

**MINUTES**  
**CHEATHAM COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**September 19, 2011**

BE IT THEREFORE REMEMBERED, That the Cheatham County Legislative Body met in the General Sessions Courtroom, Ashland City, Tennessee, on September 19, 2011 in Regular Session. County Mayor Mr. David McCullough and County Clerk Ms. Teresa Gupton presided. County Attorney Mr. Bill Herbert attended.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

BETTY RAMSEY	DONNIE JORDAN
DORIS SANDERS	WALTER WEAKLEY
ANN JARREAU	DAVID DAVIDSON
ROB MYERS	LUANN ENGELMAN
DALE MCCARVER	JOHN HAINES
JOHN PAUL WOOD	JIMMY HEDGEPATH

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Chairman, County Mayor Mr. David McCullough opened Public Forum at 7:00 P.M.

Director of Cheatham County Chamber of Commerce Mr. Chris Neese, 122 Neele Drive, Ashland City, Tennessee, spoke regarding the Harpeth River property issues. Mr. Neese met with a representative from Tennessee State Parks, Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency, Visitor and Recreation Bureau Board and the Harpeth River Watershed Association. Mr. Neese reported they discussed offering law enforcement on the waterway, incentives for canoeist who helped with litter pickup and consistent signage that would mark the exact location of canoeist for emergency services. Mr. Neese welcomes any input or suggestions.

Mr. Bill Anderson, 2458 Pleasant View Road, Pleasant View, Tennessee, spoke in opposition of building a new Sycamore High School.

Mr. Mike Armstrong, 2508 Pleasant View Road, Pleasant View, Tennessee, spoke in opposition of a new High School in the North cluster.

Public Forum closed 7:06 P.M.

**THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** by Sheriff John Holder at 7:06 P.M.

Invocation was offered by Mr. John Haines.

County Clerk Ms. Teresa Gupton called the roll. There being twelve Commissioners present, Chairman, County Mayor Mr. David McCullough declared a Quorum. See Resolution 1.

Motion was made by Mr. Walter Weakley, seconded by Mr. David Davidson to approve the Agenda for the September 19, 2011 Legislative Body Meeting.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 2.

Motion was made by Ms. Doris Sanders, seconded by Mr. John Paul Wood to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2011 Regular Session Legislative Body Meeting.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 3.

#### COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

School Board Member Ms. Dianne Proffitt spoke of her appreciation for the County Commissioners and Sheriff Mr. John Holder for providing an SRO Officer in the Cheatham County Schools System.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Chairman, County Mayor Mr. David McCullough stepped down from the Chair and it was assumed by County Clerk Ms. Teresa Gupton.

County Clerk Ms. Teresa Gupton asked for nominations for the purpose of electing a Chairperson for the Legislative Body for Fiscal Year September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012.

Motion was made by Mr. John Paul Wood seconded by Ms. Doris Sanders to nominate County Mayor Mr. David McCullough for Chairperson of the County Legislative Body.

Motion was made by Mr. Dale McCarver, seconded by Mr. David Davidson to nominate Mr. John Haines for Chairperson of the County Legislative Body.

Mr. Walter Weakley made a motion for all nominations to cease.

Mr. John Haines was elected Chairperson by roll call vote, 7 Haines. See Resolution 4.

Betty Ramsey	McCullough	Donnie Jordan	Haines
Doris Sanders	McCullough	Walter Weakley	Haines
Ann Jarreau	McCullough	David Davidson	Haines
Rob Myers	McCullough	LuAnn Engelman	Haines
Dale McCarver	Haines	John Haines	Pass/ Haines
John Paul Wood	McCullough	Jimmy Hedgepath	Haines

Chairman Mr. John Haines assumed the Chair.

Chairman Mr. John Haines asked for nominations for the purpose of electing a Chairperson Pro Tem for the Legislative Body for Fiscal Year September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012.

Motion was made by Mr. Walter Weakley, seconded by Mr. Dale McCarver to nominate Mr. Donnie Jordan for Chairman Pro Tem of the Legislative Body.

Motion was made by Mr. David Davidson, seconded by Ms. Doris Sanders for all nominations to cease.

Mr. Donnie Jordan was elected Chairman Pro Tem by voice vote. See Resolution 5.

COUNTY MAYOR- MR. DAVID MCCULLOUGH: County Mayor Mr. David McCullough reported that unemployment rate was down by .4 % to a rate of 8.5%.

County Mayor Mr. David McCullough reported the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) account balance is \$121,601.32.

County Mayor Mr. David McCullough reported the EMA report of the Fireworks stands located in the County was included in the packet.

