

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 18, 2025**

STATE OF TENNESSEE) Regular Meeting
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) June 18, 2025

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 18th day of June 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: --

0:18

Present and presiding was the Honorable Jeff Eversole, Chairman. Chief Deputy County Clerk Brooke Weaver called the roll of the County Commission, and the following, constituting a quorum, answered to their names: Commissioner Chip Baker, Commissioner Greg Beck, Commissioner Mike Chauncey, Commissioner Joe Graham, Commissioner Lee Helton, Commissioner Steve Highlander, Commissioner Warren Mackey, Commissioner David Sharpe, Commissioner Gene-o Shipley, Commissioner Ken Smith, and Chairman Jeff Eversole. Total present - 11. Total absent -0.

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 for this meeting, which was published in a local newspaper and made a matter of record of this meeting.

0:25 Commissioner Baker invited Attorney Taylor to offer the invocation.
Commissioner Baker led in the pledge to the flag.

1:50 **PRESENTATION – HONORING EAST HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL
COACH NORMA NELSON**

Commissioner Helton invited East Hamilton High School Softball Coach Norma Nelson and Principal Brent Eller to join him at the podium. He stated he invited Coach Nelson and individuals whom she has touched during her coaching career to honor her on her 900th win as a softball coach. At this time, he asked Deputy County Clerk Jennifer Smith to read the Certificate of Recognition into the record. A copy of the certificate has been filed in the Clerk's Office.

4:36 Commissioner Helton stated Coach Nelson was an alumnus of the same school where he graduated and his fourth-grade physical education teacher. He stated he appreciated everything she has done for the community over and over again.

5:01 Principal Brent Eller stated working with Coach Nelson is an honor. He noted she is a phenomenal asset to East Hamilton High School and Hamilton County students. He

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thanked the players and parents who attended in support of Coach Nelson and the commission for the recognition she received.

6:13 At this time, Commissioner Helton presented Coach Nelson with the Certificate of Recognition. A round of applause and a standing ovation was given.

6:52 Coach Nelson thanked everyone and spoke about what an honor it has been to be around the game of softball in Hamilton County. She also thanked everyone who attended and supported her.

Chairman Eversole congratulated Coach Nelson and thanked her for her service to the community.

**PRESENTATION – RECOGNITION OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY ATTORNEY’S
OFFICE**

7:48 Attorney Taylor asked Chairman Eversole, Mayor Wamp, and the County Attorney’s Office staff members to join him at the podium. He stated the individuals standing behind him, as well as others who at one time or another have been a part of the County Attorney staff, are the real workhorses who got the work done all hours of the day and night. He asked Deputy County Clerk Jennifer Smith to read the

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Certificates of Recognition into the record. A copy of the certificates has been filed in the Clerk's office.

18:41 A round of applause and a standing ovation was given.

19:12 Chairman Eversole stated looking at this group goes back to the years of talent from the 1970s and 1980s regarding what Attorney Taylor has built and how he helped shape government with his career initially, and then went into the Attorney's Office. He thanked the County Attorney's staff for everything they have done for the county.

20:00 Mayor Wamp stated Attorney Taylor's 47 years in government will be unrivaled. He noted his service to Hamilton County has been unique and appreciated. He noted it shows a lot about the Attorney who chose to shine the spotlight on those who worked with him all these years. He stated he is grateful for the Attorney's Office staff and their service to the county.

21:28 Commissioner Sharpe expressed his appreciation for Attorney Taylor and his staff, who have served the county. He stated the experience that comes with tenure of this magnitude is irreplaceable and commends everyone for their efforts to bring and cultivate talent from within Hamilton County to develop planning and succession of various offices within the attorney's office to maintain a certain level of experience and expertise. He noted rising through the ranks is critically vital in government, as

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government jobs do not offer much of what the private sector does to individuals who choose to work in these roles. He thanked everyone for their services.

25:28

Commissioner Mackey stated when he first came to the commission, the legal court system in Hamilton County was confusing. He noted over the last twenty years, Attorney Taylor has fixed all of that confusion. He stated the people of Hamilton County have a lot of confidence in Attorney Taylor and his department. He commended Attorney Taylor and his staff for their outstanding service and for providing the commission with the advice and information that helped them make good decisions. He also stated he hopes the commission can get out of the news and keep their heads down to do the work to make the government efficient, as Attorney Taylor did in his department.

27:18

Commissioner Highlander stated everyone's years of service are meaningful and are more than just a number. He noted it is quality and heart, and he thanked the Attorney's Office staff for all they have done for the community. He stated Attorney Taylor is a man he could pray with, and he greatly appreciates that and wishes everyone the best.

28:09

Commissioner Graham thanked Attorney Taylor for always helping him with any issue that was brought to him. He noted he is one of the reasons Hamilton County is as successful as it is today. He stated the staff has been excellent to him, trying to push

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the government forward. He thanked everyone from his heart and wished them all well on their next adventures.

29:30

Commissioner Beck praised Attorney Taylor for bringing his staff forward and allowing the public to see who they were and what they did. He thanked everyone for their years of service to this county.

30:20

Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Shipley thanked Attorney Taylor and his staff for all the support they have given him over the years.

32:11

Chairman Eversole stated the mark of a good leader is putting himself aside for the team's good. He noted it is obvious that Attorney Taylor's leadership has been there for his team, and they have excelled. He stated the number of years and talent that Attorney Taylor has on his team is remarkable, and he appreciates their contribution to the county.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

33:48

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Smith, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of May 28, 2025, the Agenda Preparation Session of May 28, 2025, and the Regular Meeting of June 4, 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 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." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

PROCUREMENT PURCHASE ORDER REPORT

34:26

Procurement's reports detailing purchase orders between \$25k and \$50k for May 2025 were submitted and made a matter of record.

