

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
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STATE OF TENNESSEE) Regular Meeting
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) August 28, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 28th day of August 2024, 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: --

0:23

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 members of County Mayor Weston Wamp's administrative staff, County Attorney Rheubin Taylor, and County Auditor Chris McCollough.

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

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0:46

Commissioner Highlander introduced Worship Pastor Ryan Showalter, Red Bank Baptist Church, to offer the invocation. Commissioner Highlander led in the pledge to the flag.

2:31

RESOLUTION NO. 824-29 A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR, TO CONDUCT AUDITS, THE REPORTING OF INFORMATION DERIVED THEREFROM, THE FOLLOWING OF STANDARDS FOR THE OPERATION OF AN AUDITING DIVISION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUPERVISION AND HIRING OF EMPLOYEES IN SAID DIVISION.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adopt Resolution No. 824-29.

3:20

In response to Commissioner Shipley's question, Amie Haun, a certified public accountant and chairman of the newly formed Hamilton County Audit Committee, stated the ads for Auditing Division jobs would still be published through the Hamilton County Human Resources Department and applying for the job would continue to be through their system also. It would then be forwarded to the County Auditors Office for further review and interviews. She noted it is covered under the budget for fiscal year 2025.

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4:23 In response to Commissioner Beck's question, Ms. Haun stated the process for hiring a County Auditor would be through the Audit Committee. She noted they would nominate an individual to bring forth to the Commission.

5:30 Commissioner Mackey commended Commissioner Baker for bringing this resolution forward.

6:11 In response to Commissioner Graham's question, Ms. Haun stated this process only concerns the County Auditor position and staff.

6:40 Commissioner Baker thanked Ms. Haun for all her work and for being present for this resolution.

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,

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

ELECTION OF GENERAL SESSIONS COURT JUDGE DIVISION II

7:40

Chairman Eversole introduced the Honorable General Sessions Judge Alexander McVeah to address the Commission. A round of applause was given.

7:51

Judge McVeagh thanked the Commission, Mayor Wamp, and his staff. He stated it has been a pleasure working alongside every one of them for the last seven years. He wanted to mention, in particular, the Director of Economic and Community Development, Alexa LeBoeuf, and Recovery Court Director, Shannon Morgan, for working together daily over the last five years. He spoke about the Georgetown Court Modernization Efforts, Recovery Court, Mental Health Court, Veterans Court, Eviction Diversion and Prevention Initiative’s Eviction Mediation Program, Medical Debt Mediation, and Consumer Debt Transparency Program. He noted the Commission and Mayor Wamp have invested time and money in a few court-based programs in Hamilton County. He stated these are vital programs for Hamilton County and hopes the county continues supporting them. He also thanked his staff, Shawn Johnson, Amy Francisco, Lisa Kimbrough, Leslie Hayes, and all the court bailiffs. He announced Linda Hood and the Bar Association are sponsoring a swearing-in ceremony in the commission room tomorrow at 2:00 PM. Lastly, he stated there are a lot of good candidates and he hopes

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whoever is chosen remembers on day one to be fair and follow the law whether they agree with it or not.

11:30 At this time, Judge McVeah was given a round of applause and a standing ovation.

12:14 Chairman Eversole read into the record an outline of the procedure the Commission would follow to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of General Sessions Judge Alexander McVeagh after his election to the Circuit Court Bench. He reported the individual appointed would serve a term beginning September 4, 2024, and ending with the election and certification of a successor following the August 2026 Hamilton County General Election.

Chairman Eversole noted individuals who applied for the position were interviewed last Wednesday, August 21, 2024, following the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting. He advised that any registered voter in Hamilton County attending today would be allowed to nominate eligible individuals for the Commission to consider.

Chairman Eversole asked if any registered voter in Hamilton County who was in attendance at today's meeting wished to make a nomination. No nominations were received from the audience.

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At this time, Chairman Eversole opened the floor for nominations by members of the Commission. He noted a second to a nomination was not required.

Commissioner Baker nominated Samuel F. Robinson III.

Commissioner Beck and Commissioner Mackey nominated Kisha Cheeks.

Commissioner Chauncery nominated Tracey Cox.

Commissioner Graham and Commissioner Sharpe nominated Victoria "Tori" Smith.

Commissioner Helton, Commissioner Highlander, and Chairman Eversole nominated Ron Powers.

Commissioner Sharpe nominated Patrick A. Wagner.

