

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2023**

STATE OF TENNESSEE	)	Regular Meeting
COUNTY OF HAMILTON	)	November 15, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 15th day of November 2023, 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: --

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 Warren Mackey, Commissioner David Sharpe, Commissioner Gene-o Shipley, Commissioner Ken Smith, and Chairman Jeff Eversole. Commissioner Highlander was absent during the Roll Call. However, he arrived after the pledge to the flag. Total present - 11. Total absent -0.

Also in attendance were the Mayor's administrative staff members, 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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0:50 Commissioner Sharpe introduced Pastor Rusty Williams, Chattanooga First Seventh-Day Adventist Church, to offer the invocation. Commissioner Sharpe led in the pledge to the flag.

PRESENTATION – HAMILTON COUNTY FAIR – OLD MCDONALD FARMS

5:57 Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation Karen Shostak sincerely thanked Commissioners for being present and participating in the Hamilton County Fair. The fair occurred Friday, November 10th, 2023 – Sunday, November 13th, 2023, at the Old McDonald Farm in Sale Creek. She stated they set tones within their districts to bring the community together. She thanked Mayor Wamp for allowing her to be a part of putting this event together and Commissioner Baker for being an inspiration on many of the things you saw at the Hamilton County Fair. She also thanked Director of Parks and Recreation Matt Folz and Administrator of General Services Christy Cooper for carrying a lot of the load to make this event happen and for the overwhelming support from county workers. She noted sponsorships and community partnerships almost entirely funded the event.

10:42 Ms. Cooper thanked everyone for their support and readiness to share the vision for this event. She stated the Commission, Mayor Wamp, and the Mayor's administrative staff had given her and her staff 100% support from the start of planning

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this massive event for the community. She spoke about the team approach from many departments and divisions through Hamilton County Government and beyond.

13:05 Commissioner Baker congratulated Ms. Shostak and Mr. Folz on their leadership during their county-wide event.

In response to Commissioner Baker, Ms. Shostak stated they are still compiling the attendance numbers from the County Fair and will present them to the Commission in a couple of weeks. She noted they want to give the complete picture with all the exciting details.

15:22 At this time, several Commissioners thanked everyone for their hard work putting this event together.

20:00 Chairman Eversole asked Ms. Shostak, Mr. Folz, and Ms. Cooper to stand and thanked them for coordinating to make an experience for families. A round of applause was given.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

20:58 **ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of October 25, 2023, the Agenda Preparation Session of October 25, 2023, and the Regular Meeting of November 1, 2023, 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.

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT

21:36 The quarterly investment report of Hamilton County for the quarter ended September 30, 2023, was submitted as a matter of record.

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QUARTERLY FEE OFFICE REPORTS

Fee reports for the following constitutional offices were submitted and made a matter of record:

Clerk and Master – July 2023 through September 2023

Register of Deeds – July 2023 through September 2023

County Clerk – July 2023 through September 2023

PROCUREMENT PURCHASE ORDER REPORT

Procurement's report detailing purchase orders between \$25k and \$50k for October 2023 was submitted and made a matter of record.

21:53 Chairman Eversole stated any citizen who wishes to speak before the Commissioners vote, on any item being considered, is requested to rise from their seat and stand on the north wall near the public podium. At the appropriate time after the various Commissioners have addressed the issue being considered, the Chair will then give opportunities for those constituents to do so. Please know that each speaker will be allowed up to three (3) minutes, with ten (10) minutes being provided for each side of the topic being considered and a total of twenty (20) minutes for all discussions on that issue.

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RESOLUTION NO. 1123-8 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS, THE BONDS AND OATHS OF NOTARIES PREVIOUSLY ELECTED, THE OATHS OF DEPUTY SHERIFFS, AND THE OATH OF DEPUTY COUNTY TRUSTEE.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-8. 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.