Chairman Eversole stated he will change the resolution order sequence and start with Resolutions Nos. 625-59 and 625-60.

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34:57 **RESOLUTION NO. 625-59 A RESOLUTION FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT PLAN HAMILTON AS THE REGIONAL PLAN FOR HAMILTON COUNTY.**

Commissioner Chauncey, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 625-59 and stated the Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Chauncey, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adopt Resolution No. 625-59.

35:29 In response to Commissioner Shipley's question, Director of Development Services Nathan Janeway stated McDonald Farm was intentionally left off the place type map with no recommendations for area 13 in Sale Creek, as they continue to look into options for that property.

37:00 Commissioner Shipley stated he believes that when the Chamber of Commerce or anybody writes a letter to the paper for them to release, the commission should be aware. He noted he woke up to a swarm of bees because citizens felt like they had been lied to because of an untrue article that made everyone in the county look bad. He stated it made it look like the county had avoided \$3 billion and thousands of jobs they did not want here.

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38:06

In response to Commissioner Shipley, Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Charles Wood stated the state will send a request for information asking if we have a location for a specific economic development project to locate that is ready. He noted he told the Director of Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Planning Agency, Dan Rueter, to ensure he understood that we are losing opportunities because we do not have sites ready for manufacturing. He stated the presidential administration has a strong push for manufacturing across the United States, and many companies are announcing substantial capital investment plans with tariffs coming into play. Commissioner Shipley stated he appreciated what Mr. Wood said, but Hamilton County had not failed here. He noted everyone knows McDonald Farm is years away from being ready for a building site.

42:52

Commissioner Baker stated he would like to amend Resolution No. 625-59 zoning regulations for the county to change the method of calculating developable area density from a gross to a net density basis. Specify that certain land features, potentially including but not limited to water bodies, ponds, karst areas, mines, steep slopes, and all infrastructure (including stormwater and wastewater facilities), are to be protected from development and excluded from the net density calculation. He noted this would be specifically for Area 7 because of the rock structure and the lakes.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to amend Resolution No. 625-59 to change the method of calculating developable density from a gross to a net density.

46:43 Commissioner Graham stated many people do not want McDonald Farm developed, and we do not know if it will be developed, but it was purchased for development. He noted he believes there is room for agriculture, development, and maybe some new homes.

47:32 In response to Commissioner Graham's question, Karen Rennick with the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Planning Agency stated farmland or farmland use in agriculture was left out of Plan Hamilton because it is a plan for the physical development of Hamilton County, and part of the essential community components are farming and agriculture. She noted the plan is place type future land use that countryside residential includes both A1 and currently R1 zone property, for which zoning for that farm would continue.

50:20 Commissioner Graham stated many individuals still have questions. He noted it is essential to get this right. He stated neither Resolution No. 625-59 nor 625-60 is right, and compromises can be made on many things in both plans. He noted he will make a motion to table Resolution No. 625-59 for further discussion.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Sharpe, to table Resolution No. 625-59.

52:50

Mayor Wamp stated he believes Mr. Woods is using an illustration that Chattanooga and Hamilton County do not have much manufactured zoned land left that when the RFI, which is a very broad solicitation for information about sites across the state when it goes out we are not in a great position as other populated communities are not in a great position to answer that for the public. He noted he constantly communicates with the commissioner who chairs the Economic and Community Development Committee. He stated he has called or messaged him about every significant development this county has seen over the last two and a half years. He noted there is not as much manufacturing land in Hamilton County as there used to be, and part of the reason for that is that we are building a baseball stadium on a manufacturing site in Downtown Chattanooga. He stated that moving any dirt or making any site ready at McDonald Farm would begin at \$100 million, which is not a site the State of Tennessee is actively marketing. He expressed that he feels McDonald has been misrepresented to make up for decisions that have been made about land in the City of Chattanooga, and does not have a role in this conversation. He stated this resolution is about citizens, their communities, and the traditions of these communities, many of which precede and predate the creation of the City of Chattanooga. He noted the rural areas of Hamilton County need to be rural as they have been for hundreds of years.

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The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote to table Resolution No. 625-59, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Nay," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," Commissioner Smith, "Aye," and Chairman Eversole, "Nay." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 2.

1:01:42 **RESOLUTION NO. 625-60 A RESOLUTION FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT PLAN HAMILTON WITH AMENDMENTS AS THE REGIONAL PLAN FOR HAMILTON COUNTY.**

Commissioner Chauncey, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 625-60 and stated the Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended that it be tabled.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Chauncey, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to table Resolution No. 625-60.

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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 Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Nay," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," Commissioner Smith, "Aye," and Chairman Eversole, "Aye." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 10. Total "Nay" votes – 1.

**RESOLUTION NO. 625-8 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT
APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS AND THE BONDS AND OATHS
OF NOTARIES PREVIOUSLY ELECTED.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Sharpe, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to adopt Resolution No. 625-8.

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:

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Commissioner Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Beck, "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." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

1:07:14 **RESOLUTION NO. 625-9 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE RENEWAL KIOSKS AMOUNTING TO \$55,500.00 FOR THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CLERK TO SIGN ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Highlander, seconded by Commissioner Sharpe, to adopt Resolution No. 625-9.

