

**MINUTES**  
**CHEATHAM COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**May 18, 2015**

BE IT THEREFORE REMEMBERED, That the Cheatham County Legislative Body met in the General Sessions Courtroom, Ashland City, Tennessee, on May 18, 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 7:02P.M.

Ms. Tracy O'Neill, 4<sup>th</sup> District, spoke regarding the Education Budget. Ms. O'Neil stated budgeting is the problem not funding.

Veterans Service Officer, Mr. Bob Counter, 5<sup>th</sup> District, invited everyone to attend the Memorial Day Celebration on May 25<sup>th</sup> at Riverbluff Park in Ashland City.

Ms. Sandra Gregory, 4<sup>th</sup> District, stated the Cruise-In on May 1<sup>st</sup> at Riverbluff Park was a success. Ms. Gregory invited everyone to attend the upcoming Cruise-In on Friday June 5<sup>th</sup> at Riverbluff Park.

Public Forum closed at 7:13 P.M.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Chairman Mr. Donnie Jordan opened Public Hearing at 7:13P.M.

The following was advertised to be heard:

1. Attorney Eric Lockert, representing Elvis Perry, Owner/Applicant, requesting a Zone Change from C-1 to R-1 to sale the property with newly constructed residential home. Property is located at 2631 Bearwallow Rd., Ashland City TN.; map 41 parcel 15.01. Property is located in the 2<sup>nd</sup> voting district and is not in the Flood Area.

*No one spoke for or against.*

2. Mr. and Mrs. George and Sandra Carney, Owner/Applicant, requesting a Zone Change from C-5 to C-1 to increase the sale of opportunity. Property is located on Old New Hope Rd., Joelton, TN.; map 23 parcel 51.09 consisting of 4 acres. Property is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> voting district and is not in a Flood Area.

*Mr. George Carney spoke requesting the commission to consider this Zone Change.*

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER by Sheriff Mr. Mike Breedlove at 7:16 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 May 18, 2015 Legislative Body Meeting.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 2.

Motion was made by Ms. Diana Pike, seconded by Mr. Walter Weakley, to approve the Minutes from the April 20, 2015 Regular Session Commission meeting.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 3.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairman Mr. Donnie Jordan, presented former Commissioner Mr. Rob Myers resignation letter on the Audit Committee effective May 18, 2015.

County Mayor Mr. David McCullough and Chairman Mr. Donnie Jordan presented a Special Recognition to Ms. Dolores Moulton.

#### 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 Ms. Diana Pike to approve the contract with the State of Tennessee for Mental Health Evaluation and Treatment Services for Criminal Defendants charged with misdemeanors only.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 4.

County Mayor Mr. David McCullough presented, motion was made by Mr. Gary Binkley, seconded by Ms. Diana Pike to approve an agreement between Dan Weakley and the Town of Ashland City for the use of a portion of the A.O. Smith property.

Motion approved by voice vote. 1 Abstain. See Resolution 5.

County Mayor Mr. David McCullough presented, motion was made by Mr. Walter Weakley, seconded by Mr. Tim Williamson to approve an amendment to Chapter 258 of the Private Acts of 1963 that imposes Wheel Tax in Cheatham County from the State Legislature to eliminate requirement of a sticker.

Motion approved by roll call vote 12Yes 0 No 0 Absent. See Resolution 6.

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

County Mayor Mr. David McCullough announced his reappointment of Mr. Charlie Simpkins to the Pleasant View Utility District Board of Commissioners to serve a 4 year term beginning June 29, 2015 through June 29, 2019.

ANIMAL CONTROL – MR. THOMAS JORDI: Information was included in packet. Mr. Jordi informed the Commission that euthanasia numbers are down but animal bite incidents are increasing.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT – MR. FRANKLIN WILKINSON: Motion was made by Ms. Diana Pike, seconded by Mr. Tim Williamson to approve the zone change request for Elvis Perry, Owner/Applicant, from C-1 to R-1 on property located at 2631 Bearwallow Road, Ashland City, TN., map 41 parcel 15.01.

