

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

**STATE OF TENNESSEE**            )  
**COUNTY OF HAMILTON**        )

Regular Meeting  
July 16, 2025

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

0:16

Present and presiding was the Honorable Jeff Eversole, Chairman. County Clerk Bill Knowles called the roll of the County Commission, and the following, constituting a quorum, answered to their names: Commissioner Chip Baker, Commissioner Greg Beck, Commissioner 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 Janie Varnell, 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.

0:44 Commissioner Highlander introduced Nancy Harrison, First Church of Christ, Scientist, to offer the invocation. Commissioner Highlander led in the pledge to the flag.

Commissioner Highlander prayed a special prayer for Mrs. Shipley.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5:43 **ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Graham, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of June 25, 2025, the Agenda Preparation Session of June 25, 2025, and the Regular Meeting of July 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 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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**TRUSTEE UNCOLLECTED DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES REPORT**

6:16

The Trustee's annual Uncollected Delinquent Tax report for the 2024 levy was submitted as a matter of record.

6:23

**RESOLUTION NO. 725-10 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS, THE BONDS AND OATHS OF NOTARIES PREVIOUSLY ELECTED, AND THE OATHS OF DEPUTY SHERIFFS.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to adopt Resolution No. 725-10.

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 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.

7:11

**RESOLUTION NO. 725-11 A RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT TWO (2) MEMBERS TO THE CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD FOR RECREATION FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM BEGINNING JULY 16, 2025, AND ENDING JULY 16, 2027.**

This will reappoint Joe Legge and Cora Taylor.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 725-11.

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.

8:06

**RESOLUTION NO. 725-12 A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A REGULAR MEMBER TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF SILVESTER HARRIS.**

This will appoint Rheubin M. Taylor.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 725-12.

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,”

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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.

8:47

**RESOLUTION NO. 725-13 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DEVIATION FROM THE COUNTY'S DISCRETIONARY FUNDS POLICY AS TO THE APPROPRIATING OF FUNDS TO THE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION UNITED ACTION ALLIANCE AS MADE BY THE COMMISSIONER FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETEEN AND 29/100 DOLLARS (\$1,419.29).**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Shipley, to adopt Resolution No. 725-13.

9:31

In response to Andrew Jones, residing at 607 Timber Ridge Dr, Commissioner Beck stated United Community Action Alliance is a non-profit that works with seniors, young people, and mothers of murdered sons.

There were no questions from the Commissioners.

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.

11:40

**RESOLUTION NO. 725-14 A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT BY THE COUNTY MAYOR OF REBEKAH BOHANNON AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Shipley, to adopt Resolution No. 725-14.

12:15

Commissioner Sharpe stated he is very pleased to see this has all been worked out, and that the Tennessee Commissioner of Health has appointed Ms. Bohannon to this position. He noted public health is a significant concern in our communities, particularly after reading that 173,000 Tennesseans will be kicked off their healthcare in the following year. He stated he believes this will cause the Health Department to see more individuals and believes Ms. Bohannon is up for the task.

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13:50 In response to Commissioner Sharpe's question, Chairman Eversole stated that this resolution is only to confirm or acknowledge the appointment.

14:37 In response to Commissioner Sharpe's question, Attorney Varnell stated she does not believe the nomenclature matters. She noted if it is the will of this body to acknowledge the appointment, then the resolution can be amended.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Sharpe, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to change the word confirmed to acknowledge.

15:38 Commissioner Sharpe read a statement that states a County Mayor may not remove a county health officer without the permission of the Commissioner of Health, unless another law, i.e., a Private Act, gives the county mayor the power to do so. A copy of the A.G. Opinion No. 21-15 has been filed with the Clerk's Office.

16:32 Commissioner Highlander thanked Attorney Varnell for her diligence in research on this matter. He also thanked Commissioner Baker and the committee that worked on making this choice.

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17:23 Commissioner Baker thanked Commissioner Sharpe for allowing him to participate in this committee. He stated he has been working with Dr. Shannon Burger, CEO of Cempa, David Roddy, Chief Operating Officer for the Mayor's Office, and Don Mueller, CEO of Siskin Children's Institute. He noted Ms. Bohannon will be creating a small, helpful advisory committee. He also thanked Ms. Bohannon for working with everyone through this process.

18:45 In response to Andrew Jones, residing at 607 Timber Ridge Drive, Commissioner Baker stated he should get in touch with the new Administrator of the Hamilton County Health and Social Services Division, Ms. Bohannon, and share his ideas so she can present them to her new advisory committee.

The foregoing Motion to amend Resolution No. 725-14 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 Shipley, to adopt Resolution No. 725-14 as amended. 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.

23:16 Hamilton County General Sessions Court Judge Christie Sell commended Ms. Bohannon for her efforts on behalf of the county, including her work with Hamilton County Recovery Court. She noted she is excited for the community and what she will do for our public health.

23:40 Ms. Bohannon spoke about how humbled and grateful she is. She thanked everyone for believing in her. She noted this is an exciting era for health services in Hamilton County. She stated the judges present in the audience have been great friends and colleagues, and she appreciated their support.