County Mayor Mr. David McCullough presented motion was made by Mr. Donnie Jordan, seconded by Mr. Rob Myers to name Mr. T.J. Jordi as the Animal Control Director.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 6.

DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS – MS. TARA PATTERSON: The Budget Committee recommended, motion was made by Mr. Donnie Jordan, seconded by Ms. Ann Jarreau to approve a resolution setting the compensation of Jurors.

*Funding Source: Jury Fees*  
*Budget Vote: 3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent*

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

Betty Ramsey	Yes	Donnie Jordan	Yes
Doris Sanders	Yes	Walter Weakley	Yes
Ann Jarreau	Yes	David Davidson	Yes
Rob Myers	Yes	LuAnn Engelman	Yes
Dale McCarver	Yes	John Haines	Yes
John Paul Wood	Yes	Jimmy Hedgepath	Yes

The Budget Committee recommended, motion was made by Mr. Walter Weakley, seconded by Ms. Ann Jarreau to amend the resolution dated January 19, 1987 to increase the Jailer's fee from \$15.00 to \$35.00 to be assessed on a per diem basis.

*Funding Source: None- Revenue*  
*Budget Vote: 3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent*

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

Betty Ramsey	Yes	Donnie Jordan	Yes
Doris Sanders	Yes	Walter Weakley	Yes
Ann Jarreau	Yes	David Davidson	Yes
Rob Myers	Yes	LuAnn Engelman	Yes
Dale McCarver	Yes	John Haines	Yes
John Paul Wood	Yes	Jimmy Hedgepath	Yes

The Budget Committee recommended, motion was made by Mr. Donnie Jordan, seconded by Ms. Ann Jarreau to authorize the expenditure of \$3,750.00 from the FEMA designated funds to pay the first year's cost of a USGS velocity stream gage.

*Funding Source: Designated FEMA funds*  
*Budget Vote: 4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent*

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

Betty Ramsey	Yes	Donnie Jordan	Yes
Doris Sanders	Yes	Walter Weakley	Yes
Ann Jarreau	Yes	David Davidson	Yes
Rob Myers	Yes	LuAnn Engelman	Yes
Dale McCarver	Yes	John Haines	Yes
John Paul Wood	Yes	Jimmy Hedgepath	Yes

The Budget Committee recommended, motion was made by Mr. Donnie Jordan, seconded by Mr. Rob Myers to authorize the surplus of itemized equipment for disposal.

*Funding Source: None*  
*Budget Vote: 4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent*

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

Betty Ramsey	Yes	Donnie Jordan	Yes
Doris Sanders	Yes	Walter Weakley	Yes
Ann Jarreau	Yes	David Davidson	Yes
Rob Myers	Yes	LuAnn Engelman	Yes
Dale McCarver	Yes	John Haines	Yes
John Paul Wood	Yes	Jimmy Hedgepath	Yes

The Budget Committee recommended, motion was made by Mr. Donnie Jordan, seconded by Mr. Dale McCarver to authorize the following budget amendments for the Sheriff's Drug Fund:

<i>Amendments to budget DICE Officer's salary &amp; benefits</i>	<i>\$ 44,153.75</i>
<i>Amendments to budget operating funds for DICE officer/program</i>	<i>\$ 42,800.00</i>
<i>Amendments to increase drug forfeitures revenue from DICE Program</i>	<i>\$200,000.00</i>
<i>Amendment to purchase 2 Tahoe's for CID</i>	<i>\$ 57,080.00</i>

*Funding Source: Drug Forfeitures & fund balance*  
*Budget Vote: 4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent*

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

Betty Ramsey	Yes	Donnie Jordan	Yes
Doris Sanders	Yes	Walter Weakley	Yes
Ann Jarreau	Yes	David Davidson	Yes
Rob Myers	Yes	LuAnn Engelman	Yes
Dale McCarver	Yes	John Haines	Yes
John Paul Wood	Yes	Jimmy Hedgepath	Yes

The Budget Committee recommended, motion was made by Mr. Rob Myers, seconded by Mr. John Paul Wood to authorize the following budget amendments for the County General Fund:

<i>Donations to animal control</i>	\$ 100.00
<i>Amendment to book receipt &amp; expense of SRO Officers</i>	\$175,000.00
<i>Amendment to book receipt &amp; expense of DICE Officer Salary &amp; benefits</i>	\$ 44,153.75

*Funding Source: Various*  
*Budget Vote: 4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent*