23:10

RESOLUTION NO. 1123-9 A RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD FOR RECREATION FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM BEGINNING NOVEMBER 15, 2023 AND ENDING NOVEMBER 15, 2025.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-9. 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.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1123-10 A RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT ONE MEMBER TO
THE HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH AND SAFETY HEARING BOARD BEGINNING
NOVEMBER 15, 2023, AND ENDING NOVEMBER 15, 2027.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-10. 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

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Chairman Eversole, "Aye". Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11.

Total "Nay" votes – 0.

24:40

RESOLUTION NO. 1123-11 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN WATTS TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS FOR A TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 7, 2027.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Highlander, seconded by Commissioner Shipley, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-11. 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.

25:21

RESOLUTION NO. 1123-12 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO FRIENDS OF HIXSON IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND TRAVEL DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT THREE.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-12. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 1123-13 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HAMILTON COUNTY TO SUBMIT SUCH BROWNFIELD VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT APPLICATIONS TO THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION (TDEC), IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED, AND IF APPROVED, TO ENTER INTO SUCH BROWNFIELD VOLUNTARY AGREEMENTS AND NOTICE OF LAND USE RESTRICTIONS FOR CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE FORMER VOLUNTEER ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT IN CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY TDEC APPLICATIONS, TDEC AGREEMENTS AND TDEC REQUIRED LAND USE RESTRICTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-13. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 1123-14 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD OF TENNESEE. LEASE AGREEMENT BEING AN EXTENSION OF THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR THE USE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 401 W. MLK BOULEVARD FOR A PERIOD OF TIME, IF REQUIRED, FOLLOWING CLOSING AND NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 29, 2024.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Shipley, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-14. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 1123-15 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE, COMPENSATION, AND LIABILITY ACT (CERCLA) WARRANTY AMENDMENT TO QUITCLAIM DEEDS, GRANTING CERCLA COVENANT AND DISCHARGING LAND USE REGULATIONS ON THE REMAINDER OF RELEASE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE FORMER VOLUNTEER ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT (VAAP).

In response to Commissioner Helton, Administrator of Public Works and County Engineer Todd Leamon stated the CERCLA warranty had a typo under covenants. He noted they are awaiting a new document from GSA and will submit it to the Clerk’s Office upon arrival.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Chauncey, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-15. 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.

30:04

RESOLUTION NO. 1123-16 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT IF AWARDED A ZERO MATCH 2023 NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD SAFETY FIRST GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00 (FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS).

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 1123-16 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-16. 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.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1123-17 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HAMILTON COUNTY
TO JOIN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN
APPROVING OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING
AMENDMENTS TO THE TENNESSEE STATE-SUBDIVISION OPIOID ABATEMENT
AGREEMENT.**

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 1123-17 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-17. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 1123-18 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF CAMPING YURTS AT CHESTER FROST PARK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00 FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 1123-18 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Shipley, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-18.

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In response to Commissioner Highlander's question, Director of Parks and Recreation Matt Folz stated yurts are soft-sided canvas cabins. He noted that air conditioning units could be added to them to extend the camping season.

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 Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Smith, "Aye", and Chairman Eversole, "Aye". Commissioner Shipley stepped away during the vote. Total present – 10. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 10. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

33:10

RESOLUTION NO. 1123-19 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE NORTH CHICKAMAUGA CREEK CONSERVANCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,000 TO SUPPORT THE CONTINUED WORK OF THE AGENCY IN ITS EFFORTS TO PROTECT LAND THROUGHOUT THE WATERSHED FOR PRESERVATION, EDUCATION, AND RECREATIONAL ACCESS AND ADJUST THE SUPPORTED AGENCIES EXPENDITURES BUDGET ACCORDINGLY.

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Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 1123-19 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-19. 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.

33:59 **RESOLUTION NO. 1123-20 A RESOLUTION TO REVISE RESOLUTION 823-15 TO PROPERLY REFLECT THE FUNDING OF THE STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM (SJI) GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,000 WITH NO COUNTY FUNDS MATCH REQUIRED AND TO AMEND THE ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE BUDGETS IN THE AMOUNT OF THE TOTAL PROJECT COST; TO RECEIVE THE AWARD; AND TO SIGN ANY DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THIS RESOLUTION.**

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Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 1123-20 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-20. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 1123-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ACCEPT A COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER CHATTANOOGA (CFGC) GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,000 WITH NO COUNTY FUNDS MATCH REQUIRED AND TO AMEND THE ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE BUDGETS IN THE GRANT AMOUNT TO RECEIVE THE AWARD; AND TO SIGN ANY DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THIS RESOLUTION.