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 Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey,

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“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.” Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 11. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

1:07:55

RESOLUTION NO. 625-10 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED ONE DOLLARS AND TWO CENTS (\$3,501.02) FROM GENERAL FUND TRAVEL DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT TWO.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to adopt Resolution No. 625-10.

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 Beck, “Aye,” Commissioner Chauncey, “Aye,” Commissioner Graham, “Aye,” Commissioner Helton, “Aye,” Commissioner

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Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," Commissioner Smith, "Aye," and Chairman Eversole, "Aye." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

1:08:58 **RESOLUTION NO. 625-11 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO OOLTEWAH HIGH SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND TRAVEL DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT TEN.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 625-11.

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 Beck, "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,

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“Aye.” Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 11. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

1:09:20

RESOLUTION NO. 625-12 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO EAST HAMILTON YOUTH ASSOCIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-FIVE CENTS (\$845.85) FROM GENERAL FUND TRAVEL DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT SEVEN.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to adopt Resolution No. 625-12.

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 Beck, “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.” Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 11. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

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1:10:06 **RESOLUTION NO. 625-13 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$40,000) TO HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOLS FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A DIGITAL SIGN AT HARDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WITH A PORTION OF FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT FROM DISCRETIONARY BOND FUNDS (AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT FOUR), GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY FUNDS (AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT FOUR), AND GENERAL FUND TRAVEL DISCRETIONARY MONIES (AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT FOUR).**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 625-13.

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 Beck, "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,

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“Aye.” Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 11. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

1:11:00 **RESOLUTION NO. 625-14 A RESOLUTION MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO ALPINE CREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE DOLLARS AND SIX CENTS (\$1,181.06); TO RIVERMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE DOLLARS AND SIX CENTS (\$1,181.06); TO CHATTANOOGA HIGH SCHOOL CENTER FOR CREATIVE ARTS IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE DOLLARS AND SIX CENTS (\$1,181.06); TO NORMAL PARK MUSEUM MAGNET LOWER IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE DOLLARS AND SIX CENTS (\$1,181.06); TO NORMAL PARK MUSEUM MAGNET UPPER IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE DOLLARS AND SIX CENTS (\$1,181.06); TO RED BANK MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE DOLLARS AND SIX CENTS (\$1,181.06); AND TO RED BANK HIGH SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE DOLLARS AND FIVE CENTS (\$1,181.05) FROM GENERAL FUND TRAVEL DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT SIX.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to adopt Resolution No. 625-14.

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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 Beck, "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." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

Without objection, Chairman Eversole asked for Resolution Nos. 625-15 and 625-16 to be read together.

RESOLUTION NO. 625-15 A RESOLUTION MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO EAST RIDGE NEEDY CHILD FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00); TO EAST RIDGE ANIMAL SHELTER IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00); AND TO EAST RIDGE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND TRAVEL DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT EIGHT.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 625-16 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO
SPRING CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE THOUSAND
DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND TRAVEL DISCRETIONARY
MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT EIGHT.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Chauncey, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution Nos. 625-15 and 625-16.

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 Beck, "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." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

Without objection, Chairman Eversole asked for Resolution Nos. 625-17 and 625-18 to be read together.

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1:13:36 **RESOLUTION NO. 625-17 A RESOLUTION MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO NET RESOURCE FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS AND TWO CENTS (\$7,380.02); TO LA PAZ DE DIAS IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00); TO ALTON PARK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00); AND TO EAST LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND TRAVEL DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT ELEVEN.**

RESOLUTION NO. 625-18 A RESOLUTION MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO LOOKOUT VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) AND TO LOOKOUT VALLEY MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND TRAVEL DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT ELEVEN.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution Nos. 625-17 and 625-18.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

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Without objection, Chairman Eversole asked for Resolution Nos. 625-20 and 625-21 to be read together.

1:14:51 **RESOLUTION NO. 625-20 A RESOLUTION MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOLS FUND FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS AND ELEVEN CENTS (\$1,780.11); TO SNOW HILL RECREATION LEAGUE, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00); TO HAMILTON COUNTY S.T.A.R.S. IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00); AND TO HIGHWAY 58 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND TRAVEL DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT NINE.**

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RESOLUTION NO. 625-21 A RESOLUTION MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO BROWN MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00); TO CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00); TO HUNTER MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00); TO OOLTEWAH HIGH SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS - (\$1 000.00); TO HARRISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00); WALLACE A. SMITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00); OOLTEWAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00); AND TO SNOW HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND TRAVEL DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT NINE.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to adopt Resolution Nos. 625-20 and 625-21.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

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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 Beck, "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." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

Without objection, Chairman Eversole asked for Resolution Nos. 625-22 through 625-25 to be read together.

1:165:25

RESOLUTION NO. 625-22 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF SIX HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE DOLLARS AND FOUR CENTS (\$625.04) TO LOFTIS MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR AN AUDIO AND LIGHTING SYSTEM UPGRADE WITH A PORTION OF FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT FROM DISCRETIONARY BOND FUNDS (AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT THREE) AND THE REMAINDER FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY FUNDS (AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT THREE).

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RESOLUTION NO. 625-23 A RESOLUTION MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO HIXSON MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) AND TO LOFTIS MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND NINETY-SIX CENTS (\$2,374.96) FROM GENERAL FUND TRAVEL DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT THREE.

RESOLUTION NO. 625-24 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO CHARLES H. COOLIDGE NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR HERITAGE CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND TRAVEL DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT THREE.