Commissioner Shipley nominated P. Andrew Coyle.

Chairman Eversole instructed the County Clerk to call the roll for General Sessions Judge nominations by County Commissioners.

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19:22

County Clerk Bill Knowles called the roll for nominations and Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Samuel F. Robinson III," Commissioner Beck, "Kisha Cheeks," Commissioner Chauncey, "Tracy Cox," Commissioner Graham, "Victoria (Tori) Smith," Commissioner Helton, "Ron D. Powers," Commissioner Highlander, "Ron D. Powers," Commissioner Mackey, "Kisha Cheeks," Commissioner Sharpe, "Victoria (Tori) Smith," Commissioner Shipley, "P. Andrew Coyle," Commissioner Smith, "Patrick A Wagner," and Chairman Eversole, "Ron D. Powers." Total Votes for Samuel F. Robinson III – 1, Total Votes for Kisha Cheeks – 2, Total Votes for Tracy Cox – 1, Total Votes for Victoria "Tori" Smith – 2, Total Votes for Ron Powers – 3, Total Votes for P. Andrew Coyle – 1, Total Votes for Patrick A. Wagner – 1. Total present – 11. Total absent – 0.

Chairman Eversole reiterated that since more than two individuals were nominated and no nominee received at least six votes, the lowest vote-getter would be eliminated, and a second ballot would be cast considering only the remaining nominees. In other words, "Low person out."

20:59

Chief Deputy Clerk Brooke Weaver announced that Ron Powers received three votes, Kisha Cheeks and Victoria (Tori) Smith received two, and everyone else received one vote. Chairman Eversole stated Kisha Cheeks, Ron Powers, and Victoria (Tori) Smith would move on to round two.

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22:05 County Clerk Bill Knowles called roll for the second time on the nominations and Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Victoria (Tori) Smith," Commissioner Beck, "Kisha Cheeks," Commissioner Chauncey, "Victoria (Tori) Smith," Commissioner Graham, "Victoria (Tori) Smith," Commissioner Helton, "Ron D. Powers," Commissioner Highlander, "Ron D. Powers," Commissioner Mackey, "Kisha Cheeks," Commissioner Sharpe, "Victoria (Tori) Smith," Commissioner Shipley, "Victoria (Tori) Smith," Commissioner Smith, "Victoria (Tori) Smith," and Chairman Eversole, "Ron D. Powers." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total votes for Kisha Cheeks – 2. Total votes for Ron D. Powers – 3. Total votes for Victoria (Tori) Smith – 6.

23:00 Clerk Knowles announced that Victoria (Tori) Smith had received the necessary six votes to be appointed General Sessions Court Judge Division II. There was a round of applause.

At this time, Chairman Eversole asked the Resolution be read into the record with Victoria (Tori) Smith's name in the blank.

23:49 **RESOLUTION NO. 824-46 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING VICTORIA (TORI) SMITH AS JUDGE OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY GENERAL SESSIONS COURT, DIVISION II, TO FILL THE VACANCY CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF THE HONORABLE ALEXANDER MCVEAGH AFTER HIS ELECTION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION III, FOR A TERM BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2024, AND**

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**ENDING WITH THE ELECTION AND CERTIFICATION OF A SUCCESSOR
FOLLOWING THE AUGUST 2026 HAMILTON COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to
adopt Resolution No. 824-46.

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.

25:33 Appointee Victoria (Tori) Smith thanked everyone for selecting her as Judge and
said she would work daily to make the commission proud. She promised to serve her
community to the best of her ability. She noted stepping into Judge McVeah's seat is a
monumental and overwhelming task. She thanked her Lord and Savior for this
opportunity.

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26:10 At this time, a round of applause and a standing ovation were given.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE OF THE HAMILTON
COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.**

28:58 Chairman Eversole read a statement into the record on holding the election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman positions today instead of at the first meeting in September. He noted that at the last commission meeting, Commissioner Highlander announced that he would not be at our September 4th meeting because he would be out of town attending his grandson's graduation from boot camp. A copy of the statement has been filed with the Clerk's Office.

30:14 Commissioner Highlander thanked Attorney Taylor for all his research on conducting the election of Chairman and Chairman Pro Tempore in August. He also thanked everyone for allowing him to attend his grandson's graduation.

Chairman Eversole opened the floor for nominations to elect a Chairman for the ensuing year.

30:58 Commissioner Smith nominated Chairman Jeff Eversole.

