNITY HEALTH ACCESS AND  
NAVIGATION IN TENNESSEE (CHANT) MODEL AND GUIDELINES.**

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 425-27 through 425-29, and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution Nos. 425-27 through 425-29.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

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Without objection, Commissioner Smith asked for Resolution Nos. 425-30 through 425-32 to be read together.

**RESOLUTION NO. 425-30 A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM MCNABB CENTER TO PROVIDE CLINICAL SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR THE MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT PILOT AND RE-ENTRY PROGRAM, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$175,000.00 FOR HAMILTON COUNTY ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

28:06

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**RESOLUTION NO. 425-31 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A TENNESSEE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (YEP) GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000 REQUIRING NO MATCH.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 425-32 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ACCEPT AN AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FROM THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER CHATTANOOGA (CFGC) REQUIRING NO MATCH TO FUND A HAMILTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION FOR HAMILTON COUNTY CIVIL COURTS AND TO AMEND THE GENERAL SESSIONS FY 2025 BUDGETED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES ACCORDINGLY.**

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 425-30 through 425-32, and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to adopt Resolution Nos. 425-30 through 425-32.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

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30:02

**RESOLUTION NO. 425-33 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE HAMILTON COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS TO AMEND ARTICLE V. GENERAL PROVISIONS BY ADDING STANDARDS FOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 425-34 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE HAMILTON COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS TO AMEND ARTICLE II. DEFINITIONS AND ADD A NEW P-R PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT AND TO AMEND ARTICLE VI. SPECIAL PERMITS BY HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION TO ADD A RURAL RETREAT.**

Commissioner Chauncey, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 425-33 and 425-34, and stated the Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended deferring it to the June 18, 2025, Regular Meeting. There were no objections.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 425- 35A A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM A-1  
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT & R-2A RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-1  
SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT  
8704 WALNUT ROAD AND AN UNADDRESSED PROPERTY IN THE 8700 BLOCK  
OF WALNUT ROAD.**

No action was taken.

32:14

**RESOLUTION NO. 425-35B A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM A-1  
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT & R-2A RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-1  
SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT WITH CONDITIONS FOR THE  
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8704 WALNUT ROAD AND AN UNADDRESSED  
PROPERTY IN THE 8700 BLOCK OF WALNUT ROAD.**

Commissioner Chauncey, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 425-35B and stated the Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Chauncey, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 425-35B.

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In response to Commissioner Smith's question, Director of Development Services with the Regional Planning Agency, Bryan Shults, stated the added conditions are as follows:

1. Maximum density of 43 residential lots.
2. No individual driveway curb cuts on Walnut Road.
3. A twenty-foot landscape buffer along the Walnut Road frontage as shown on the site plan.

33:27

In response to Commissioner Highlander's question, Mr. Shults stated he does not believe the change in conditions helped change the minds of those in opposition. He noted the people in opposition were more concerned with the fencing and lighting.

33:56

In response to Commissioner Mackey, Mr. Shults stated the site plan has a maximum density of 43 residential lots but can accommodate up to 91 based on the acreage.

There were no questions from the audience.

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36:51

**RESOLUTION NO. 425-36 A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM R-5 SINGLE-WIDE  
MANUFACTURED HOME DISTRICT TO R-2 URBAN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT  
FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1554 DALLAS LAKE ROAD.**

Commissioner Chauncey, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 425-36 and stated the Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Chauncey, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to adopt Resolution No. 425-36.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Eversole asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

38:11 Commissioner Sharpe announced that progress is still being made on the Health Department regarding a new building. Commissioner Baker thanked the Chief Operating Officer for the Mayor’s Office, David Roddy, CEMPA CEO Dr. Shannon Burger, Dr. Greg Heath at UTC, and Interim Administrator for the Health Department, Sonia Calvin, for all the data collected. He stated they are working on evaluating many things with the Health Department, and a full report will be submitted soon.

39:22 Commissioner Highlander recognized Kathy Lennon, Vice Chair for the Agriculture Committee and former School Board Member, Ellis Smith, Director of Intergovernmental and

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External Affairs at the City of Chattanooga, and Ben Conner, District 6 School Board member, in the audience.

39:56 Commissioner Graham wished everyone a Happy Easter and Holy Week.

Chairman Eversole announced there will not be a Commission Meeting next week. He stated the next meeting will be April 30, 2025.

40:42 Chairman Eversole stated he has been hearing from residents who want the county to provide more school funds. He noted the county decides how much money to give the school district, and the district decides how to spend it. He stated the district received millions in federal funds from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund, and several commissioners cautioned school leaders about using ESSER funds for ongoing positions. He stated the COVID money should have been used for short-term rather than long-term positions. He noted the school board needs to ensure they are taking care of students. He also stated he does not favor a tax hike, along with other county officials.

44:38 Commissioner Graham stated he agrees with Chairman Eversole 100%. He noted the school board is not cutting its budget, and is not receiving fewer funds. He stated there is a Maintenance of Effort Law, and the county can not give them less than they received the year before. He noted they are reallocating the funds they receive, but they are not cutting their

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budget. He stated the funds are there for what they did last year, and the funds will be the same or more this year.

50:45 Mayor Wamp stated the state had settled on a 3.1% increase in Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement (TISA) funding to school systems.

51:52 In response to Commissioner Mackey's question, Commissioner Highlander stated out of the \$150 million in COVID funds, \$20 million went to charter schools, \$30 million went to complete Tyner Middle/High School, and \$100 million went to County schools.

53:44 District 6 School Board Member Ben Conner spoke about getting teachers up to the state-mandated raises. He stated they also had to raise their healthcare, which immediately took their raises away. He noted they used the ESSER funds for student support, like tutoring, because of the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade retention law.

56:32 Commissioner Baker stated the County Schools are due to receive \$276 million from the county this year, up from \$270 million. He noted the increase to schools from the county over the past three years has been \$31 million.

59:08 In response to Commissioner Graham's question, Chief Financial Officer Lee Brouner stated the county will continue to meet the maintenance of effort.

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1:00:02 Commissioner Highlander announced the School Board will hold a joint meeting with the Commission on Monday, April 21, 2025, at 5:30 PM at the Harrison Community Center.

1:00:17 Chairman Eversole stated the school board will receive more money than last year. He noted that the School Board needs to work with the Superintendent to ensure that the dollars are channeled adequately to educate the students efficiently.

**DELEGATIONS**

Chairman Eversole asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

1:01:22 Governmental Affairs Director for the Real Estate Association, Josh Branaum, provided the Commission with the March Housing Data. A copy has been filed with the Clerk's Office. He also read a statement to honor former Real Estate Agent Clyde Ronnie "Ron" Tucker, who recently passed away.

1:03:37 Kathy Lennon, residing at 401 Crisman Street, stated she was a concerned citizen and advocate for the future of our children, community, and ultimately our collective future. She spoke about education being the cornerstone of a vibrant community that shapes minds, builds character, and prepares the youth to face the world with courage and creativity. She stated Hamilton County Schools rank at the bottom nationally, and the recent state voucher bill

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threatens to divert critical funds away from our public education system. She noted Hamilton County will not grow unless we invest in our students and teachers.

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

Respectfully submitted:




William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

05-07-25

Date



Clerk's Initials