RESOLUTION NO. 625-25 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO HIXSON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-TWO DOLLARS AND FORTY-FOUR CENTS (\$2,442.44) FROM GENERAL FUND TRAVEL DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT THREE.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Highlander, seconded by Commissioner Sharpe, to adopt Resolution Nos. 625-22 through 625-25.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

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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 Beck, "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." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

1:18:17 **RESOLUTION NO. 625-19 A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ESTABLISHING THE STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.**

Commissioner Graham, Chairman of the Legal Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 625-19 and stated the Legal Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adopt Resolution No. 625-19.

1:18:45 Commissioner Sharpe thanked the Legal Committee for all their work on this resolution. He stated he is concerned that there is no contract because that aspect was

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built to protect the county from an attorney who may decide to leave at a moment's notice. He noted there is one word in the resolution he would like to change from "shall" to "may" where it states the Mayor shall appoint the County Attorney. He stated according to TCA 56-112 grants the power of appointing County Attorney to the Mayor but does not require it.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Sharpe, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to amend Resolution No. 625-19 to replace "shall" with "may."

There were no questions from the audience.

The foregoing Motion to amend Resolution No. 625-19 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 Beck, "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." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adopt Resolution No. 625-19 as amended. The foregoing Motion to amend Resolution No. 625-19 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 Beck, “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.” Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 11. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

1:21:24 Chief Deputy County Clerk Brooke Weaver requested a revised resolution be submitted to the Clerk’s Office.

1:21:40 **RESOLUTION NO. 625-26 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE, DELIVERY, AND INSTALLATION OF FIXTURES AND FURNITURE FROM CWC INCORPORATED FROM THE OMNIA PARTNERS PURCHASING COOPERATIVE AMOUNTING TO \$92,351.07 FOR THE NEW HAMILTON COUNTY FORENSIC CENTER, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

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Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 625-26 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 625-26.

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 Beck, "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." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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1:22:30 **RESOLUTION NO. 625-27 A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE UP TO \$8,550,000 IN BOND FUNDS TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOLS FOR INVESTMENTS IN MAJOR DEFERRED MAINTENANCE PROJECTS AS APPROVED BY THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 625-27 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Highlander, seconded by Commissioner Shipley, to adopt Resolution No. 625-27.

1:23:15 Commissioner Sharpe stated he supported this resolution and expressed his appreciation on behalf of the people of District 6 for the windows and elevator at Normal Park Museum Magnet. He noted they have been long-awaited and are excited to have those improvements.

There were no questions from the audience.

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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 Beck, "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." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

1:23:42

RESOLUTION NO. 625-28 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SCHOOLS FEDERAL PROJECTS FUND BUDGET BY \$1,714,330 AND ADDING REVENUE OF \$1,714,330 TO THE FY2024-2025 BUDGET; TO AMEND THE SELF-FUNDED PROJECTS FUND BUDGET BY \$43,362,882, APPROPRIATING FUND BALANCE OF \$319,654 AND ADDING \$43,043,228 TO THE FY2024-2025 BUDGET; TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE FUND BUDGET BY \$16,952,034 APPROPRIATING FUND BALANCE OF \$11,262,290 AND ADDING \$5,689,744 OF REVENUE TO THE FY2024-2025 BUDGET; TO AMEND THE SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND BUDGET BY \$687,481, APPROPRIATING FUND BALANCE OF \$ 538,531 AND ADDING \$148,950 OF REVENUE TO THE FY2024-2025 BUDGET.

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Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 625-28 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Helton, to adopt Resolution No. 625-28.

1:25:28

In response to Commissioner Highlander's question, Commissioner Smith stated this will not affect the maintenance of effort.

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 Beck, "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." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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Without objection, Commissioner Smith asked for Resolution Nos. 625-29 through 625-31 to be read together.

1:26:09

RESOLUTION NO. 625-29 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH A TERM BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$510,000.00 WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES (TDMHSAS).

RESOLUTION NO. 625-30 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ACCEPT A \$1.5 MILLION FASTTRACK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND TO SIGN ANY AND ALL GRANT-RELATED DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF WEST STAR AVIATION, LLC, TO ASSIST WITH THE COMPANY'S EXPANSION IN HAMILTON COUNTY.

RESOLUTION NO. 625-31 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ACCEPT A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR THE RECOVERY HOUSING PROGRAM (CDBG-RHP) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000 ON

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AUTHORIZING SOUTHEAST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO PROVIDE
GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES ON BEHALF OF HAMILTON COUNTY.**

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 625-29 through 625-31 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to adopt Resolution Nos. 625-29 through 625-31.

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 Beck, "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." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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1:27:38 **RESOLUTION NO. 625-32 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF ONE-TIME STIPENDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000 EACH FOR FIVE EMPLOYEES, TOTALING \$15,000, WITH FUNDS FROM THE FELONY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAM GRANT AS APPROVED BY THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.**

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 625-32 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 625-32.

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 Beck, "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,

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“Aye.” Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 11. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

Without objection, Commissioner Smith asked for Resolution Nos. 625-33 and 625-34 to be read together.