31:06 Commissioner Chauncey nominated Commissioner Joe Graham.

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Chairman Eversole asked if there were any other nominations. There were none.

31:38

County Clerk Bill Knowles called the roll on the nominations of Chairman Jeff Eversole and Commissioner Joe Graham to serve as Commission Chairman. Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Eversole," Commissioner Beck, "Graham," Commissioner Chauncey, "Graham," Commissioner Graham, "Graham," Commissioner Helton, "Eversole," Commissioner Highlander, "Eversole," Commissioner Mackey, "Eversole," Commissioner Sharpe, "Eversole," Commissioner Shipley, "Eversole," Commissioner Smith, "Eversole," and Chairman Eversole, "Eversole." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total votes for Chairman Jeff Eversole – 8. Total votes for Commissioner Joe Graham – 3.

Clerk Knowles announced Chairman Eversole was elected Chairman of the ensuing year beginning September 4, 2024.

32:40

At this time, Chairman Eversole opened the floor for nominations to elect a Chairman Pro Tempore.

Commissioner Baker nominated Commissioner Ken Smith.

Commissioner Graham nominated Commissioner Mike Chauncey.

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County Clerk Bill Knowles called the roll on Commissioner Mike Chauncey and Commissioner Ken Smith's nominations to serve as Commission Chairman Pro Tempore. Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Smith," Commissioner Beck, "Smith," Commissioner Chauncey, "Smith," Commissioner Graham, "Smith," Commissioner Helton, "Smith," Commissioner Highlander, "Smith," Commissioner Mackey, "Smith," Commissioner Sharpe, "Smith," Commissioner Shipley, "Smith," Commissioner Smith, "Smith," and Chairman Eversole, "Smith." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total votes for Commissioner Mike Chauncey – 0. Total votes for Commissioner Ken Smith – 11.

Clerk Knowles announced Commissioner Smith was elected Chairman Pro Tempore of the ensuing year beginning September 4, 2024.

PRESENTATION – GREG BECK-FALLEN FIVE MURAL ON MCCALLIE AVENUE

34:01

Commissioner Beck introduced the author and artist Kevin Bate of the Fallen Five Mural on McCallie Avenue. He asked Deputy Clerk Jennifer Smith to read the Outstand Community Servant Certificate into the record. A copy has been filed with the Clerk's Office.

36:30

At this time, a round of applause and a standing ovation were given.

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36:53 Mr. Bate thanked the Commission for having him at the meeting. He stated he tried hard not to make the mural about him when he was making it because it was about the five men and the sacrifices they made. He noted the goal of the mural is to think about the men's faces – Holmquist, Smith, Sullivan, Wells, and Wyatt. He stated the mural has been up for almost ten years and is beginning to deteriorate. He noted this is worth the upkeep and wants to devise a way to make it last to allow upcoming generations to remember these five men.

39:27 Commissioner Beck stated he would bring a Resolution before the Commission to help bring this project back to life. He noted that the mural has a solid message for our community and he will ask the City of Chattanooga to prioritize maintaining the area around it and deem it a tourist attraction. He stated that this is a symbol to the public that "We will never forget."

40:26 At this time, several commissioners thanked Mr. Bate for contributing to Hamilton County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

44:39 **ON MOTION** of Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of August 7, 2024, the Agenda Preparation Session of August 7, 2024, and the Regular Meeting of August 14, 2024, be approved,

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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.

TRUSTEE REPORT

45:17

The Trustee's Monthly and Excess Fee Report for July 2024 were submitted and made a matter of record.

ORDER OF DESIGNATION

An Order was recorded designating Todd Leamon to sit as the County Mayor's Representative on the Planning Commission for the meeting of September 9, 2024, was submitted and made a matter of record.

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TRUSTEE UNAUDITED FINANCIALS FOR FY 2024

The Trustee's Unaudited Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, was submitted and made a matter of record.

REVISED TRUSTEE REPORTS

The Revised Trustee's Monthly and Excess Fee reports for June 2024 were submitted and made a matter of record.

PROCUREMENT PURCHASE ORDER REPORT

Procurement's report detailing purchase orders between \$25k and \$50k for July 2024 was submitted and made a matter of record.

45:25

RESOLUTION NO. 824-24 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS, THE BONDS AND OATHS OF NOTARIES PREVIOUSLY ELECTED, THE OATHS OF DEPUTY SHERIFFS, THE OATHS OF DEPUTY COUNTY CLERKS, AND THE OATHS OF DEPUTY COUNTY TRUSTEES.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Highlander, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 824-24.

