

MINUTES
CHEATHAM COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY
REGULAR SESSION
July 20, 2015

BE IT THEREFORE REMEMBERED, That the Cheatham County Legislative Body met in the General Sessions Courtroom, Ashland City, Tennessee, on July 20, 2015 in Regular Session. Chairman Mr. Donnie Jordan and County Clerk Ms. Teresa Gupton presided. County Mayor Mr. David McCullough and County Attorney Mr. Michael Bligh attended.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BETTY RAMSEY	DONNIE JORDAN
GARY BINKLEY	WALTER WEAKLEY
ANN JARREAU	DIANA PIKE
TIM WILLIAMSON	EUGENE O. EVANS, SR.
DALE MCCARVER	SHANON PICKARD
CONNIE MAYO	JIMMY HEDGEPATH

PUBLIC FORUM: Chairman Mr. Donnie Jordan opened Public Forum at 7:01P.M.

Mr. Wade Reed, 6th District, Member of the Equalization Board, spoke regarding the complaint to the Commission about the Equalization Board. Mr. Reed explained this particular citizen had been before the board several times and was not being granted a tax relief due to the amount the property was sold for in 2009. The Citizen wanted to use the amount the property was purchase for at a short sale but Tennessee law does not use short sale price as accurate value. Mr. Reed went to the property for a field inspection and did lower the value for a damaged concrete pad. Mr. Reed stated he felt the citizen was treated fairly and invited the Commission to attend the meetings held on the first two weeks in June.

Mr. James Cripps, 5th district, stated his homeowners insurance contacted him to significantly increase the cost of his premiums due to the closing of Two Rivers Fire Department. County Mayor Mr. David McCullough advised Mr. Cripps to contact Emergency Management Agency Director Mr. Edwin Hogan for assistance in resolving this issue.

Ms. Brandi Ghergia, Director of Chamber of Commerce, announced the upcoming events, The Mayor's Back to School Bash on August 1st on the Courthouse Lawn and the End of Life Dinner and Discussion on August 20th at the Senior Citizen Center. The Chamber of Commerce will be hosting Destination University Webinars to Cheatham County Citizens for free; dates and times are available online.

Ms. Sandra Gregory, 4th District, stated the last Cruise-In was canceled due to weather. Ms. Gregory invited everyone to attend and spread the word of the upcoming Cruise-In on August 7th at Riverbluff Park.

Public Forum closed at 7:15 P.M.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER by Deputy Sheriff Mr. Shannon Heflin at 7:15 P.M.

Invocation was offered by Mr. Ronnie Barron.

County Clerk Ms. Teresa Gupton called the roll. There being Twelve Commissioners present, Chairman Mr. Donnie Jordan declared a Quorum. See Resolution 1.

Motion was made by Mr. Walter Weakley, seconded by Ms. Diana Pike to approve the Agenda for the July 20, 2015 Legislative Body Meeting by adding Koorsen Fire & Security contract under the Budget Segment.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 2.

Motion was made by Mr. Gary Binkley, seconded by Ms. Ann Jarreau, to approve the Minutes from the June 29, 2015 Regular Session Commission meeting.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 3.

COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mr. Gary Binkley stated the Capital Improvements discussion for the Court Clerk and Sheriff's Office will be postponed until August 10th at 4:30 P.M in the General Sessions Courtroom.

Mr. Walter Weakley commended The Budget Department, the County Clerk's Office and County Attorney for assistance last month in the passing of the 2015-16 Budget.

Road Superintendent, Mr. Carl Cothorn invited the Commission to attend a meeting at the Cheatham County Library on July 27th at 6 P.M. for a Transportation Coalition Presentation about the Federal Highway Trust Fund and the need for additional transportation funding.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairman Mr. Donnie Jordan, stated County Technical Assistant Services will meet with the Commission next month to discuss the Tax Freeze Act.

Audit Committee Chairman, Mr. Zack Clayton presented the Commission with a packet on Audit Committee guidelines and procedures.

County Attorney, Mr. Michael Bligh stated he spoke with the Attorney for the Department of Environment and Conservation and that the Department is unlikely to resolve the issue with the Narrows of The Harpeth Road without a lawsuit.