1:28:30

RESOLUTION NO. 625-33 A RESOLUTION TO RELINQUISH HAMILTON COUNTY'S INTEREST IN A 1989 PIERCE PUMPER TANKER, 1987 CHEVROLET DEEP SOUTH TANKER, 1991 E-ONE SIMON DUPLEX CUSTOM PUMPER, 1997 4-GUYS SPARTAN FIRE TRUCK, 1993 E-ONE INTERNATIONAL PUMPER, AND A 1992 FORD SUPER DUTY MINI PUMPER TRUCK CO-TITLED WITH MOWBRAY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

RESOLUTION NO. 625-34 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PURCHASE OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS EQUIPMENT FROM SAFE INDUSTRIES FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

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Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 625-33 and 625-34, and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution Nos. 625-33 and 625-34.

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 Beck, "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." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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1:29:49 **RESOLUTION NO. 625-35 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO INCREASE THE CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANT FROM \$289,800.00 TO \$495,000.00 FOR THE FISCAL YEARS BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2028.**

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 625-35 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 625-35.

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 Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye,"

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Commissioner Shipley, “Aye,” Commissioner Smith, “Aye,” and Chairman Eversole, “Aye.” Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 11. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

1:30:41

RESOLUTION NO. 625-36 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR ON BEHALF OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, THE HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION OPERATING AS THE HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH RENAISSANCE LIFE & HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICAN FOR THE PROVISION OF DENTAL SERVICES EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2025.

Commissioner Smith stated Resolution No. 625-36 was pulled during last week’s Finance Committee Meeting.

Without objection, Commissioner Smith asked for Resolution Nos. 625-37 through 625-39 to be read together.

1:30:55

RESOLUTION NO. 625-37 A RESOLUTION TO ADJUST THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BUDGET IN ORDER TO RECLASSIFY EXPENDITURES RELATED TO LEASES CLASSIFIED UNDER GASB

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(GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD) 87 WHICH GOVERNS ACCOUNTING FOR LEASES AND GASB 96 WHICH GOVERNS ACCOUNTING FOR SUBSCRIPTION-BASED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ARRANGEMENTS.

RESOLUTION NO. 625-38 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES BUDGETS BY \$5,693,342.45 FOR THE TERMINATION OF CERTAIN FEDERAL GRANTS PASSED THROUGH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR GRANT FUNDS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION.

RESOLUTION NO. 625-39 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE HAMILTON COUNTY FIXED ASSET POLICY.

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 625-37 through 625-39 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution Nos. 625-37 through 625-39.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

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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 Beck, "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." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

Without objection, Commissioner Smith asked for Resolution Nos. 625-40 through 625-43 to be read together.

1:32:26 **RESOLUTION NO. 625-40 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF TETRA TECH, INC., TO PROVIDE DISASTER DEBRIS MONITORING SERVICES ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028 WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR TERMS, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

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RESOLUTION NO. 625-41 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF CERES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC., TO PROVIDE DISASTER DEBRIS COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028 WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR TERMS, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 625-42 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO EXPEND FUNDS AND TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH RAGAN-SMITH-ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR THE DESIGN ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT HUNTER ROAD & LEBRON STERCHI DRIVE FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 174,700.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 625-43 A RESOLUTION APPROVING REPAIRS AND RESTORATION OF THE FIREMAN'S FOUNTAIN FROM ROBINSON IRON CORPORATION AMOUNTING TO \$94,900.00 FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

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Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 625-40 through 625-43 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to adopt Resolution Nos. 625-40 through 625-43.

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 Beck, "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." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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RESOLUTION NO. 625-44 A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE A TOTAL OF \$50,000 OF UNRESTRICTED DISTRIBUTOR OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS TO THE CHATTANOOGA AREA FOOD BANK.

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 625-44 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 625-44.

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 Beck, "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." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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1:35:08

RESOLUTION NO. 625-45 A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE CERTIFIED TAX RATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH TCA SECTION 67-5-701 AND ADOPTING A RATE AS THE TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2025 FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 625-45 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 625-45.

1:36:25

In response to Commissioner Mackey's question, Assessor of Property Marty Haynes stated they are following the constitution and statutory requirements for the tax rate. He noted it is the lowest it has been since WWII. He stated the tax rate is the same for City and County citizens.

In response to Commissioner Mackey's question, Mr. Haynes stated the assessments affected the people in municipalities more significantly than the county's outskirts. He noted there were more sales of lower-valued homes than higher-valued ones. He stated those closer to Chattanooga experience the tax increases.

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1:38:45 Chairman Eversole thanked Mr. Haynes and his team for their hard work during this assessment.

1:39:18 In response to Commissioner Mackey, Mr. Haynes stated they can do a tax equity study that reveals the impact of the tax rate on City residents as opposed to people in the outlying areas.

1:42:25 Andrew Hixson, residing at 607 Timber Ridge Drive, stated he would love to help gather questions with Commissioner Mackey for this study.

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 Beck, "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." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 625-46 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET OF
\$1,095,678,025 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026.**

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 625-46 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 625-46.

1:45:05

Monty Bell, a homeless journalist for the Grey Hairred Fox, stated he resides at 727 East 11th Street. He spoke about getting records on how much the county has spent on appointed attorneys.

1:47:53

Commissioner Sharpe stated he had concerns about the budget last week. He noted by any objective measure, this budget makes county government less accountable, less transparent, and more open to waste, abuse, failure to create an independent function of compliance as the law calls for, and the reduction in budget divisions reduces transparency and accountability. He stated this adds up to a rejection of sound governance principles and neglect of the commission's responsibilities under the law. He noted he can not vote for a budget or a resolution that fails our legal and

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ethical obligations. He also stated it violates the fundamental promise to taxpayers and will vote “No” for those reasons.