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.

46:10

**RESOLUTION NO. 824-25 A RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT ONE MEMBER TO THE
HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH AND SAFETY HEARING BOARD BEGINNING
AUGUST 28, 2024, AND ENDING AUGUST 28, 2028.**

This will appoint Rick Nunley.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adopt Resolution No. 824-25.

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.

46:56

RESOLUTION NO. 824-26 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF EVANN FREEMAN BY THE COUNTY MAYOR TO THE CARTER STREET CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM ENDING AUGUST 28, 2028.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 824-26.

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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.

47:36

RESOLUTION NO. 824-27 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF TIM BANKSTON BY THE COUNTY MAYOR TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY BEER BOARD, WITH A TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 28, 2026.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Highlander, seconded by Commissioner Shipley, to adopt Resolution No. 824-27.

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.

48:17

RESOLUTION NO. 824-28 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR, ON BEHALF OF HAMILTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA AND RIVER CITY COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000 FOR DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE EVOLVING OUR RIVERFRONT PARKS PROJECT AND SIGN ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adopt Resolution No. 824-28.

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.

49:08

RESOLUTION NO. 824-30 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF FORTY-NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$49,000.00) TO CLAY AUTRY AND HIS ATTORNEYS, DOMINICK R. SMITH, OF DRS LAW, CHAD PHILLIPS, OF SUTHERLAND & BELK, PLC, AND BRANDY SPURGIN-FLOYD, OF SPURGIN & MATTINGLY, PLLC, FOR FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ANY AND ALL CLAIMS ARISING FROM THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S FAILURE TO TIMELY RELEASE SAID CLAY AUTRY FROM CUSTODY.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Chauncey, to adopt Resolution No. 824-30.

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.

50:13

RESOLUTION NO. 824-31 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY, TENNESSEE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND HAMILTON COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 151,439.51 (ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND AND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE DOLLARS AND FIFTY-ONE CENTS).

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 824-31 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 824-31.

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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. 824-32 through 824-34 to be read together.

51:06 **RESOLUTION NO. 824-32 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) USED MOWERMAX BOOM MOWER FROM RHEA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT OF \$70,000.00 FOR PARKS AND RECREATION AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

RESOLUTION NO. 824-33 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SLOPE STABILIZATION REPAIRS OF THE W ROAD AMOUNTING TO \$261,364.36 BY GEOSTABILIZATION

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**INTERNATIONAL FROM THE TENNESSEE STATEWIDE CONTRACT SWC-191
FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR
TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 824-34 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR
TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH MTA ARCHITECTURE AND
PLANNING FOR DESIGN OF THE JUVENILE COURT 3RD STREET CAMPUS
ADDITION FOR AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEED \$213,553.00.**

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 824-32 through 824-34 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution Nos. 824-32 through 824-34.

52:34

In response to Commissioner Highlander's question, they have installed reflectors on the W Road.

53:05

In response to Commissioner Mackey's question, Director of Parks and Recreation Department Matt Folz stated a new mower max would cost the County

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\$170,000.000. This will allow the department to get Enterprise South and RiverPark equipment to maintain the trails. He noted this is within the department's budget.

There were no questions from the audience.

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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.

Without objection, Commissioner Smith asked for Resolution Nos. 824-35 through 824-38 to be read together.

RESOLUTION NO. 824-35 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FROM TENNESSEE STATEWIDE CONTRACT SWC-209 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$900,000.00 FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

34:28

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RESOLUTION NO. 824-36 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES BUDGETS FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF BY \$132,800 TO ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION TO BE USED TO PAY RETENTION BONUSES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$800 EACH FOR 166 ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES.

RESOLUTION NO. 824-37 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2023 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP AWARD AND THEREFORE AMENDING THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE OPERATING BUDGET BY ADDING \$2,206 TO REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES.

RESOLUTION NO. 824-38 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF TO RETIRE A POLICE SERVICE DOG NAMED "NERO" BASED UPON MANY YEARS OF LOYAL AND FAITHFUL SERVICE.

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 824-35 through 824-38 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution Nos. 824-35 through 824-38.