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Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 1123-21 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-21. 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 Highlander, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", Commissioner Shipley, "Aye", Commissioner Smith, "Aye", and Chairman Eversole, "Aye". Commissioner Helton stepped away during the vote. Total present – 10. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 10. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

35:49 **RESOLUTION NO. 1123-22 A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE A TOTAL OF \$295,527 OF RESTRICTED OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS TO THE BELOW LISTED HAMILTON COUNTY NONPROFITS AND FAITH-BASED AGENCIES UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY INNOVATIVE RESPONSE TO OPIOIDS GRANTS COMMITTEE IN ORDER TO IMMEDIATELY DEPLOY GRASSROOTS STRATEGIES TO COMBAT OPIOIDS' DESTRUCTIVE IMPACT ON LOCAL FAMILIES AND TO ESTABLISH INNOVATIVE MODELS IN FIGHTING THE CRISIS.**

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Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 1123-22 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-22.

37:10

In response to Commissioner Baker's question, Director of Economic and Community Development Alexa LeBoeuf stated this community grant was the first opportunity to find a mechanism to take the settlement resources and distribute them directly into communities. She noted new organizations came forward for this grant, which allowed them to expand their understanding of who is in that continuum of care, distribute resources, and give them a chance to develop resources for community members.

Commissioner Baker recognized Brenda Purcell in the audience and asked her to give an update on what she has been doing to help the community.

38:30

Mrs. Purcell spoke about addiction and how it thrives in silence. She stated many parents in Hamilton County are using their professional expertise, service to the State of Tennessee, workforce development initiatives, and private sector-driven crisis management backgrounds. She noted parents are trying to unite on this matter more

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than ever and encourage everyone to continue in their personal lives where they can make a difference. She thanked the Commission for their commitment, funds, support, and what is being done in the communities working with parents.

57:54

Commissioner Highlander and Commissioner Shipley thanked Mrs. Purcell for everything she does to help stop this crisis in Hamilton County.

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.

49:22

RESOLUTION NO. 1123-23 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE HIGHEST AND BEST BID FOR CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY HAMILTON COUNTY THROUGH PREVIOUS DELINQUENT TAX SALES AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE DEEDS CONVEYING SAID PARCELS TO THE INDIVIDUALS LISTED HEREIN BELOW.

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Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 1123-23 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-23. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 1123-24 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM DAIKIN APPLIED FROM THE OMNIA PARTNERS PUBLIC SECTOR PURCHASING COOPERATIVE FOR THE BUILD OUT OF THE MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, AND PLUMBING REQUIREMENTS OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PLM 1 GARAGE AT THE CROMWELL ROAD PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$666,348.18 FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION 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. 1123-24 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-24. 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.

51:03 **RESOLUTION NO. 1123-25 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW HOLLAND TRACTOR FROM CHATTANOOGA TRACTOR AND EQUIPMENT FROM THE SOURCEWELL PURCHASING COOPERATIVE AMOUNTING TO \$157,000.00 FOR THE HIGHWAY 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 No. 1123-25 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-25. 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.

51:53 **RESOLUTION NO. 1123-26 A RESOLUTION TO APPLY AND ACCEPT AN APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000,000.00, REQUIRING A MATCH OF 100% OF THE TOTAL ASK 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. 1123-26 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-26. 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.

52:40 **RESOLUTION NO. 1123-27 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR ON BEHALF OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, THE HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION, TO SIGN A REVISED FUNDING CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,505,900.00 TO PROVIDE FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES TO RESIDENTS OF HAMILTON COUNTY FOR THE TIME PERIOD JULY 1, 2022, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027. THE CURRENT BUDGET AMENDMENT DOES NOT DECREASE OR CHANGE THE ANNUAL FUNDING OR**

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**EXPENSE LINE ITEMS, IT ONLY CHANGED THE FUNDING SOURCE BETWEEN
FEDERAL AND STATE.**

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 1123-27 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-27. 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.

