

**MINUTES  
CHEATHAM COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY  
REGULAR SESSION  
NOVEMBER 17, 2014**

BE IT THEREFORE REMEMBERED, That the Cheatham County Legislative Body met in the General Sessions Courtroom, Ashland City, Tennessee, on November 17, 2014 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 7:00 P.M.

Ms. Aubrey Harris, 726 Scoutview Drive, Ashland City, Tennessee, spoke in favor of the 5% across the board raise for Cheatham County School Employees.

Ms. Janice Baldwin, 233 Hillcrest Drive, Ashland City, Tennessee, property owner on Chapmansboro Road, requested the commissioners draft a resolution to allow property owners in the Sycamore Harbor area to utilize seasonal property with motor homes.

Ms. Jo Jones, Adult Education Supervisor for Cheatham County Schools, spoke in favor of the 5% across the board raise for Cheatham County School Employees.

Dr. Ryan Longnecker, Harpeth High School Principal, commended his teachers and staff and spoke in favor of the 5% across the board raise for Cheatham County School Employees.

Mr. David Mixon, 1714 Sycamore Beach Court, Chapmansboro, Tennessee, spoke in favor of the R2 zoning for Sycamore Harbor properties with special privileges to property owners previous to R2 zoning enforcement prior to the 2010 flood.

Public Forum closed at 7:10 P.M.

**THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** by Sheriff Mr. Mike Breedlove at 7:10 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. Ann Jarreau to approve the Agenda for the November 17, 2014 Legislative Body Meeting.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 2.

Motion was made by Ms. Ann Jarreau, seconded by Mr. Walter Weakley, to approve the Minutes from the October 20, 2014 Regular Session Commission meeting.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 3.

COMMENTS, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS – Third District School Board Member, Mr. Dan Moore, asked if the Commission would consider reviewing the budget for the 5% pay increase for Cheatham County School Employees.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

County Mayor Mr. David McCullough, Chairman Mr. Donnie Jordan, Mr. Walter Weakley and Mr. Eugene O. Evans, Sr. presented a special recognition to the family of Sgt. Michael R. Day.

County Mayor Mr. David McCullough and Chairman Mr. Donnie Jordan presented a special recognition to the family of Mr. Joe A. Taylor.

County Mayor Mr. David McCullough and Chairman Mr. Donnie Jordan presented a special recognition to Veterans Service Officer Mr. Bob Counter for the Gold Star Families Memorial Highway.

#### NEW BUSINESS

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

County Mayor Mr. David McCullough invited questions.

ANIMAL CONTROL – MR. THOMAS JORDI: Information was included in the packet. Mr. Jordi stated the Open House was a success.

DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS- MS. TARA PATTERSON: Director of Schools Dr. Stan Curtis introduced Dr. Tara Watson, Chief Academic Officer, who gave a presentation on the study of Cheatham County School Employee salaries and the similarities to comparable counties.

The Budget Committee recommended, motion was made by Mr. Tim Williamson, seconded by Ms. Diana Pike to authorize a budget amendment for the General Purpose School Fund by giving a 5% across the board raise for Cheatham County School Employees in the amount of \$850,000.00.

*Funding Source: General Purpose School Fund Balance  
Budget Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent  
Education Vote: 6 Yes 0 No 0 Absent*

Mr. Gary Binkley had concerns if the monies would fund step raises and higher education raises. Mr. Binkley said overstated revenues are not fixed.

Mr. Jimmy Hedgepath stated everyone deserved a raise but was concerned the fund balance would be depleted if the board continued to fund raises from it.

Mr. Donnie Jordan stated standard county government procedures do not fund reoccurring expenditures from a fund balance.

School Director of Finance Mr. Daniel Henderson requested the county to project higher revenues for the next budget year.

Mr. Gary Binkley stated he was in favor of the pay raises, however he explained employees on the lower end of the pay scale would see a smaller increase than employees who made over \$60,000.00. Mr. Binkley read several examples demonstrating this issue.

Mr. Gary Binkley encouraged all citizens to shop locally to support our schools.

Motion was made by Mr. Gary Binkley, seconded by Mr. Eugene O. Evans, Sr., to postpone for 30 days the budget amendment for the General Purpose School Fund giving a 5% across the board raise for Cheatham County School Employees.

County Mayor Mr. David McCullough pointed out we need to invest in our education.

Ms. Diana Pike reminded everyone the elected school board oversees the school budget.

Ms. Connie Mayo was in favor of the raises but wished it would come out of this year's budget.

After discussion, motion approved by roll call vote 7 Yes 5 No 0 Absent. See Resolution 4.

Betty Ramsey	Yes	Donnie Jordan	No
Gary Binkley	Yes	Walter Weakley	Yes
Ann Jarreau	Yes	Diana Pike	No
Tim Williamson	No	Eugene O. Evans, Sr.	Yes
Dale McCarver	No	Shanon Pickard	No
Connie Mayo	Yes	Jimmy Hedgepath	Yes

Motion was made by Mr. Dale McCarver to recess the Legislative Body at 8:42 P.M.