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56:05 In response to Commissioner Sharpe's question, Chief of Staff for the Sheriff's Office Ron Bernard stated he believes when a deputy takes ownership of a retired K9, they also take on all vet bills. Commissioner Sharpe noted the K9s do a fantastic job for this county.

58:02 Commissioner Graham stated he appreciated Sheriff Garrett explaining Nero's years of service and allowing the Commission to meet him at last week's Agenda Meeting. He noted Nero has been a very valuable asset to the Sheriff's Department.

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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59:03

**RESOLUTION NO. 824-39 A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM A-1
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO O-1 OFFICE DISTRICT FOR THE PROPERTY
LOCATED AT 520 ROBERTS MILL ROAD. RESOLUTION DEFERRED FROM THE 7-
17-24 AGENDA SESSION COMMISSION MEETING.**

Commissioner Chauncey, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 824-39 and stated the Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Chauncey, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to deny Resolution No. 824-39.

59:52

In response to Commissioner Highlander's question, Commissioner Chauncey stated a contractor had offered to move the building, but after seeing how far it had to be moved, the offer was no longer on the table.

There were no questions from the audience.

The foregoing motion to deny 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.

**RESOLUTION NO. 824-40A A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM A-1
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT AND R-2 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-1
RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3406 OOLTEWAH
RINGGOLD ROAD.**

No action was taken.

1:01:06

**RESOLUTION NO. 824-40B A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM A-1
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT AND R-2 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-1
RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT WITH CONDITIONS FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT
3406 OOLTEWAH RINGGOLD ROAD.**

Commissioner Chauncey, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 824-40B and stated the Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Chauncey, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 824-40B.

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 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 Baker and Commissioner Beck stepped away during the vote. Total present – 9. Total absent – 2. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 824-41A A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM A-1
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT AND R-2 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-1
RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2277 OOLTEWAH
RINGGOLD ROAD.**

No action was taken.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 824-42A A RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR
A RESIDENTIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED
AT 2277 OOLTEWAH RINGGOLD ROAD.**

No action was taken.

Without objection, Commissioner Chauncey asked for Resolution Nos. 824-41B
and 824-42B to be read together.

1:02:45

**RESOLUTION NO. 824-41B A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM A-1
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT AND R-2 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-1
RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT WITH CONDITIONS FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT
2277 OOLTEWAH RINGGOLD ROAD.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 824-42B A RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR
A RESIDENTIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT WITH CONDITIONS FOR THE
PROPERTY LOCATED 2277 OOLTEWAH RINGGOLD ROAD.**

Commissioner Chauncey, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, provided details
regarding Resolution Nos. 824-41B and 824-42B and stated the Zoning Committee
reviewed and recommended approval.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Chauncey, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution Nos. 824-41B and 824-42B.

1:03:04 The applicant, Mike Price, stated he does not believe a second entrance to a neighborhood with twenty-nine homes is warranted. He asked the commission to exclude the second special condition condition regarding a second vehicular connection to Cross Gate Road from the resolution.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Chauncey, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to amend Resolution No. 42B, removing the second special condition regarding a second vehicular connection to Cross Gate Road.

1:05:28 In response to Commissioner Highlander's question, Administrator of Public Works and County Engineer Todd Leamon stated this would not be a traffic congestion issue, so engineering would allow it even though this is not an engineering question. He noted it was recommended by staff, and he recommends what staff does.

1:08:13 Development Services Director Nathan Janeway stated when looking at connectivity, they are not looking at the twenty-nine homes the road would serve but at the larger picture, with Cross Gates Road connecting to many homes and providing a secondary exit to the neighborhood. He noted they are trying to create a more consistent policy and have those rules out in front of the developers.

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1:10:26 In response to Commissioner Sharpe's question, Mr. Price stated this would negatively impact his development because it would allow traffic to enter the neighborhood that should not be there.

1:16:15 Commissioner Mackey stated infrastructure is what it is. He noted he is all about growth and the Regional Planning Agency (RPA) is anti-growth.

1:17:01 Director of Development for the RPA Bryan Shults stated the RPA is for growth when it is responsible. He noted connectivity would help for bus routes and ambulances and having a connection other than a cul-de-sac.

1:22:36 Commissioner Chauncey called for the question, and Commissioner Graham seconded the motion. Commissioner Sharpe objected. Attorney Taylor clarified the Rules of Order regarding a call for the question. In response, Commissioner Chauncey rescinded his motion.

1:26:24 Commissioner Highlander stated connectivity would reduce the danger of a bus route.