25:19 Sonia Calvin, Director of Administrative Services for the Health Department, thanked Chief Roddy and Mayor Wamp for appointing her as the Interim Administrator

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of the Health Department. She stated it took a team to maintain the operations of the Health Department, which consisted of Chief Roddy, administrators, all Health Department employees, and the leadership. He recognized Health Officer Dr. Steven Wheeler, Director of Environmental Health Services Ryan Bryant, Dr. Thomas, Wendy Shepherd, Director of Clinical Services, Angie Gonzalez, Director of Case Management Services, Karen Gwynn, Director of Homeless Health Care Services, and Director Krista Howard over Community Health Services, in the audience. She noted they are all in full support of this appointment.

26:34 Clerk Knowles requested a copy of the amended version of Resolution No. 725-14.

26:55 **RESOLUTION NO. 725-15 A RESOLUTION TO ALLOCATE THE USE OF PROCEEDS FROM THE 2024A BOND ISSUE OF UP TO \$1,000,000 FOR VARIOUS COMMUNITY RECREATION PROJECTS.**

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 725-15 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 725-15.

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There were no questions from the audience.

27:44 Commissioner Smith thanked Mayor Wamp and everyone involved in putting this together. He stated this will mean a lot for many of the smaller municipalities that were able to take advantage of this. He also recognized the City Manager of Lakesite, Ms. Acuff, in 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.

28:30 **RESOLUTION NO. 725-16 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000 WITH THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY COURTS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM WITH A TERM 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. 725-16 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 725-16.

There were no questions from the audience.

29:02

Commissioner Highlander thanked everyone involved in this program. He stated the amount of trash in our county is unacceptable and encouraged everyone to be mindful of their trash disposal so we can maintain a beautiful county.

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. 725-17 and 725-18 to be read together.

29:52

**RESOLUTION NO. 725-17 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE TO APPLY AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE STATEWIDE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) GRANT PROGRAM, WITH DETAILS TO BE PROVIDED AT A LATER DATE.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 725-18 A RESOLUTION WITH THE INTENT TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FOR THE HUMANE TRANSPORT OF PATIENTS FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH TRANSPORT PROGRAM FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE.**

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 725-17 and 725-18, and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution Nos. 725-17 and 725-18.

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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, Commissioner Smith asked for Resolution Nos. 725-19 and 725-20 to be read together.

30:50 **RESOLUTION NO. 725-19 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 A CONTINUATION CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$338,600.00 TO PROVIDE TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL SERVICES IN HAMILTON COUNTY FOR A TIME PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026.**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 725-20 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 AMERICA FOR THE PROVISION OF DENTAL SERVICES EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2025.**

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 725-19 and 725-20, and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution Nos. 725-19 and 725-20.

31:02 Commissioner Highlander spoke about tuberculosis and its resurgence as a global health issue. He noted he is very appreciative of the Health Department and how they are taking a stand and caring for people involved in this.

32:43 Commissioner Shipley thanked the Director of Administrative Services for the Health Department, Sonia Calvin, for everything she is doing for the Health Department.

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33:19 In response to Andrew Jones, residing at 607 Timber Ridge Drive, Chairman Eversole stated the State of Tennessee will be funding the Health Department with \$338,000.00 to provide tuberculosis control services. He noted the funds are only used for what they have been allocated for and cannot be transferred to anything else.

37:30 Director of Clinical Services for the Health Department, Wendy Shepard, stated they are grateful the state has allocated \$338,000.00 for tuberculosis control services, but noted it will still not be enough funds to run the program.

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.

38:43 Commissioner Mackey stated the federal government is pushing programs down to the state level and not sending enough money. He noted republicans believe you

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should have a strong federal government and a weak state government. He stated this administration has given power to the states without providing them with enough resources.

Without objection, Commissioner Smith asked for Resolution Nos. 725-21 through 725-23 to be read together.

40:00

**RESOLUTION NO. 725-21 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF TALLEY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. AND WRIGHT BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT UNIT PRICING, WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR (3) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR TERMS, BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2025 THROUGH JULY 31, 2026, FOR IN-PLACE HOT MIX ASPHALT SERVICES FOR HIGHWAY AND VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 725-22 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH TINKER MA, LLC FOR DESIGN OF THE GATEWAY CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION BUILDING RENOVATION FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,593,014.37.**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 725-23 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH MTA ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING FOR DESIGN OF THE SODDY DAISY MIDDLE SCHOOL RENOVATIONS AND ADDITIONS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,902,848.00.**

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 725-21 through 725-23, and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution Nos. 725-21 through 725-23.

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.

41:46

**RESOLUTION NO. 725-28 A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE UP TO \$2,250,000 IN BOND FUNDS TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOLS, PENDING SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING AT MCCONNELL ELEMENTARY AND A PLAYGROUND PARTNERSHIP PROJECT AT HARDY ELEMENTARY IN COLLABORATION WITH THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND.**

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 725-28 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to adopt Resolution No. 725-28.

There were no questions from the audience.

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42:28 Commissioner Smith commended Mayor Wamp and Deputy Mayor of Education and Workforce Development, Tucker McClendon, for putting this together.