Motion was approved by voice vote. See Resolution 5.

The Legislative Body reconvened at 8:57 P.M.

The Budget Committee recommended, motion was made by Mr. Gary Binkley, seconded by Mr. Tim Williamson, to authorize a budget amendment for the General Purpose School Fund in the amount of \$100,000.00 by adding six teaching assistants, one secretary and one finance specialist.

*Funding Source: General Purpose School Fund Balance  
Budget Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent  
Education Vote: 6 Yes 0 No 0 Absent*

Motion approved by roll call vote 8 Yes 4 No 0 Absent. See Resolution 6.

Betty Ramsey	Yes	Donnie Jordan	No
Gary Binkley	Yes	Walter Weakley	No
Ann Jarreau	Yes	Diana Pike	Yes
Tim Williamson	Yes	Eugene O. Evans, Sr.	Yes
Dale McCarver	No	Shanon Pickard	Yes
Connie Mayo	Yes	Jimmy Hedgepath	No

The Budget Committee recommended, motion was made by Mr. Gary Binkley, seconded by Mr. Eugene O. Evans, Sr. to authorize a budget amendments for the General Purpose School Fund in the amount of \$40,000.00 to refurbish bleachers at Sycamore High School.

*Funding Source: General Purpose School Fund Balance  
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 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

The Budget Committee recommended, motion was made by Mr. Gary Binkley, seconded by Ms. Betty Ramsey to authorize a budget amendment for the General Purpose School Fund in the amount of \$45,000.00 to replace a broken boiler at Cheatham Middle School.

*Funding Source: General Purpose School Fund Balance  
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 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

Motion was made by Mr. Gary Binkley, seconded by Mr. Tim Williamson to authorize a budget amendment for the General Purpose School Fund in the amount of \$133,202.70 to recognize reimbursement for high cost items in FY2014 for IDEA Grant.

*Funding Source: IDEA Grant Funds Budget  
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	Yes
Tim Williamson	Yes	Eugene O. Evans, Sr.	Yes
Dale McCarver	Yes	Shanon Pickard	Yes
Connie Mayo	Yes	Jimmy Hedgepath	Yes

The Budget Committee recommended, motion was made by Mr. Jimmy Hedgepath, seconded by Mr. Gary Binkley to authorize the following budget amendments for the County General Fund:

<i>Health Department</i>	<i>\$16,599.00</i>
<i>County Clerk</i>	<i>\$9,383.26</i>
<i>Jail</i>	<i>\$253.50</i>
<i>Maintenance</i>	<i>\$50,737.00</i>

*Funding Source: Various  
Budget Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent*

Motion approved by roll call vote 12 Yes 0 No 0 Absent. See Resolution 10.

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

The Budget Committee recommended, motion was made by Mr. Gary Binkley, seconded by Mr. Walter Weakley to authorize the following budget amendment for the Highway/Road Fund:

<i>Other Charges</i>	<i>\$956.94</i>
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*Funding Source: Reimbursement from School Board  
Budget Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent*

Motion approved by roll call vote 12 Yes 0 No 0 Absent. See Resolution 11.

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



After discussion, motion was made by Ms. Ann Jarreau, seconded by Mr. Eugene O. Evans, Sr. to postpone for 30 days the Capital Outlay Note not to exceed \$230,000.00 to finance sewer system improvements/expansion in the New Hope/Exit 31 area.

Motion approved by roll call vote 12 Yes 0 No 0 Absent. See Resolution 14.

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

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

#### OTHER COUNTY OFFICIALS

SHERIFF – MR. MIKE BREEDLOVE: Mr. Mike Breedlove stated the information was included in the packet. Sheriff Mr. Breedlove informed the Commission on 2 aggravated burglaries in the county that have been resolved.

Ms. Diana Pike commended the Sheriff’s Office and stated her constituents commented on feeling protected.

#### COUNTY SERVICES

UT EXTENSION- MR. RONNIE BARRON: The Extension highlights were included in the packet. Mr. Barron stated the Ag. Committee Christmas Dinner is December 18<sup>th</sup> for committee members.

VETERANS SERVICES – MR. ROBERT COUNTER: Veterans Service Officer Mr. Robert Counter stated the Ashland City Christmas Parade will be December 6<sup>th</sup> with Veteran Mr. Hadley Williams as Grand Marshal. Mr. Counter stated there will be a Memorial Service at Boyd’s Funeral Home on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M. for Veterans.

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

#### STANDING COMMITTEES

BEER BOARD – Mr. Donnie Jordan stated they did meet. Mr. Jordan stated the meeting was for organizational structure. The Board has two vacancies to be filled. The meeting has been changed to the second Saturday of the month.

EDUCATION – Mr. Tim Williamson stated they did meet. All commissioners received a copy of the minutes.