1:50:17 In response to Chairman Eversole, Commissioner Sharpe stated that reducing the number of divisions in the budget enables more money to be moved within divisions without this body's knowledge, which concerns me. Chief Financial Officer Lee Brouner stated the intent was to improve accountability by moving them from a general supported agency's division into the actual division in which the services were being provided.

1:51:22 Commissioner Graham thanked the financial staff and everyone working on the budget this year. He noted the budget has been tough this year, but was grateful for the revenue to run the school system.

1:53:36 Commissioner Highlander stated many highly useful 501(c)3s had to be reduced or cut, and not because they were not good. He noted the county has a legal obligation to fund the Sheriff's Office and the school system.

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1:54:23

Commissioner Baker thanked Commissioner Smith for the best budget he has seen in seven years, as it relates to being able to look for trends and ask pertinent questions. He also thanked Mayor Wamp and his staff for the extra meeting and its helpfulness.

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 Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Nay," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," Commissioner Smith, "Aye," and Chairman Eversole, "Aye." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 10. Total "Nay" votes – 1.

1:56:15

**RESOLUTION NO. 625-47 A RESOLUTION MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO
NONPROFIT CHARITABLE AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS OF HAMILTON COUNTY,
TENNESSEE, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND ENDING
JUNE 30, 2026.**

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Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 625-47 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 625-47.

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 Beck, "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." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 625-48 A RESOLUTION (1) ESTABLISHING THE MINIMUM BID AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY HAMILTON COUNTY THROUGH PREVIOUS DELINQUENT TAX SALES, (2) AUTHORIZING THE

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OFFER OF SAID PARCELS FOR SALE AT THAT MINIMUM BID AMOUNT, AND (3) AUTHORIZING CERTAIN SAID PARCELS TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE FOR AN AMOUNT LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF TAXES, PENALTY, COST AND INTEREST ACCUMULATED AGAINST THE PROPERTY.

Commissioner Mackey, Chairman of the Delinquent Tax Property Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 625-48 and stated the Delinquent Tax Property Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to adopt Resolution No. 625-48.

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 Beck, "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,

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“Aye.” Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 11. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

1:58:14 **RESOLUTION NO. 625-49 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FIRM OF MTA ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING FOR THE DESIGN OF THE SODDY DAISY MIDDLE SCHOOL RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS AND UTILIZE A CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK PROCUREMENT PROCESS AND CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION.**

Commissioner Helton, Chairman of the Building and Economic Development Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 625-49 and stated the Building and Economic Development Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Helton, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to adopt Resolution No. 625-49.

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 Beck, “Aye,” Commissioner Chauncey,

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“Aye,” Commissioner Graham, “Aye,” Commissioner Helton, “Aye,” Commissioner Highlander, “Aye,” Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye,” Commissioner Shipley, “Aye,” Commissioner Smith, “Aye,” and Chairman Eversole, “Aye.” Commissioner Mackey stepped away during the vote. Total present – 10. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 10. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

Without objection, Commissioner Chauncey asked for Resolution Nos. 625-50 through 625-53 to be read together.

1:59:15

RESOLUTION NO. 625-50 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE "MASTER LIST OF ROADS AND SPEED LIMITS" SO AS TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING DISTRICT ROADS AND TO ESTABLISH SPEED LIMITS THEREFOR: HARBOUR CHASE. LOOP AND TELLURIDE WAY.

RESOLUTION NO. 625-51 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE "MASTER LIST OF ROADS AND SPEED LIMITS" SO AS TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING DISTRICT ROADS AND TO ESTABLISH SPEED LIMITS THEREFOR: JAMES CREEK DRIVE AND ELIZABETH ANN WAY.

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RESOLUTION NO. 625-52 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE "MASTER LIST OF ROADS AND SPEED LIMITS" SO AS TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING DISTRICT ROAD AND TO ESTABLISH A SPEED LIMIT THEREFOR: SIR ANDERSON COURT.

RESOLUTION NO. 625-53 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE "MASTER LIST OF ROADS AND SPEED LIMITS" SO AS TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING DISTRICT ROAD AND TO ESTABLISH A SPEED LIMIT THEREFOR: TAILGATE LOOP EXTENSION.

Commissioner Chauncey, Chairman of the Roads Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 625-50 through 625-53 and stated the Roads Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Chauncey, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to adopt Resolution Nos. 625-50 through 625-53.

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 Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey,

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“Aye,” Commissioner Graham, “Aye,” Commissioner Helton, “Aye,” Commissioner Highlander, “Aye,” Commissioner Mackey, “Aye,” Commissioner Shipley, “Aye,” Commissioner Smith, “Aye,” and Chairman Eversole, “Aye.” Commissioner Sharpe stepped away during the vote. Total present – 10. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 10. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 625-54A A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM A-1
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10340 E. BRAINERD ROAD.**

No action was taken.

**RESOLUTION NO. 625-55A A RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR
A RESIDENTIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT FOR THE
PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 10330 AND 10340 E. BRAINERD ROAD.**

No action was taken.

Without objection, Commissioner Chauncey asked for Resolution Nos. 625-54B and 625-55B to be read together.

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2:00:59

**RESOLUTION NO. 625-54B A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM A-1
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
WITH CONDITIONS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10340 E. BRAINERD ROAD.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 625-55B A RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR
A RESIDENTIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT WITH
CONDITIONS FOR THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 10330 AND 10340 E.
BRAINERD ROAD.**

Commissioner Chauncey, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 625-54B and 625-55B, and stated the Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Chauncey, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution Nos. 625-54B and 625-55B.