43:01 In response to Commissioner Sharpe's question, Chief Financial Officer Lee Brouner stated these funds will be coming out of the \$60 million set aside for maintenance issues.

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.

**LATE ITEM**

43:49 **RESOLUTION NO. 725-29 A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$850,000 FROM THE HAMILTON COUNTY ROADS IMPROVEMENT**

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**CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND TO IMPROVE AND REPAIR SAM POWELL TRAIL  
ROAD.**

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 725-29 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 725-29.

44:19 Commissioner Baker commended Brandon Mauracher, Director of Highway Maintenance, Mayor Wamp, and Chief Roddy for working on this long-overdue project.

44:52 In response to Commissioner Sharpe's question, Chief Financial Officer Lee Brouner stated the Hamilton County Road Improvement Capital Project funds came from the General Fund Balance.

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.

46:08

**RESOLUTION NO. 725-24 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FIRM OF HK ARCHITECTS FOR THE DESIGN OF THE BRAINERD HIGH 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 Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 725-24 and stated the Building and Economic Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Shipley, to adopt Resolution No. 725-24.

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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 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.

**RESOLUTION NO. 725-25A A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM A-1  
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR  
THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 2925 (PART) SANDRY LANE AND 2927 DEXTER  
LANE.**

No action was taken.

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47:07     **RESOLUTION NO. 725-25B A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM A-1  
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT  
WITH CONDITIONS FOR THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 2925 (PART) SANDRY  
LANE AND 2927 DEXTER LANE.**

Commissioner Chauncey, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 725-25B and stated the Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Chauncey, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 725-25B.

47:48     Bryan Shults, Director of Development Services for the RPA, presented details on the rezoning request. He stated that the staff's recommendation was to deny it due to the increasing density along the road. He noted the Planning Commission felt the request was compatible with the adopted plan and recommended approval with one condition.

51:49     The applicant, Joseph Ingram, stated they have agreed to widen Dexter Lane and provide a 20-foot right-of-way.

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53:15 In response to Commissioner Highlander’s question, Mr. Shults stated the developer has agreed to dedicate additional right-of-way.

56:09 In response to Andrew Jones, residing at 607 Timber Ridge Drive, Mr. Shults stated a surveyor will conduct surveys to determine if the structure is located within the right-of-way.

Commissioner Baker stated he learned last week the resolution is for a friend, so he will abstain from the vote.

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, “Abstain,” 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 stepped away during the vote. Total present – 10. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0. Total Abstentions – 1.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 725-26 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE HAMILTON COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS TO AMEND ARTICLE V. GENERAL PROVISIONS BY ADDING STANDARDS FOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS.**

Resolution No. 725-26 was withdrawn during the July 9, 2025, Zoning Committee Meeting.

**RESOLUTION NO. 725-27 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. 725-27 was withdrawn during the July 9, 2025, Zoning Committee Meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Eversole asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

1:00:34 Commissioner Shipley thanked everyone for their prayers for his wife and asked them to continue praying for her.

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1:00:57           At this time, all commissioners, Attorney Varnell, and Mayor Wamp offered continued thoughts and prayers for Commissioner Shipley and his wife.

1:03:03           Commissioner Sharpe read a section of A.G. Opinion 21 for clarification on the Health Department. A copy has been filed with the Clerk's Office.

1:04:23           Commissioner Helton announced Friends of Apison and East Brainerd will host a pancake breakfast fundraiser for a child with cancer on Saturday, July 26, 2025, from 8:00 to 10:00 AM. He encouraged everyone to attend and help offset some of the family's medical bills. He also wished his oldest daughter a happy 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

1:05:58           Commissioner Highlander encouraged everyone to be mindful of children outside playing when driving through subdivisions. He also announced the passing of Karen Glenn, a valued employee of the Hamilton County Department of Education, and asked everyone to remember her family during this difficult time.

1:09:36           Mayor Wamp clarified the county's role with Health Department appointments. He stated the Commissioner of Health relies on the County Mayor's Office to bring a qualified person or two, and then they sign off on them.

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**DELEGATIONS**

Chairman Eversole asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

1:12:44

Andrew Jones, residing at 607 Timber Ridge Drive, spoke about the Lincoln Day Dinner with Marjorie Taylor Greene as a speaker. He also spoke about nomenclature and how he is here to improve this community.

1:15:54

Monty Bell, a homeless journalist for the Grey Haired Foxx, spoke about judge shopping and open records requests being non-compliant again.

1:19:12

Noah Johnston, residing at 666 Charbel Street, spoke about the Planning Commission Meeting that took place on Monday. He stated he wanted clarity on *Resolution No. 625-62*.

1:25:02

At this time, a discussion took place among Noah Johnston, Bryan Shults, and several commissioners regarding the moratorium. Chief Deputy County Clerk Brooke Weaver read a section of the June 25, 2025, Recessed Minutes into the record, stating the resolution only applies to the unincorporated areas of Hamilton County and no new plats can be approved for 30 days. Commissioner Baker confirmed this was his intent for *Resolution No. 625-62*.

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

Respectfully submitted:



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William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

08-06-25

W.F.K.

Date

Clerk's Initials