53:39

**RESOLUTION NO. 1123-28 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR
ON BEHALF OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, THE HEALTH SERVICES
DIVISION, OPERATING AS THE HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, TO
ACCEPT A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,500.00 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO PROVIDE EXPANDED COVID-19**

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**VACCINATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS HEALTHCARE CENTER BEGINNING
DECEMBER 1, 2022, AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2023.**

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 1123-28 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-28. 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.

54:32

**RESOLUTION NO. 1123-29 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR
TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HAMILTON COUNTY TENNESSEE, THE HEALTH
SERVICES DIVISION OPERATING AS THE HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH
DEPARTMENT, TO REALLOCATE UNSPENT HEALTH PROMOTION FUNDING IN**

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**THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00 FROM FY23 TO FY24, AND AMENDING THE FY24
REVENUE AND EXPENSE BUDGET ACCORDINGLY.**

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 1123-29 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-29 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.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1123-30 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR
TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN THE TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH
DEPARTMENT FOR THE ONGOING RESPONSE AND RECOVERY OF COVID-19
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 BEGINNING JULY 1,**

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**2023, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024, THAT INCREASES THE REVENUE AND
EXPENSE BUDGETS BY \$797,832.98 NOT TO EXCEED \$8,430, 183.61.**

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 1123-30 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-30. 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.

56:25

**RESOLUTION NO. 1123-31 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR
TO INCREASE AND EXTEND THE DESIGN CONTRACT WITH HELLMUTH, OBATA
& KASSABAUM, INC. (HOK) TO INCLUDE CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION
THROUGH CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION OF THE RENOVATION AND**

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**EXPANSION OF THE SILVERDALE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY (PHASE 1) FOR AN
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$135,197.30.**

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 1123-31 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-31. 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.

57:13 **RESOLUTION NO. 1123-32 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE QUOTE FROM GT DISTRIBUTORS, INC. FROM THE BUYBOARD PURCHASING COOPERATIVE FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT RIFLES AND ACCESSORIES, AMOUNTING TO A TOTAL OF \$170,850.69 FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY**

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**SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY
CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 1123-32 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-32. 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.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1123-33 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A
LICENSE PLATE READER SYSTEM, AMOUNTING TO A TOTAL OF \$1,184,929.16
FROM MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC., FROM TENNESSEE STATE CONTRACT
SWC-450 FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND AUTHORIZING**

58:04

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

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 1123-33 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Chauncey, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-33.

59:23

In response to Commissioner Highlander's question, Hamilton County Sheriff Austin Garrett stated not overreach; however, he understands and appreciates the concerns. He noted the State of Tennessee administers the LPR system. He stated the Sheriff's Office already uses this technology in every patrol vehicle, and it has been very successful. He noted the cameras do not invade privacy but are tools law enforcement can use to mitigate crime in this county. He also stated the people of this county elected him to be an efficient visionary and to implement ideas and methods to reduce crime. The LPR cameras do that. The technology and the vendor, Motorola Solutions Inc., have been vetted by the Sheriff's Office and the state. He noted he would not propose this if he felt it goes against the vision of the Sheriff's Office, which is leading the way in law enforcement.

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1:03:38 In response to Commissioner Helton's question, Sheriff Garrett stated Motorola Solutions Inc. has a 90-day retention period, and there is a claw back if they choose not to proceed with the license plate readers.

1:04:27 In response to Commissioner Smith's question, Sheriff Garrett stated the collected information stored would be a picture with a time stamp, a date, and information on specific details where the image occurred. He noted this gives law enforcement agencies who utilize this program efficient means of locating stolen vehicles and vehicles involved in a crime.