EMERGENCY SERVICES – Mr. Donnie Jordan stated they did meet to discuss the new fire buildings and GPS systems.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – Mr. Gary Binkley stated they did meet. All commissioners received a copy of the minutes.

CALENDAR, RULES AND NOMINATING – Mr. Dale McCarver stated they did meet.

Motion was made by Mr. Dale McCarver, seconded by Ms. Diana Pike to recommend the Budget Committee review and consider creating a line item for archives in the amount of \$3,000.00.

*Calendar, Rules and Nominating Vote: 4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent*

Ms. Connie Mayo stated if the Cheatham County Public Records Committee meets a minimum of twice a year they are eligible for State grants.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 15.

There was discussion regarding the Sycamore Harbor area and zoning enforcement. Mr. Gary Binkley said the zoning enforcement should be left as is, and constituents with issues should appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

County Attorney Mr. Michael Bligh stated if issues arise concerning fines on the zoning enforcement in the Sycamore Harbor area, the Commission can revisit to address issues.

Motion was made by Mr. Dale McCarver, seconded by Ms. Diana Pike to appoint the following members to the Agricultural Committee:

*Eugene O. Evans, Sr. for a 2 year term beginning November 17, 2014  
Marlena Elrod for a 2 year term beginning January 1, 2015  
Jerry P. Carney for a 2 year term beginning January 1, 2015*

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 16.

Motion was made by Mr. Dale McCarver, seconded by Mr. Gary Binkley to appoint the following members to the County Property Committee:

*Shanon Pickard  
Diana Pike  
Betty Ramsey  
Dale McCarver*

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 17.

Motion was made by Mr. Gary Binkley, seconded by Ms. Connie Mayo to request elected officials to surplus excess items in the storage facilities at the Tucker Empson Building.

Mr. Dale McCarver questioned if this resolution should be reviewed by a Committee.

Mr. Gary Binkley agreed and requested the excess items in the storage facilities at the Tucker Empson Building be reviewed by Calendar and Rules Committee.

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

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

Motion was made by Mr. Walter Weakley, seconded by Ms. Connie Mayo to amend the verbiage on the county road list to reflect the Narrows of the Harpeth to 1.9 mile (one and nine tenths) variance.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 18.

Motion was made by Mr. Walter Weakley, seconded by Mr. Gary Binkley to amend the county road list to reflect the accurate measurement of Ham Knight Road to .25 mile (one quarter) in length.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 19.

Motion was made by Mr. Walter Weakley, seconded by Ms. Connie Mayo to amend the county road list to reflect Robertson Road as a county maintained road at 750 feet in length and a speed limit of 25 MPH.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 20.

Motion was made by Mr. Walter Weakley, seconded by Mr. Gary Binkley to accept Sutton Lane on the county road list at .3 mile (three tenths) in length and a speed limit of 25 MPH.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 21.

Motion was made by Mr. Walter Weakley, seconded by Mr. Gary Binkley to name the east side of Sycamore Creek Bridge on Highway 49 to the intersection of Old Clarksville Pike, “The PFC. Gary Lee Oliver Memorial Highway”.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 22.

Motion was made by Mr. Walter Weakley, seconded by Ms. Connie Mayo to name the bridge on Highway 49 in Cheatham County over Big Bluff Creek, “PFC. Roger Dale Jarrell Memorial Bridge”.

Motion was approved by voice vote. See Resolution 23.

Motion was made by Mr. Walter Weakley, seconded by Mr. Gary Binkley to name the bridge on Highway 12 in Cheatham County over Half Pone Creek, “Specialist 4 Dale Frazier Brown Memorial Bridge”.

Motion was approved by voice vote. See Resolution 24.

After discussion, motion was made by Mr. Walter Weakley, seconded by Mr. Gary Binkley to allow the Cheatham County Highway Department to resolve an agreement to loan equipment to other municipalities in Cheatham County.

Motion was approved by voice vote. See Resolution 25.

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

#### OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Mr. Donnie Jordan thanked Ms. Connie Mayo for arranging the Thanksgiving gathering for the Commission.

County Mayor Mr. David McCullough announced the Cheatham County Courthouse will have an open house on December 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. followed by the Ashland City Christmas Parade at 6:00 P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion was made by Ms. Connie Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gary Binkley to approve the consent calendar with the following recognition:

*Special Recognition*

*Mr. Danny Schaeffer*

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 26. (Individual Resolution 27.)

NOTARIES: Motion was made by Ms. Ann Jarreau, seconded by Ms. Diana Pike to approve the following applicants for Notary Public Commission:

*Rebecca L. Anderson*

*Shannon Bellar*

*Cindy J. Denham*

*James W. Hicks III*

*Tina L. Hoke*

*Tanya Krantz*

*Mistie S. Orange*

*Phyllis E. Schaeffer*

*William B. Sloan*

*Jocelyn Waynick*

*Heather M. Wood*

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 28.

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Mr. Gary Binkley, seconded by Mr. Tim Williamson to adjourn at 10:17 P.M.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 29.