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. Tim Williamson, seconded by Mr. Gary Binkley to approve the zone change request for Mr. and Mrs. George and Sandra Carney, Owner/Applicant, from C-5 to C-1 on property located on Old New Hope Road, Joelton, TN., map 23 parcel 51.09.

Motion approved by roll call vote 11 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 1 Abstain. See Resolution 8.

Betty Ramsey	Yes	Donnie Jordan	Yes
Gary Binkley	Yes	Walter Weakley	Yes
Ann Jarreau	Abstain	Diana Pike	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: Motion was made by Mr. Gary Binkley, seconded by Mr. Walter Weakley to approve the following budget amendments to the County General Fund:

<i>Jail</i>	\$ 281.50
<i>Sheriff</i>	\$ 24,645.00
<i>South Cheatham Library</i>	\$ 80.00
<i>South Cheatham Library</i>	\$ 1,211.00
<i>Cheatham County Library</i>	\$ 1,076.00
<i>Emergency Management</i>	\$ 1,500.00
<i>Emergency Management</i>	\$ 161.37
<i>Health Department</i>	\$ 1,835.90
<i>VSO</i>	\$ 4,400.00
<i>General Sessions</i>	\$ 30,365.48
<i>County Clerk</i>	\$ 22,350.00

*Funding Source: Various Sources*  
*Budget Vote: 5 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

Budget Committee recommended, motion was made by Mr. Walter Weakley, seconded by Ms. Connie Mayo to approve the following budget amendments to the Highway/Roads Fund:

<i>Capital Outlay</i>	\$ 1,500.00
<i>Personnel</i>	\$ 20,794.16
<i>Other Charges</i>	\$ 2,035.80
<i>Other Charges</i>	\$ 553.20

*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

Budget Committee recommended, motion was made by Mr. Gary Binkley, seconded by Ms. Diana Pike to approve the following budget amendment to the Solid Waste/Sanitation Fund:

*Insurance Recovery*                      \$383.20

*Funding Source: Insurance payment proceeds*  
*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

The Budget Committee recommended to approve the following budget amendments for the General Purpose School Fund:

*Regular Instruction Program*                      \$ 16,425.00  
*Various Departments*                              \$ 809,000.00

*Funding Source: Various*  
*Budget Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent*  
*Education Vote: 4 Yes 0 No 2 Absent*

Motion was made by Mr. Tim Williamson, seconded by Ms. Ann Jarreau to table until the next Commission meeting the budget amendment for the General Purpose School Fund:

*Various Departments*                              \$809,000.00

*Purchase unfunded priority items as follows: inventory control system; email archive; system wide telephones; student/teacher computers; bathroom stalls/doors/walls; fork lift*

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

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. Tim Williamson, seconded by Mr. Gary Binkley to approve the following budget amendment to the General Purpose School Fund:

*Regular Instruction Program*                      \$16,425.00

*Governor's Highway Safety Grant funds*

Motion approved by roll call vote 12Yes 0 No 0 Absent. See Resolution 13.

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 Committee recommended, motion was made by Mr. Gary Binkley, seconded by Mr. Walter Weakley to approve the following budget amendment to the Sheriff's Drug Fund:

*Drug Enforcement*                      \$590.35

*Funding Source: Donations*

*Budget Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent*

Motion approved by roll call vote 12Yes 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

Director of Accounts, Ms. Tara Patterson informed all Commissioners they had the first draft of the proposed budget for review.

Ms. Patterson invited everyone to attend the upcoming budget workshops on May 21<sup>st</sup> and May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

Chairman, Mr. Donnie Jordan announced a Special Called Commission Meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. in the General Session Courtroom to offer a Public Forum regarding the proposed tax increase.

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – MR. DARRYL PHILLIPS – Information was included in packet. Mr. Phillips announced the National Association of Counties rescheduled the Prosperity Summit for May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Golf Club of Tennessee in Kingston Springs. Mr. Phillips asked everyone who plans to attend to register.