1:06:56 Richard Repulser, residing at 1034 Red Robin Lane, addressed the Commission with concerns about the data being stored with Motorola Solutions Inc., not the Sheriff's Office. He requested the funds be used on something other than a citizen's surveillance tool, which will track their every movement.

1:10:00 In response to Commissioner Beck's question, Sheriff Garrett stated Motorola Solutions Inc. is the only approved vendor in Tennessee. He noted the information has to be deleted after 90 days, and there is no third-party sharing. He also stated the license plate readers have nothing to do with speed or red-light cameras.

1:11:32 Tonya Miller, residing in East Ridge, Tennessee, stated she is uncomfortable with license plate readers. She noted she supports hiring more law enforcement

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officers, but the license plate readers will lead Hamilton County into tyranny. She also stated the plate readers may be legal, but that does not make them right.

1:14:41 Sheriff Garrett stated the grant is very specific on what the funds can be used for. He noted it is not county taxpayer money but federal and state money with a no-match and can not be used for anything else.

1:15:04 In response to Commissioner Baker, Sheriff Garrett stated the Sheriff's Department has been reading license plates for years. He noted residents should not expect privacy in their vehicles in a public space as in other scenarios because they are in the public eye.

1:17:58 In response to Commissioner Highlander, Sheriff Garrett stated this is about keeping people safe.

1:20:13 Commissioner Mackey and Commissioner Shipley stated they would be supporting this Resolution.

Sheriff Garrett stated he appreciates the Commission and the support they give his office, but he also appreciates constituents voicing their concerns.

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

1:25:20

RESOLUTION NO. 1123-34 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM DAIKIN APPLIED FROM THE OMNIA PARTNERS PUBLIC SECTOR PURCHASING COOPERATIVE FOR HVAC AUTOMATION AND TREND LOGGING AT THE HAMILTON COUNTY JAIL AND DETENTION CENTER, AMOUNTING TO A TOTAL OF \$161,958.00 FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 1123-34 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-34. 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.

1:26:17 **RESOLUTION NO. 1123-35 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH EIS PARTNERS, LLC, FOR OFFICE SPACE FOR HAMILTON COUNTY WITH A TERM COMMENCING DECEMBER 1, 2023, AND TERMINATING JANUARY 2, 2029.**

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 1123-35 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Chauncey, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-35. The foregoing Motion was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and

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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.

1:27:06

**RESOLUTION NO. 1123-36 A RESOLUTION REVISING RESOLUTION 323-32
WHICH AUTHORIZED A NEW DATA ANALYST POSITION IN THE DEPARTMENT
OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO BE FUNDED WITH THE
UNRESTRICTED OPIOID REMEDIATION FUNDS FROM DISTRIBUTOR
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS TO INSTEAD BE FUNDED WITH RESTRICTED
OPIOID REMEDIATION FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE STATE-SUBDIVISION
OPIOID ABATEMENT FUNDS.**

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 1123-36 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-36.

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In response to Commissioner Mackey's question, Director of Economic and Community Development Alexa LeBoeuf stated the position has already been filled. She noted it will only be changing the funding source.

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.

1:28:39

RESOLUTION NO. 1123-37 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$400,000 TO THE COOLIDGE NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR HERITAGE CENTER TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF TWO NEW HISTORICAL EXHIBITS AND FUNDING \$200,000 OF SUCH APPROPRIATION FROM THE HOTEL MOTEL FUND IN FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND \$200,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2025.

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 1123-37 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-37. 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 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.

1:29:33

RESOLUTION NO. 1123-38 A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING THE RECOVERY COURT AND THE MENTAL HEALTH COURT COST CENTERS AND RELATED FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGETS FROM THE GENERAL FUND GENERAL SERVICES DIVISION TO THE GENERAL FUND UNASSIGNED DIVISION.

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 1123-38 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-38. The foregoing Motion was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and

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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. 1123-39A A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM A-1
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7038 OOLTEWAH GEORGETOWN ROAD.**

No action was taken.

