

**MINUTES**  
**CHEATHAM COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**September 21, 2015**

BE IT THEREFORE REMEMBERED, That the Cheatham County Legislative Body met in the General Sessions Courtroom, Ashland City, Tennessee, on September 21, 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-LOVELL
TIM WILLIAMSON	EUGENE O. EVANS, SR.
DALE MCCARVER	SHANON PICKARD
CONNIE MAYO	JIMMY HEDGEPATH

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Chairman Mr. Donnie Jordan opened Public Forum at 7:00 P.M.

Ms. Claudette Fizer, Family and Community involvement coordinator for the Cheatham County School District, informed the community of a new program, Readyrosie.com. The Program is to inform and prepare parents and caregivers for school readiness and parent engagement. Cheatham County is the first in the state of Tennessee to offer this program.

Mr. Jeff Bennett, Communications Director for Cheatham County Board of Education, honored the Cheatham County School District's Employees of the Month for August. Mr. Bennett invited everyone to attend a visit from Congresswoman Ms. Diana Black at Sycamore High School on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Madeline Harrison, 10 years old, District 2, Ms. Harrison has volunteered at Cheatham County Animal Control since age nine. Ms. Harrison stated that Mr. T.J. Jordi was her role model after seeing his hard work and commitment to the Animals of Cheatham County.

Jessica Harrison, District 2, commended Mr. T.J. Jordi for his leadership skills and hard work that he demonstrates at Cheatham County Animal Control.

Ms. Brandi Ghergia, Director of Chamber of Commerce, announced the upcoming Business Expo and Burger Cook off this Saturday at Riverbluff Park from 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Ms. Alexia Bessler, spoke in favor of Cheatham County Animal Control. Ms. Bessler stated that while volunteering at the facility she always felt welcomed and saw the animals were treated with the upmost respect.

Ms. Sandra Gregory, 4<sup>th</sup> District, stated the previous Cruise-In was a success. Ms. Gregory stated the last Cruise-In of the season will be held on October 2 at Riverbluff Park. Ms. Gregory encouraged everyone to spread the word.

Public Forum closed at 7:12 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING: Chairman Mr. Donnie Jordan opened Public Hearing at 7:12 P.M.

The following was advertised to be heard:

1. Mr. Brian McCain, representing Daniel Demonbreun, Requesting a Zone Change from Agriculture to R-1 to be able to subdivide the property leaving the existing home on a smaller lot. Property is located at 252 Charlie Reed Road, Chapmansboro, TN.; map 17 parcel 14.04 consisting of 12.07 acres. Property is in the 4<sup>th</sup> voting district and has some flood zone A touching the property.

*No one spoke for or against this change.*

Public Hearing closed at 7:15 P.M.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER by Sheriff Mr. Mike Breedlove 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.

County Clerk Ms. Teresa Gupton assumed the Chair.

County Clerk Ms. Teresa Gupton asked for nominations for the purpose of electing a Chairperson for the Legislative Body for Fiscal Year September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016.

Motion was made by Mr. Dale McCarver, seconded by Ms. Diana Pike-Lovell to nominate Mr. Donnie Jordan for Chairperson of the County Legislative Body.

Ms. Connie Mayo and Mr. Gary Binkley called for all nominations to cease.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 2.

Chairman Mr. Donnie Jordan assumed the Chair.

Chairman Mr. Donnie Jordan asked for nominations for the purpose of electing a Pro Tem for the Legislative Body for Fiscal Year September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016.

Motion was made by Ms. Betty Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Walter Weakley to nominate Mr. Gary Binkley for Pro Tem of the County Legislative Body.

Ms. Connie Mayo and Ms. Diana Pike-Lovell called for all nominations to cease.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 3.

Motion was made by Mr. Walter Weakley, seconded by Mr. Eugene O. Evans, Sr. to approve the Agenda for the September 21, 2015 Legislative Body Meeting.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 4.

Motion was made by Ms. Diana Pike-Lovell, seconded by Mr. Gary Binkley, to approve the Minutes from the August 11, 2015 Regular Session Commission meeting.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 5.

#### COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mr. Eugene O. Evans, Sr. stated the Animal Control report in the packet was not accurate. Chairman, Mr. Donnie Jordan recommended the County Mayors Office look into the issue. County Mayor Mr. David McCullough invited Mr. Evans to contact his office. Mayor Mr. McCullough stated he felt the reports were accurate as far as monthly statistics and the issue was possible between Mr. T.J. Jordi and Mr. Eugene O. Evans, Sr.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Human Resources Director Mr. Clyde White requested Mr. Dale McCarver to reiterate what he requested of Mr. White on the 457 Plan.

Mr. Dale McCarver explained to Mr. White he wanted the employees informed of the possible change.

Human Resources Director Mr. Clyde White stated he would send out a letter informing all employees of the possible change.

Motion was made by Mr. Gary Binkley, seconded by Mr. Walter Weakley to send the comprehensive Resolution drafted by the County Attorney on Litigation Taxes to Budget Committee for review.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 6.

Chairman Mr. Donnie Jordan stated that Building Commissioner Mr. Franklin Wilkinson requested the adoption of the 2012 International Residential Codes be moved to the October Meeting.