Motion was made by Mr. Jimmy Hedgepath, seconded by Mr. Walter Weakley to permit County Attorney Mr. Michael Bligh to initiate a lawsuit with the State of Tennessee to resolve the issue with the Narrows of The Harpeth Road.

Motion approved by roll call vote 12Yes 0 No 0 Absent. See Resolution 4.

Betty Ramsey	Yes	Donnie Jordan	Yes
Gary Binkley	Yes	Walter Weakley	Yes
Ann Jarreau	Yes	Diana Pike	Yes
Tim Williamson	Yes	Eugene O. Evans, Sr.	Yes
Dale McCarver	Yes	Shanon Pickard	Yes
Connie Mayo	Yes	Jimmy Hedgepath	Yes

Veterans Service Officer Mr. Bob Counter and VFW Memorial Post 6181 Commander Mr. Harold Hodges presented a Special Recognition to County Mayor Mr. David McCullough and the County Commission for their support and help with the Poppy Sale for the Veterans.

Veterans Service Officer Mr. Bob Counter presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the County Mayor Mr. David McCullough and the County Commission for their support and help with the 3rd annual Memorial Day Celebration.

NEW BUSINESS

COUNTY MAYOR- MR. DAVID MCCULLOUGH: County Mayor Mr. David McCullough reported the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) account balance was \$121,601.32.

County Mayor Mr. David McCullough recommended, motion was made by Mr. Gary Binkley, seconded by Mr. Shannon Pickard to approve a letter of agreement with Ashland City for Emergency Services in the Two Rivers Fire District.

County Attorney Approved.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 5.

County Mayor Mr. David McCullough recommended, motion was made by Mr. Gary Binkley, seconded by Ms. Diana Pike to approve the following reappointments to the 911 Emergency Board:

Bill Herbert, Sr. beginning 1-1-2014 and ending 12-31-2017

Scott Wilcutt beginning 1-1-2014 and ending 12-31-2017

James Gupton beginning 1-1-2014 and ending 12-31-2017

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 6.

County Mayor Mr. David McCullough stated that he would recommend that the Joint Economic and Community Development Board fund an engineering study on the raising of Tennessee Waltz Parkway and its effects on the Town of Ashland City.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT – MR. FRANKLIN WILKINSON: Information was included in packet.

DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS- MS. TARA PATTERSON: Budget Committee Recommended, motion was made by Mr. Gary Binkley, seconded by Ms. Connie Mayo to authorize a Fire Station Capital Outlay Note not to exceed \$450,000.00.

*Funding Source: Note Proceeds
Budget Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent*

Motion approved by roll call vote 12Yes 0 No 0 Absent. See Resolution 7.

Betty Ramsey	Yes	Donnie Jordan	Yes
Gary Binkley	Yes	Walter Weakley	Yes
Ann Jarreau	Yes	Diana Pike	Yes
Tim Williamson	Yes	Eugene O. Evans, Sr.	Yes
Dale McCarver	Yes	Shanon Pickard	Yes
Connie Mayo	Yes	Jimmy Hedgepath	Yes

Motion was made by Mr. Gary Binkley, seconded by Ms. Diana Pike to approve the Koorsen Fire and Security contract not to exceed \$32,000.00.

County Mayor Mr. David McCullough has requested a 90 day extension to the contract.

*Funding Source: County General Fund Balance
Budget Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent*

Motion approved by roll call vote 12Yes 0 No 0 Absent. See Resolution 8.

Betty Ramsey	Yes	Donnie Jordan	Yes
Gary Binkley	Yes	Walter Weakley	Yes
Ann Jarreau	Yes	Diana Pike	Yes
Tim Williamson	Yes	Eugene O. Evans, Sr.	Yes
Dale McCarver	Yes	Shanon Pickard	Yes
Connie Mayo	Yes	Jimmy Hedgepath	Yes

Budget Director Ms. Tara Patterson explained that with the new Director of State and Local Finance, counties can no longer borrow money until the County's Budget has been approved through the State Comptroller's Office.