1:30:30 **RESOLUTION NO. 1123-39B A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM A-1
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7038 OOLTEWAH GEORGETOWN ROAD.**

Commissioner Chauncey, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 1123-39B 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. 1123-39B. The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, “Aye”, Commissioner Chauncey, “Aye”, Commissioner Graham, “Aye”, Commissioner Helton, “Aye”, Commissioner Highlander, “Nay”, Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye”, and Commissioner Smith, “Aye. Commissioner Beck, Commissioner Shipley, and Chairman Eversole stepped away during the vote. Total present – 8. Total absent – 3. Total “Aye” votes – 7. Total “Nay” votes – 1.

1:31:25 **RESOLUTION NO. 1123-40 A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM R-5 SINGLE-WIDE MANUFACTURED HOME DISTRICT TO R-2 URBAN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9502 OAK STREET.**

Commissioner Chauncey, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 1123-40 and stated the Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Highlander, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-40. 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,

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“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. 1123-41A A RESOLUTION GRANTING LIFTING & AMENDING
OF CONDITIONS FROM RESOLUTION NUMBER 1018-26B OF PREVIOUS CASE
NUMBER 2018-0171 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8417 OLD LEE HIGHWAY.**

No action was taken.

1:32:48

**RESOLUTION NO. 1123-41B A RESOLUTION GRANTING LIFTING & AMENDING
OF CONDITIONS FROM RESOLUTION NUMBER 1018-268 OF PREVIOUS CASE
NUMBER 2018-0171 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8417 OLD LEE HIGHWAY.**

Commissioner Chauncey, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 1123-41B and stated the Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Chauncey, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-41B. The foregoing Motion was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present

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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

1:34:22 **RESOLUTION NO. 1123-42 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTIONS 722-40, 722-52, AND 822-5 IN ORDER TO REALLOCATE CERTAIN FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE FEDERAL AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOLS FUND FOR EXCELLENCE TO BE USED FOR CERTAIN UPGRADES OF HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC FACILITIES.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Chauncey, seconded by Commissioner Shipley, to adopt Resolution No. 1123-42.

1:35:58 Commissioner Sharpe stated he would like to hear dialogue on this Resolution and take it to a vote in the next Recessed Meeting.

1:36:42 Commissioner Baker stated he supports this Resolution but has no problem waiting till the next Recessed Meeting.

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1:37:25 Commissioner Graham asked Deputy Clerk Jennifer Smith to read Resolution No. 1123-42 in its entirety.

1:39:32 In response to Commissioner Highlander's question, Attorney Taylor stated since the Commissioner made his position known as the President of the Fund for Excellence, he can choose to vote or recuse himself. Either way is okay.

1:41:09 Commissioner Beck stated he would like to wait for the vote so the organizations involved can be aware of funds being retracted.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Sharpe, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to table till the November 29th, 2023 Recessed Meeting.

1:48:20 In response to Commissioner Baker's question, Chief of Finance Lee Brouner stated the funds allocated to Sankofa and the Urban League of Greater Chattanooga have not been spent. They are still in the County's possession. He noted they will need to notify the two entities to make it known it would be in their best interest not to spend the funds because the County may not reimburse them.

1:52:05 In response to Commissioner Chauncey's question, Mr. Brouner stated it would be clear if the Commission took a vote on this Resolution today.

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1:53:28 In response to Commissioner Graham's question, Mr. Brouner stated that as of today, there are no outstanding expenditures for the two entities.

1:55:12 Commissioner Helton stated with all the concerns on the reimbursement possibilities and pitfalls; he would like to vote today.

1:55:40 Commissioner Mackey stated his only reservation is bringing a resolution to the table at the eleventh hour. He noted when Howard High School and Brainerd High School are brought up in conversation, there is always confusion, so he would like to vote today.

1:56:13 Commissioner Highlander stated he does not want to impose a hardship on these organizations.

1:57:02 Mr. Brouner stated it would be cleaner and more precise if the vote on Resolution No. 1123-42 occurred today.

At this time, Commissioner Highlander withdrew his second to-table Resolution No. 1123-42. The motion to table failed due to a lack of a second.

1:57:55 Commissioner Graham stated this is a good use of money that is not being used and will help many students.

