

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2024**

STATE OF TENNESSEE) Regular Meeting
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) December 18, 2024

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

0:09

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

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

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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.

0:40 Commissioner Beck introduced Ed Alexander, Stanley Heights United Methodist Church, to offer the invocation. Commissioner Beck led in the pledge to the flag.

2:37 Chairman Eversole called for a Legal Meeting with Commissioners and Attorney John Konvalinka in the Commission Conference Room.

3:45 Chairman Eversole called the meeting back in order.

3:50 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.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4:15

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 4, 2024, be approved, treated the same as read, made a matter of record, and filed. The foregoing Motion was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," Commissioner Smith, "Aye," and Chairman Eversole, "Aye." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

PROCUREMENT PURCHASE ORDER REPORT

4:44

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

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ORDER OF REAPPOINTMENT

An order appointing Tim Bankston as a Commissioner to the Savannah Valley Utility District Board of Commissioners, with a term beginning December 11, 2024, and expiring December 15, 2027.

Without objection, Chairman Eversole asked for Resolution Nos. 1224-31 and 1224-32 to be read together.

RESOLUTION NO. 1224-31 A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE COUNTY MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JANIE PARKS VARNELL AS HAMILTON COUNTY ATTORNEY EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025, WITH A TRANSITION PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, AND RETAINING CURRENT COUNTY ATTORNEY RHEUBIN TAYLOR AS CONTRACT COUNSEL AS SET FORTH IN RESOLUTION NUMBER 1224-32.

RESOLUTION NO. 1224-32 A RESOLUTION RETAINING CURRENT COUNTY ATTORNEY RHEUBIN TAYLOR AS CONTRACT COUNSEL FOR HAMILTON COUNTY THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to defer Resolution Nos. 1224-31 and 1224-32 to the January 8, 2025 Recessed Meeting.

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There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

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

6:48

RESOLUTION NO. 1224-20 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 TO FILE THE BONDS OF HAMILTON COUNTY 911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Sharpe, to adopt Resolution No.1224-20

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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.

7:37

RESOLUTION NO. 1224-21 A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING TWO (2) MEMBERS, AND REAPPOINTING TWO (2) COMMISSIONERS TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION COMMITTEE, FOR A TERMS BEGINNING DECEMBER 18, 2024, AND ENDING DECEMBER 18, 2026.

This will reappoint Commissioner Steve Highlander, Commissioner Gene-o Shipley, Kathy Lennon, and Frank Heery.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 1224-21.

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.

8:23

RESOLUTION NO. 1224-22 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN "AMENDED AND RESTATED STADIUM AND PARKING COMPLEX LEASE" WITH THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA AND THE STADIUM CORPORATION, LLC ON PROPERTY BEING LEASED TO THE STADIUM CORPORATION, LLC.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adopt Resolution No. 1224-22.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

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

9:10

RESOLUTION NO. 1224-37 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE PROPERTY INSURANCE RENEWAL PROPOSAL FROM ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER, INC. AT THE COMBINED PROPERTY RATE OF \$.075 PER \$100 OF INSURED VALUE FOR AN ESTIMATED ANNUAL PREMIUM OF \$564,403, INCLUDING TERRORISM COVERAGE (TRIA).

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to adopt Resolution No. 1224-37.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

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

10:07

RESOLUTION NO. 1224-23 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FIRM OF HK ARCHITECTS TO FINALIZE DESIGN OF THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER RENOVATION PROJECT.

Commissioner Helton, Chairman of the Building and Economic Development Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 1224-23 and stated the Building and Economic Development Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Helton, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adopt Resolution No. 1224-23.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows:
Commissioner Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," Commissioner Smith, "Aye," and Chairman Eversole, "Aye." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

10:52 **RESOLUTION NO. 1224-24 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF CHEMPRO SERVICES, INC., FOR ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT UNIT PRICING, WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR THREE (3) ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR TERMS, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025, FOR HERBICIDE APPLICATION SERVICES FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 1224-24.

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.

11:44

RESOLUTION NO. 1224-25 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF SIX FLAGS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 14 TO VETERANS TREATMENT COURT.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 1224-25.

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.

Without objection, Commissioner Smith asked that Resolution Nos. 1224-26 through 1224-29 be read together.

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12:01

RESOLUTION NO. 1224-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR ON BEHALF OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, THE HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION, OPERATING AS THE HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, TO SIGN A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000,000.00 FOR HEALTH CARE SAFETY NET PRIMARY AND DENTAL CARE SERVICES TO UNINSURED ADULTS 19-64 YEARS OF AGE IN HAMILTON COUNTY AT THE HOMELESS HEALTH CARE CENTER FOR THE TIME PERIOD JULY 1, 2024, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 1224-27 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR ON BEHALF OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, THE HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION OPERATION AS THE HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO SIGN A CONTINUATION CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE TIME PERIOD JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2030, IN AN AMOUNT OF \$1,150,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR THE COORDINATION OF FETAL INFANT MORTALITY REVIEW AND COMMUNITY INFANT MORTALITY REDUCTION SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S GUIDELINES.