#### OTHER COUNTY OFFICIALS

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

CIRCUIT COURT CLERK- MS. JULIE HIBBS: Motion was made by Mr. Walter Weakley, seconded by Mr. Gary Binkley to request unclaimed balance of accounts remitted to State Treasurer under Unclaimed Property Act.

Motion approved by roll call vote 12Yes 0 No 0 Absent. See Resolution 15.

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

SHERIFF – MR. MIKE BREEDLOVE: Sheriff Mr. Mike Breedlove gave a report on the information that was included in the packet. Mr. Breedlove reported that 3 Engineers from IC Thomasson Associates, Inc. conducted a jail study. The completed report will give priorities of what needs to be addressed.

#### COUNTY SERVICES

UT EXTENSION- MR. RONNIE BARRON: The Extension highlights were included in the packet. Mr. Barron reminded everyone that his office offers soil testing to all residents.

VETERANS SERVICES – MR. ROBERT COUNTER: Veterans Service Officer Mr. Robert Counter stated the annual Poppy Sale and the dedication of the Veterans Memorial Park in Pleasant View were a success.

Mr. Counter invited everyone to attend the Memorial Day Celebration at Riverbluff Park on May 25, 2015.

COUNTY ATTORNEY- MR. MICHAEL BLIGH: County Attorney Mr. Michael Bligh invited questions. There was discussion on the action needed for the property on the proposed fire station in Thomasville.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

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

EDUCATION – Mr. Tim Williamson stated they did meet and discussed what was passed tonight.

EMERGENCY SERVICES – Mr. Donnie Jordan stated they did not meet.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – Mr. Gary Binkley stated they did not meet. The next meeting will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 5:00P.M.

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 meet.

Road and Bridge Committee recommended, motion was made by Mr. Walter Weakley, seconded by Ms. Connie Mayo to lower the speed limit to 25 miles per hour on John Ashton Road.

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

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 16.

Road and Bridget Committee recommended, motion was made by Mr. Walter Weakley, seconded by Mr. Eugene O. Evans, Sr. to remove the stop signs on Mosley Ferry Road at Old Highway 12 intersection.

Road Superintendent, Mr. Carl Cothorn informed the Commission the Highway Department conducted a study and determined the stop sign should be removed.

*A petition of 104 signatures requesting the stop sign be removed is on file in the Clerk's Office.*

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

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 17.

The Road and Bridge Committee recommended Calendar and Rules Committee create an application and establish a set of guidelines or qualifications to receive memorials, awards, nominations and all recognitions.

The Cheatham County Highway Department's intent to participate in State Aid Highway System Program is on file in the Cheatham County Clerk's Office.

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT- Mr. Gary Binkley stated they did meet. There was discussion on the plans for the A.O. Smith property; how to develop the land and apply for grants. Mr. Binkley invited everyone to attend the upcoming meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 P.M. in the Emergency Operations Center.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

County Mayor, Mr. David McCullough reported that Cheatham County received an AA bond rating from the State of Tennessee.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion was made by Mr. Dale McCarver, seconded by Mr. Eugene O. Evans, Sr. to approve the following applicants for Notary Public:

Notaries

<i>Alisa Sherron Berry</i>	<i>T. Ferrelli</i>	<i>Kelly L. Hayes</i>
<i>William Douglas O’Rear</i>	<i>Shawn Rider</i>	<i>Lynette J. Simmons-Tevis</i>
<i>Crystal L. Tyler</i>	<i>James E. Wilkes</i>	

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 18.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS

Chairman, Mr. Donnie Jordan stated that former Commissioner Mr. John Haines was in St. Thomas Midtown hospital.

Mr. Dale McCarver expressed his gratitude for visits and prayers during the loss of his father.

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Mr. Walter Weakley, seconded by Mr. Gary Binkley to adjourn at 8:58 P.M.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 19.

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County Clerk

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Legislative Body Chairman