There were no questions from the audience.

2:01:55

Commissioner Helton stated this is an addition to an existing approved PUD. He noted with public input, the developer is lining up the entrances to two subdivisions and lowering the overall lot count.

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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 Beck, “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.” Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 11. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 625-56 A RESOLUTION FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REVIEW PLAN HAMILTON AND PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND ACT ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND PROVIDE THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND AMENDED PLAN HAMILTON FOR PLANNING COMMISSION ADOPTION OF A REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Resolution No. 625-56 was pulled during the June 11, 2025, Zoning Committee Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 625-57 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE HAMILTON COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS TO AMEND ARTICLE V. GENERAL PROVISIONS BY ADDING STANDARDS FOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS.

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Resolution No. 625-57 was deferred to the July 16, 2025, meeting during the June 11, 2025, Zoning Committee Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 625-58 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.

Resolution No. 625-58 was deferred to the July 16, 2025, meeting during the June 11, 2025, Zoning Committee Meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Eversole asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

2:02:58

Commissioner Baker stated he had a Plan Hamilton community meeting in Walden last night that lasted over two hours. He noted this process has been going on for over three and a half years, and at some point, he would like to know if a group can come up with a compromise with the home builders. He stated he wants this to be a fair

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process because every part of the county is different and suggested that it be based on net density, not gross.

2:06:45 Commissioner Beck spoke about being the Diversity and Equity Committee chair since joining the commission, but has not been given an assignment. He noted he was notified last week that the county should dissolve this committee to comply with the law. He thanked Chairman Eversole for looking into this bill.

2:08:13 In response to Commissioner Beck's question, Attorney Taylor stated if the committee was established with a resolution, a resolution to dissolve it would be in order. He noted Mayor Wamp and himself have had discussions on this matter and have no doubt they will work closely together to find a solution. He stated some things in it have to go to the comptroller, and he knows the mayor and his team are working diligently on this.

2:10:51 Commissioner Sharpe stated it was his impression that McDonald Farm is not being marketed because it has not been rezoned, and that is the only thing holding it up. He noted they need to discuss how they will address the need for future jobs, housing, roads, and schools out in the open. He stated if they can be respectful in their openness and transparency, they can find a way to move forward and benefit all of Hamilton County.

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2:15:01 Commissioner Mackey thanked Commissioner Beck for bringing the dissolution of the Diversity and Equity Committee back to the public's attention. He noted the county has responsibilities and wants to ensure that it does not just disappear without any attention.

2:15:35 Commissioner Helton thanked the commissioners who participated in the field trip to the new drug recovery court. He noted the repurposed building was a great idea and thanked the Mayor's Office for seeing it through. He stated it was an inexpensive way to get something done. He also welcomed the new class of deputies from the Sheriff's Office to the commission meeting.

In response to Commissioner Beck's question, Chairman Eversole stated that CARTA has created a stop there, and the county also has a van coming to help transport individuals.

2:17:33 Commissioner Highlander commended Commissioner Helton and everyone involved for getting the drug recovery court facility going. He also praised the citizens' group for working on Plan Hamilton and making compromises and adjustments as they worked with Commissioner Helton to be the liaison with the homebuilders and realtors.

2:19:44 Commissioner Graham thanked residents from his district for being at today's meeting.

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2:20:24 Mayor Wamp thanked everyone for their partnership during the budget process. He noted the budget hearing was a dedicated opportunity to explore the issue further. He stated the budget reflects the priorities in the county. He also spoke about the community meeting Commissioner Baker had in his district. He noted it was very heartwarming to see how many people were engaged.

2:22:29 Commissioner Highlander recognized former District Five Commissioner Katherlyn Geter in the audience.

2:22:56 General Counsel for the Sheriff's Office introduced six correctional deputies who started on Monday. He stated they will go through a seven-week course. Deputy Jerad Marlow with the Sheriff's Office noted they will go through 292 hours of training, with most of the standards set by TCA code or TCI standards. He stated they will go from civilian to deputy in seven weeks and learn everything from case law to the fundamentals of handcuffs. He noted those over the age of 21 will also go through a 32-hour basic firearms course. Chairman Eversole welcomed them to the county.

2:24:45 In response to Chairman Eversole, Sheriff Austin Garrett stated they only have 7 out of 60 positions left to fill.

2:25:01 Chairman Eversole spoke about Plan Hamilton and the communities' involvement. He stated the citizens' group for Plan Hamilton sacrificed family time and

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work to meet twice a week. He commended them for the job they did to pull everything together. He recognized everyone involved in the North Area 9 plan in the audience. He stated he hoped the resolution would have been voted on and resolved today, but he would work on getting it back on the table.

DELEGATIONS

Chairman Eversole asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

2:29:07 Sabrina Daniel, residing at 4410 Maryland Drive, expressed her concerns about growth, roads, and schools in Hamilton County. She stated she hopes the commission will read and get accurate data before making critical decisions affecting everyone.

2:31:57 Lebron James, residing at 1950 Wooten Road, spoke about how Attorney Taylor will be missed in the County.

2:33:30 Robert Edwards, residing at 12 North Lynncrest Drive, spoke about consulting with Attorney Taylor about six acres in Ridgeside, where a plat was passed and due process was not adequately served.

2:37:48 Monty Bell, a homeless journalist for the Grey Haired Foxx, stated he resides at 727 East 11th Street. He spoke about being owed \$211 billion by the county. He also

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spoke about being policed and censored at commission meetings and how they have denied him due process of law and equal protection under the law.