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RESOLUTION NO. 1224-28 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR ON BEHALF OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, THE HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION, OPERATING AS THE HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT FOR \$2,811,450.00 WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BY ADDING AN ADDITIONAL \$88,575.00 IN FUNDS FOR THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES FOR THE 5 YEAR TIME PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022, TO JUNE 30, 2027.

RESOLUTION NO. 1224-29 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR ON BEHALF OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, THE HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION OPERATING AS THE HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PHYSICIAN SERVICES WITH REBECCA MARTIN, MD, TO PROVIDE SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES TO THE CLIENTS OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S HOMELESS HEALTH CARE CENTER.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution Nos. 1224-26 through 1224-29.

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14:58

In response to Commissioner Mackey's question, Sonia Calvin, the Interim Administrator for the Health Department, stated the entire \$4 million will not be allocated to the Hamilton County Health Department. She noted the total revenue received last year for dental care services was between \$10,000.00 - \$11,000.00. She stated the funds are based on the number of extractions done by the dental department. A quarterly report is submitted to the state, where they are reimbursed. She noted dental services are a small fraction of the resources available at the Homeless Health Care Center.

17:11

Ms. Calvin stated Resolution 1224-29 will allow Dr. Martin to provide physician services for program consultation, expertise staff provider orientation, and opioid dependency treatment.

18:01

Commissioner Mackey stated family finances have been a growing problem across this country

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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.

20:14

RESOLUTION NO. 1224-30A A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TOTALING \$200,000 TO THE HUMANE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY DURING FISCAL YEAR 2025 TO CONTINUE CRITICAL ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES BY REALLOCATING FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE FEDERAL AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) AND PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND, AND TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BUDGET ACCORDINGLY.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 1224-30A.

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21:07 Commissioner Smith stated they have had various conversations about how to assist this organization, primarily regarding back taxes owed.

21:32 Assistant Financial Administrator Vonda Patrick stated she has revised Resolutions 1224-30A and 1224-30B due to finding an excess of \$40,000.00 in Hamilton County Schools funding that can not be used by the approaching deadline. She noted they will release those funds back to the county to reallocate.

23:06 Commissioner Smith clarified that over \$30,000.00 of general fund money would be used, and the new resolution stated no general funds would be used; it would be all American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars.

24:34 Commissioner Graham believes all the funds need to go to the County's Park and Recreation Department. He noted the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, Matt Folz, has assured him they can spend the ARPA funds before the deadline. He stated that when funds are spent through the Parks and Rec Department, it benefits not only Hamilton County but also all municipalities.

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28:30 Commissioner Graham stated Hamilton County Trustee Bill Hullander has been in contact with the state regarding the Humane Society's delinquent property tax bills, and they may be able to step in and help.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to table Resolution No. 1224-30A.

29:02 Hamilton County Trustee Bill Hullander addressed the Commission and stated that he had talked with state officials about helping HES get out from under the taxes owed. He noted a similar case for a Church that successfully received tax relief and noted a state representative sponsored the matter. Mr. Hullander shared he believes a state representative can seek to accomplish the same thing for HES.

31:17 Commissioner Smith reminded everyone that a motion to table is not debatable, and they can only ask for clarification.

31:48 In response to Commissioner Highlander's question, Commissioner Graham stated if the state does not comply, the county will donate money from the general fund to pay their back taxes.

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33:27 Commissioner Sharpe stated Resolution No. 1224-30A provides additional funding totaling \$200,000.00 to continue critical animal control programs, not for back taxes. He noted not voting for this resolution would reduce services primarily to the unincorporated portion of Hamilton County.

The foregoing Motion to table 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, "Nay," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Nay," Commissioner Sharpe, "Nay," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," Commissioner Smith, "Aye," and Chairman Eversole, "Aye." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 4.

38:55 **RESOLUTION NO. 1224-30B A RESOLUTION TO REALLOCATE CERTAIN FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE FEDERAL AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FROM PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PROJECTS WITH AVAILABLE FUNDS TO VARIOUS PARKS AND RECREATION PROJECTS AND EMERGENCY PROJECTS.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 1224-30B.

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39:01

In response to Commissioner Sharpe's question, the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, Matt Folz, stated he would provide the commissioners with a list of projects the funds would go towards.

Commissioner Sharpe expressed his frustration with using parliamentary procedures to avoid paying for vital county services required under the constitution to fund discretionary projects. He noted he would support this resolution but did not support how it was handled.