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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, “Nay”, Commissioner Chauncey, “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 – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Eversole asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

1:59:30 Commissioner Shipley announced on November 17, 2023, at 5:30 PM, in Poe’s Tavern Park, Soddy Daisy will have their Christmas Tree Lighting Event. He noted they will have a 62-foot tall Christmas tree.

1:59:58 Commissioner Baker congratulated Director of Parks and Recreation Matt Folz and his team on a successful Hamilton County Fair.

2:00:11 Commissioner Mackey and Commissioner Beck shared their concerns about the laws not being tough enough when it comes to fentanyl and guns.

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2:01:19 Commissioner Sharpe expressed his concerns with late items being brought forward during meetings. He stated he does not appreciate this happening and wishes they would start sticking to the standard order of business.

2:02:58 Commissioner Helton announced on December 1, 2023, at 4:00 PM, there will be a Christmas Tree Lighting Event at Jack Benson Heritage Park. He stated East Hamilton High School is providing the chorus, and Avail Assisted Living will provide refreshments. He encouraged everyone to come out for this special event. And enjoy the evening.

2:03:31 Commissioner Mackey voiced his concern with late-minute Resolutions and items coming in as Committee of the Whole. He stated when committees are not looking at resolutions, stuff gets overlooked, and he wants it to stop.

2:05:20 Commissioner Chauncey announced the City of East Ridge will have their annual Christmas Parade on November 18, 2023, at 6:30 PM. He noted in the event of rain, the parade will be moved to November 19, 2023.

2:05:45 Commissioner Highlander asked for thoughts and prayers for the family of Sue McDonald. He noted she was a former Hamilton County Employee who passed away this week.

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2:06:31

Commissioner Graham announced the Mainx24 parade will be on December 2, 2023, at 10:30 AM. He also announced the Lookout Valley Neighborhood Association will have its Christmas Parade on December 9, 2023, at 11:30 AM. He spoke about Howard's cafeteria needing to be increased again. He stated the old gym could be of great use to the school if it were back in service.

2:09:52

Chairman Eversole stated State Legislatures are currently having community meetings and speaking to constituents about what needs to be addressed in next year's Legislative Sessions and asked all Commissioners to pass any concerns during committee meetings on the State Legislatures. He spoke about the unveiling of Veteran's Circle last week and the fantastic attendance it brought. He thanked the Director of Operations for the Mayor's Office Jennifer Pukenas and the Director of Communications for the Mayor's Office Mary Francis Hoots for their support in putting this ceremony together. He also spoke about Wreaths Across Chattanooga. He noted they still need 22,630 additional wreaths, so every tombstone receives one.

2:11:40

Commissioner Highlander announced a Zoning Meeting on November 16, 2023, from 5:00-8:00 PM at Ooltewah High School. He encouraged anyone in District 9 or 10 to attend. He noted the Regional Planning Agency will help address questions and concerns.

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2:12:11 Commissioner Sharpe stated many citizens reached out to him on the unveiling of Veterans Circle and expressed what a great event it was for the Veterans in Hamilton County.

DELEGATIONS

Chairman Eversole asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

2:13:48 Jack Henderson, residing at 9040 Leamon Road, addressed the Commission on receiving an Air Pollution Bureau Board citation, and being treated like a criminal by the Bureau Inspector. He asked the Commission to look into his situation. He was directed to meet with the Mayor's Chief of Staff after the meeting.

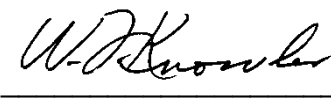
2:17:23 Director of Operations for the Mayor's Office Jennifer Pukenas announced the 2nd annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Courthouse will be November 30, 2023. She stated that activities would start at 4:00 PM, with the lighting of the Christmas Tree starting a little after 5:00 PM.

Chairman Eversole announced there will be no Commission meeting on November 22, 2023.

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There being no further business, Chairman Eversole declared the meeting in recess until Wednesday, November 29th, 2023, at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

12-06-23 WJK

Date Clerk's Initials