After discussion, County Mayor Mr. David McCullough stated his office will take bids on the Master Plan for City/County Riverfront Property. Mayor McCullough requested Mr. Gary Binkley contact Budget Director Ms. Tara Patterson for direction on the RFP.

#### 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 and that the Workforce Essentials Fast Facts Sheet was included in the packet.

Motion was made by Ms. Connie Mayo, seconded by Mr. Tim Williamson to approve an amendment of contract in lieu of performance bond for the Cheatham County Sanitary Landfill.

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

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

County Mayor Mr. David McCullough reappointed Mr. Bobby Gibbs to the East Montgomery Utility District for a term beginning November 2015 and ending November 2019.

Mr. Robert Jenner, Treasurer of the Cheatham County Animal Awareness Foundation Inc. presented a presentation on Animal Awareness.

County Mayor Mr. David McCullough announced his upcoming surgery on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman, Mr. Donnie Jordan wished the Mayor a successful Surgery.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT – MR. FRANKLIN WILKINSON:** Motion was made by Mr. Walter Weakley, seconded by Mr. Eugene O. Evans, Sr. to approve a zone change for Mr. Daniel Demonbreun from Agriculture to R-1 on property located at 1252 Charlie Reed Road, Chapmansboro, TN.; map 17 parcel 14.04.

*Planning Commission Vote: 6 Yes 0 No 3 Absent*

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

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

**DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS- MS. TARA PATTERSON:** Budget Committee Recommended, motion was made by Mr. Tim Williamson, seconded by Mr. Gary Binkley to approve a Three-Year School Paving Project Capital Outlay Note not to exceed \$511,000.00.

Mr. Walter Weakley called for Question.

*Funding Source: Education Debt Service Note Proceeds  
Budget Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent  
Education Vote: 6 Yes 0 No 0 Absent*

Motion approved by roll call vote 12 Yes 0 No 0 Absent. See Resolution 9.

Betty Ramsey	Yes	Donnie Jordan	Yes
Gary Binkley	Yes	Walter Weakley	Yes
Ann Jarreau	Yes	Diana Pike-Lovell	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 stated the County's Budget has not been approved by the State Comptroller's Office.

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

County Mayor Mr. David McCullough announced Tennessee Department of Tourist Development reported that tourism revenues in Cheatham County were up 2.9%.

#### OTHER COUNTY OFFICIALS

COUNTY CLERK- MS. TERESA GUPTON: The Circuit Court and General Sessions Annual Financial Report is on file in the Clerk's Office.

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

SHERIFF – MR. MIKE BREEDLOVE: Sheriff, Mr. Breedlove gave a report on the information included in the packet. Sheriff Mr. Breedlove announced the upcoming F.O.P. Car Show at Riverbluff Park on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Chairman Mr. Donnie Jordan set the date of October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. for IC Thomasson Associates, Inc. to present their completed jail study. The completed report includes priorities of what needs to be addressed.

#### COUNTY SERVICES

UT EXTENSION- MR. RONNIE BARRON: Mr. Barron gave a report on the Extension highlights that were included in the packet.

VETERANS SERVICES – MR. ROBERT COUNTER: Mr. Walter Weakley announced the upcoming VFW Fish Fry at the Tucker Empson Building on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

COUNTY ATTORNEY- MR. MICHAEL BLIGH: County Attorney Mr. Michael Bligh stated that a constituent is wanting to open a business bottling water from a spring located on their property zoned Agriculture. Agriculture Zoning does not currently include this as a legal use.

County Attorney Mr. Bligh recommended the Commission to consider making an amendment to the Zoning Resolution, listing this as an Agriculture use.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

BEER BOARD – Ms. Diana Pike-Lovell stated they did not meet.

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

EMERGENCY SERVICES – Mr. Donnie Jordan stated Emergency Management Agency was issuing a letter to Cheatham County citizens explaining the Fire Department merger and the insurance issue resulting from the merger.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – Mr. Gary Binkley stated they did meet. They discussed demolition of building 19 and constructing a new building.

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

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

ROAD AND BRIDGE – Mr. Walter Weakley stated they did not meet.

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT- Mr. Gary Binkley stated they did meet.

Mr. Dale McCarver criticized the “list of barriers to Cheatham County” published by the Cheatham County Chamber of Commerce. Mr. McCarver stated everyone should focus on reasons to come to Cheatham County.

Mr. Gary Binkley requested the Records Committee to research County Offices charging an archive fee to fund a county archivist.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion was made by Mr. Dale McCarver, seconded by Mr. Tim Williamson to approve the Consent Calendar with the following applicants for Notary Public:

#### Notaries

*Jennifer J. Abbott*  
*Gary S. Chance*  
*Phyllis L. Jones*  
*Mary Anne Saxton*

*Glenda Albright*  
*Elizabeth Collins*  
*Taite W. Neal*  
*Susan E. Taylor*

*T. Shayne Bell*  
*Brenda L. Goad*  
*Crystal M. Palmore*  
*Cecilia L. Towne*

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution10.

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Mr. Walter Weakley, seconded by Mr. Dale McCarver to adjourn at 9:55 P.M.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 11.

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County Clerk

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Legislative Body Chairman