Budget Director Ms. Tara Patterson explained that any monies needed for capital improvements and vehicles can take a while unless funded with the fund balance from last year or with a tax revenue anticipation note.

Budget Director Ms. Tara Patterson stated that all step raises, longevity and cost of living raises will be given retro once the Budget is approved by the State Comptroller's office.

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – MR. DARRYL PHILLIPS – Information was included in packet.

OTHER COUNTY OFFICIALS

COUNTY CLERK- MS. TERESA GUPTON: Ms. Gupton stated a copy of Building Codes Director Mr. Franklin Wilkinson's Bond, Register of Deeds annual financial report, Sheriff's Office annual financial report, Chancery Court annual financial report and the County Clerks annual financial report are all on file in the Clerk's Office.

COUNTY TRUSTEE – MS. DOT JONES: The Trustee's Month to Date June 2015 Report was included in the packet.

SHERIFF – MR. MIKE BREEDLOVE: Information was included in the packet.

COUNTY SERVICES

UT EXTENSION- MR. RONNIE BARRON: Mr. Barron gave a report on the Extension highlights that were included in the packet. Mr. Barron extended his gratitude to the Commission for approving the first county funded UT Extension Agent.

VETERANS SERVICES – MR. ROBERT COUNTER: Veterans Service Officer Mr. Robert Counter read the names and called for a moment of silence for the military servicemen who were killed in the attacks on Chattanooga's military facilities.

COUNTY ATTORNEY- MR. MICHAEL BLIGH: County Attorney Mr. Michael Bligh invited questions.

STANDING COMMITTEES

BEER BOARD – Ms. Diana Pike stated they did meet. A copy of the minutes were included in packet.

EDUCATION – Mr. Tim Williamson stated they did meet and discussed the Budget that was passed.

EMERGENCY SERVICES – Mr. Donnie Jordan stated next month's meeting will be discussing the merger of the Fire Departments.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – Mr. Gary Binkley stated they did meet. Mr. Binkley gave a report on the Minutes included in the packet.

CALENDAR, RULES AND NOMINATING- Mr. Dale McCarver stated they did not meet.

County Technical Assistance Service will meet with the County on August 6th at 6:00 P.M. in the Circuit Courtroom about the Tax Freeze Act.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE- Mr. Dale McCarver stated they did not meet.

ROAD AND BRIDGE – Mr. Walter Weakley stated they did meet in June.

Road and Bridge Committee recommended, motion was made by Mr. Walter Weakley, seconded by Mr. Jimmy Hedgepath to remove 1/10th of Rediker Road from the County Road List.

Road and Bridge Committee Vote: 6 Yes 0 No 0 Absent

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 9.

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT- Mr. Gary Binkley stated they did meet. There was discussion on the development of the A.O. Smith property.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Diana Pike congratulated the South Cheatham eleven year old girls on becoming State Champions.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion was made by Mr. Gary Binkley, seconded by Ms. Connie Mayo to approve the following applicants for Notary Public:

Notaries

<i>Karla Capps</i>	<i>Larry D. Craig</i>	<i>Jessica Elvira</i>
<i>Esther Fink</i>	<i>Marsha Jennette</i>	<i>Cynthia Leonard</i>
<i>Diana L. Lynch</i>	<i>Connie Sue Miller</i>	<i>Jamie Mrzena</i>
<i>Daniel W. Small</i>	<i>William P. Smith</i>	<i>Magdalena Van Eeden</i>
<i>Pearl Elizabeth Wright</i>	<i>Michele D. Anderson</i>	<i>Katherine Martin</i>
<i>Elizabeth McCarver</i>	<i>Vicky Lynn Porter</i>	<i>Bob Riddle</i>

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution10.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS

County Mayor Mr. David McCullough extended his gratitude for everyone who attended his prayer service on Sunday. Mr. McCullough stated he appreciates everyone's thoughts and prayers.

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Mr. Dale McCarver, seconded by Ms. Connie Mayo to adjourn at 9:00 P.M.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 11.

County Clerk

Legislative Body Chairman