The foregoing Motion to amend was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Nay," Commissioner Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey,

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“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 – 8. Total “Nay” votes – 3.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Chauncey, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution Nos. 824-41B and 824-42B 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.

1:29:42

Mr. Price thanked everyone for passing Resolution No. 824-42B as amended.

1:29:56

Chief Deputy Clerk Brooke Weaver requested a revised Resolution be submitted to the Clerk’s Office.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 824-43A A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM A-1
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO R-3 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT WITH
CONDITIONS FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8455 OLD CLEVELAND PIKE.**

No action was taken.

1:30:17

**RESOLUTION NO. 824-43B A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM A-1
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO R-3 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT WITH
CONDITIONS FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8455 OLD CLEVELAND PIKE.**

Commissioner Chauncey, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 824-43B and stated the Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Chauncey, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 824-43B.

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 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 Baker and Commissioner Beck stepped away during the vote. Total present – 9. Total absent – 2. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

Without objection, Commissioner Chauncey asked for Resolution Nos. 824-44 and 824-45 to be read together.

1:31:06

RESOLUTION NO. 824-44 A RESOLUTION TO LIFT CONDITIONS FROM RESOLUTION NUMBER 219-39B OF PREVIOUS CASE NUMBER 2018-0215 FROM PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE 1500 THRU 1700 BLOCKS OF WHISPERING WINDS LANE, AND 9776, 9780, 9784, 9788, 9792, 9796, 9800, 9804, 9808, AND 9812 EAST BRAINERD ROAD.

RESOLUTION NO. 824-55 A RESOLUTION FOR AN AMENDMENT TO A RESIDENTIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT APPROVED BY RESOLUTION NUMBER 219-32B FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE 1500 THRU 1700 BLOCKS

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**OF WHISPERING WINDS LANE, AND 9776, 9780, 9784, 9788, 9792, 9796, 9800,
9804, 9808, AND 9812 EAST BRAINERD ROAD.**

Commissioner Chauncey, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 824-44 and 824-45 and stated the Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Chauncey, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution Nos. 824-44 and 824-45.

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Eversole asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

1:32:43 Commissioner Baker stated the Hamilton County School Board members will get sworn in on September 4, 2024, at 8:00 AM in the Commission Room.

1:33:53 Commissioner Shipley recognized new District 1 School Board member Steve Slater in the audience.

1:34:08 At this time, several Commissioners and Attorney Taylor congratulated Chairman Eversole and Commissioner Smith on the Chairman and Chairman Pro Tempore Election.

1:35:48 Commissioner Sharpe congratulated the new General Sessions Court, Judge Victoria "Tori" Smith. He stated this is a monumental moment in Hamilton County today.

1:37:07 Commissioner Graham thanked Commissioner Chauncey for serving as Chairman Pro Tempore and congratulated the new General Sessions Court Judge Victoria "Tori" Smith. He also spoke about how many schools need volunteers and urged everyone who could help to participate.

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1:39:28

Commissioner Helton announced a Pancake Breakfast on August 31, 2024, at 8:00 AM at the Elks Lodge on Graysville Road to raise money for the Harvest and Inclusive Playground.

1:40:43

Attorney Taylor reported he has reviewed and approved the Register of Deed's Handbook, which is required by law, and submitted a copy of the handbook and his approval letter to the Clerk's Office for the record. He also announced a brief Legal Meeting following the adjournment of today's Regular Meeting.

1:41:07

Chairman Eversole thanked Commissioner Chauncey for serving as the Chairman ProTempore. He spoke about how he appreciates every Commissioner and how well they work together. He reminded everyone that next week will be an Agenda/Regular Meeting to get the Commission back on track with their rules.

DELEGATIONS

Chairman Eversole asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

1:46:33

The Governmental Affairs Director for Greater Chattanooga Realtors thanked the Commissioners and the Mayor's Office for attending their meet-and-greet. He also announced that this Saturday is the deadline for the Place Making Project. He noted that the application can be found at www.gcar.net.

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1:48:33

Tri-Community Volunteer Fire Department Chief Dewayne Pitts spoke on cul-de-sacs and how they tend to be used for parked vehicles, trailers, or basketball goals. He noted that relying on cul-de-sacs is unsuitable for first responders and their large vehicles.

There being no further business, Chairman Eversole declared the meeting adjourned until Wednesday, September 4th, 2024, at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

09-04-24
Date



Clerk's Initials