2:40:00

Bo Duvall, residing at 15825 Coulterville Road, spoke about how most county residents feel the process should go step by step regarding Plan Hamilton and rezoning land. He asked the commission if it was worth using the McDonald Farm land as their predecessors wanted, or how they think it should be used. He noted he is a member of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and believes in a future of agriculture with a promise of better days through better ways.

2:44:09

John Peter, residing at 185 W Valley Road, spoke about substantial growth in Ooltewah and Georgetown, TN. He stated these areas have been turned into neighborhoods with cookie-cutter houses, and the developers are evil for destroying the agriculture in this county. He noted the county is falling apart because of all the growth.

2:46:41

Patrick Fiddlestaller, residing at 185 White Oak Valley Road, spoke about how developing new homes in the county's rural area is a grave mistake. He stated when farmland is built on, we permanently lose the land that grows our food, threaten agriculture, and disconnect children from the vital knowledge of where food comes from. He noted it harms the livelihood of farmers who have sustained our communities for generations beyond food development.

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2:48:42 Kim Helton, residing at 8618 Snow Hill Road, stated she is very disappointed in today's vote on Resolution No. 625-59. She noted the county will lose over \$500,000.00 on several studies if this resolution is not brought back to the table and voted on. She also spoke about the countless hours citizens took out of their lives to work on a plan that aligns with our community's vision. She stated tabling today's resolution is a win for the homebuilders and realtors association because it means business as usual for them. She noted today's vote silenced the citizens' voices and will.

2:51:19 Kathy Faulkner, residing at 5721 Island View Drive, spoke about being part of the Citizens Plan Hamilton committee. She stated they worked hard to devise a plan and compromise with homebuilders to devise a plan that everyone could be happy with. She noted people are frustrated with unbridled growth because it harms our society and communities.

2:53:30 Greg Lewis, who lives at 555 Hunter Road, encouraged commissioners not to let Plan Hamilton die. He stated that this is a very important topic for the whole community, and many people have worked to develop a comprehensive plan.

2:54:38 Wayne Behlau, Lakesite Commissioner and Vice Chair of the WWTA, reiterated his disappointment with today's maneuvering. He stated tabling this resolution appears to trash three years of hard work by the planning group and reset things back to the

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Wild West without a plan and vision. He noted this whole process was about the will of the people and should be brought back to the table so time and money are not wasted.

2:56:19

Jim Stewart, residing at 13015 Emerald Bay Drive, believes one of Plan Hamilton's most essential parts has been the resident feedback. He urges commissioners to read how the residents feel about growth in the county and their overall desire to protect open spaces.

2:59:11

Jennifer Duvall, residing at 1825 Coulterville Road, stated even though Plan Hamilton was tabled today, it still serves as a benchmark, highlighting that over 70% of residents in every area opted to prioritize farmland protection and greenway conservation.

3:00:40

Don Johnson, residing at 7708 Diamond Head Drive, thanked Mayor Wamp, Chairman Eversole, and Commissioner Highlander for allowing citizens to work as a team and for putting a good plan in place. He expressed his disappointment in Resolution No. 625-59 being tabled and urged the commission not to let it die.

3:02:05

Brian Glasscock, residing at 1531 Laurel Breeze Drive, thanked the commission for everything they do for the county. He spoke about how there are no plans for significant road improvements or a new school on Signal Mountain. He noted that this

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leaves no place to educate the new growth student population when you look at the density of rural residential or A-1 zoning.

3:08:55 Commissioner Shipley stated the citizens came to today's meeting in good faith, and seeing their faces when Resolution No. 625-59 was tabled was upsetting. He noted he would like to get it back on the table so the commission and citizens can start working on it again.

In response to Commissioner Shipley's question, Attorney Taylor stated a motion to take it off the table would be in order since the commission is still in session.

At this time, a lengthy conversation took place about reintroducing Resolution No. 625-59.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to take Resolution Nos. 625-59 off the table.

3:16:17 Commissioner Sharpe stated he would be happy to meet with anyone involved in Plan Hamilton and discuss ways to help him get comfortable with a caveat, speak words of positive intent, and assume a positive intent. He noted he has not seen anything happen today that would make him want to reconsider the decision that was made today and is not ready to pull it off the table.

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3:20:50

Commissioner Highlander called for the question. There were no objections.

The foregoing Motion failed on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Nay," Commissioner Helton, "Nay," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Nay," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," Commissioner Smith, "Aye," and Chairman Eversole, "Aye." Commissioner Beck, Commissioner Chauncey, and Commissioner Mackey were absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 3. Total "Aye" votes – 5. Total "Nay" votes – 3.

3:22:41

Commissioner Helton stated he was going to vote "No" either way today. He noted he put it on the table so people from Area 9 and other areas of the county could go back and meet with homebuilders to hopefully come up with something a little more palatable. He stated he is certain the commission will get eight votes to bring it off the table. He noted he is happy to work on bringing it back to do a vote. He stated he did not appreciate trying to slide it by the gentleman who just walked out. He noted it was out of line.

3:23:41

Chairman Eversole stated he appreciated Commissioner Helton's comments, but stated he was the only one who kind of voted with or did not vote with the citizens

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group, and participated with them. He noted he knew where they stood, and it was a slap in their faces for all the hard work they did.

There being no further business, Chairman Eversole declared the meeting in recess until Wednesday, June 25th, 2025, at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

07-02-25

WJK

Date

Clerk's Initials