42:06

Commissioner Graham stated since this is the last meeting of the year, the ARPA funds have to be dedicated to something today, and Mr. Folz has assured the commission that the funds can be spent before the deadline. He noted the Humane Society has over \$700,000.00 in rainy-day funds, and they had no plan to use the ARPA funds to pay back taxes. He noted by taking the tax burden off them, the county can also help the Parks and Recreation Department, which helps all municipalities in Hamilton County at the same time. He stated the county is dedicated to helping the Humane Society with half a million dollars in back taxes if they have to dip into their rainy-day funds, so they are not denying any services. He noted the scope of what the Humane Society does is terrific, but it is way past what Hamilton County hired them to do in their contract, or what they are required to do by state law.

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There were no questions from the audience.

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

49:44 **RESOLUTION NO. 1224-33 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE HAMILTON COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS TO AMEND ARTICLE V. GENERAL PROVISION BY ADDING STANDARDS FOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS.**

Resolution No. 1224-33 was deferred sixty days during the December 11, 2024, Zoning Committee.

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RESOLUTION NO. 1224-34 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE HAMILTON COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS TO AMEND ARTICLE II. DEFINITIONS AND ADD A NEW P-R PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT AND TO AMEND ARTICLE VI. SPECIAL PERMITS BY HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION TO ADD A RURAL RETREAT.

Resolution No. 1224-34 was deferred sixty days during the December 11, 2024, Zoning Committee.

50:38 In response to Commissioner Highlander's question, Commissioner Chauncey stated the vote has been planned to occur after Plan Hamilton is brought to the commission for a vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 1224-35A A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM A-1 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, R-2A RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT & C-2 LOCAL BUSINESS COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO R-3 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR THE UNADDRESSED PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE 8700 BLOCK OF EAST BRAINERD ROAD.

No Action Taken.

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50:51

**RESOLUTION NO. 1224-35B A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM A-1
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, R-2A RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT & C-2 LOCAL
BUSINESS COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO R-3 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
DISTRICT FOR THE UNADDRESSED PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE 8700 BLOCK
OF EAST BRAINERD ROAD.**

Commissioner Chauncey, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 1224-35B and stated the Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Chauncey, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 1124-35B.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

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

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stepped away during the vote. Total present – 10. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 10. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

52:05

RESOLUTION NO. 1224-36 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE HAMILTON COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS TO AMEND ARTICLE IV, SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT REGULATIONS TO REPLACE HAMILTON COUNTY BUILDING INSPECTIONS OFFICE WITH HAMILTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTAL CERTIFICATES.

Commissioner Chauncey, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 1124-36 and stated the Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Chauncey, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to adopt Resolution No. 1124-36.

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:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Eversole asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

53:25

Commissioner Shipley wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

53:33

Commissioner Baker spoke about his daughter, who lives in Miami and works for the most prominent alternative investment company, Blackstone. He noted she was awarded number one in the company for reaching out to the nonprofit community and volunteering her time.

54:41

Commissioner Smith wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. He asked everyone to keep Councilwoman Carol Berz's family in their thoughts and prayers after her unexpected passing last week.

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55:24 Commissioner Mackey spoke of the extraordinary public servant Councilwoman Berz was and how attentive she was to everyones needs.

56:29 Commissioner Sharpe and Commissioner Highlander wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season.

56:51 Commissioner Highlander thanked all county employees for everything they do to help the county run smoothly. He also stated his grandson came home last week after six months with the Army and will start college after the holidays.

57:40 Commissioner Graham sent his condolences to the Berz's family. He stated she was a wonderful lady who will be greatly missed. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

58:29 Attorney Taylor wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

59:16 Chief Operating Officer for the Mayor's Office, David Roddy, asked everyone to keep County and City employees across our area who will not have the holidays off in your thoughts and prayers.

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1:00:17 Chairman Eversole thanked police officers, firefighters, and the county crew for everything they do. He noted many work on the holidays and can not be home with family.

DELEGATIONS

Chairman Eversole asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

1:03:47 Monty Bell, a homeless journalist for the Grey-haired Foxx, stated he resides at 727 East 11th Street. He spoke about an upcoming City Mayor race and wrote a letter to the Hamilton County Election Commission about his frustration regarding an experience in December 2020.

1:07:18 Governmental Affairs Director for the Real Estate Association Josh Branum, with offices at 2963 Aminocola Highway, provided the Commission with the November Market housing statistics. A copy of the report has been filed with the Clerk's Office. He also wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

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There being no further business, Chairman Eversole declared the meeting in recess until Tuesday, December 31st, 2024, at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

01-15-24

WJK

Date

Clerk's Initials