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

Betty Ramsey	Yes	Donnie Jordan	Yes
Doris Sanders	Yes	Walter Weakley	Yes
Ann Jarreau	Yes	David Davidson	Yes
Rob Myers	Yes	LuAnn Engelman	Yes
Dale McCarver	Yes	John Haines	Yes
John Paul Wood	Yes	Jimmy Hedgepath	Yes

The Budget Committee recommended, motion was made by Mr. John Paul Wood, seconded by Mr. Donnie Jordan to authorize the following budget amendments for the General Purpose School Fund:

<i>Additional Funding for Pre-K</i>	\$ 6,188.00
<i>Additional BEP funds from State</i>	\$ 10,000.00
<i>Donations for County Wide Kickoff</i>	\$ 1,550.00
<i>Payments from universities for dual enrollment teachers</i>	\$ 9,746.00
<i>Additional paving</i>	\$ 200,000.00
<i>Special Ed bus</i>	\$ 43,900.00
<i>Energy Efficient Schools change order</i>	\$ 40,030.00
<i>Additional Supplies</i>	\$ 9,000.00
<i>Teachers moved to Education Jobs</i>	\$ 898,895.00
<i>Correctly Budget Salaries</i>	\$ 23,729.00

*Funding Source: Various*  
*Budget Vote: 4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent*  
*Education Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent*

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

Betty Ramsey	Yes	Donnie Jordan	Yes
Doris Sanders	Yes	Walter Weakley	Yes
Ann Jarreau	Yes	David Davidson	Yes
Rob Myers	Yes	LuAnn Engelman	Yes
Dale McCarver	Yes	John Haines	Yes
John Paul Wood	Yes	Jimmy Hedgepath	Yes

The Budget Committee recommended, motion was made by Mr. John Paul Wood, seconded by Mr. Rob Myers to support re-appropriating up to \$773,000.00 in saved, undrawn funds for ADA projects to be used to finalize various Title IX projects.

*Funding Source: None*  
*Budget Vote: 4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent*  
*Education Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent*

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

Betty Ramsey	Yes	Donnie Jordan	Yes
Doris Sanders	Yes	Walter Weakley	Yes
Ann Jarreau	Yes	David Davidson	Yes
Rob Myers	Yes	LuAnn Engelman	Yes
Dale McCarver	Yes	John Haines	Yes
John Paul Wood	Yes	Jimmy Hedgepath	Yes

The Budget Committee recommended, motion was made by Ms. Doris Sanders, seconded by Ms. Ann Jarreau to approve changing the language for funds designated for roof repair/replacement on the Schools 5 year and Education Debt Worksheet to also include asphalt.

*Funding Source: None*  
*Budget Vote: 4 Yes 0 No 1 Absent*  
*Education Vote: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent*

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

Betty Ramsey	Yes	Donnie Jordan	Yes
Doris Sanders	Yes	Walter Weakley	Yes
Ann Jarreau	Yes	David Davidson	Yes
Rob Myers	Yes	LuAnn Engelman	Yes
Dale McCarver	Yes	John Haines	Yes
John Paul Wood	Yes	Jimmy Hedgepath	Yes

Mr. John Paul Wood stated his appreciation for all who participated in the safety of the children with providing an SRO Officer in the schools.

Mr. Donnie Jordan requested clarification on the funding in the future for the SRO Officer. County Mayor Mr. David McCullough stated that Director of Schools Dr. Tim Webb clearly stated that the state funding was for one year only.

**ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – MR. JAMES FENTON:** Mr. Fenton presented motion was made by Ms. Ann Jarreau, seconded by Mr. Rob Myers to support Pleasant View Utility District on extending Sewer Services from Highway 49 and Highway 41-A to the north side of Exit 31 of Interstate 24, an extension down Jackson Felts Road to Green Acres Road.

Motion approved by roll call vote 12 Yes 0 No 0 Absent. See Resolution 16.

Betty Ramsey	Yes	Donnie Jordan	Yes
Doris Sanders	Yes	Walter Weakley	Yes
Ann Jarreau	Yes	David Davidson	Yes
Rob Myers	Yes	LuAnn Engelman	Yes
Dale McCarver	Yes	John Haines	Yes
John Paul Wood	Yes	Jimmy Hedgepath	Yes

Mr. James Fenton stated that the Triathlon was a success. Mr. Fenton had several reports that local businesses profited from the event. Mr. Fenton extended his gratitude to the Sheriff's Department, Ashland City Police Department and the Ashland City Fire Department and all other Emergency Services that participated in making the event successful.

Mr. James Fenton invited everyone to attend a meeting at River Bluff Park on October 5, 2011 in a visioning process on how to make the approximately 220 acres on Tennessee Waltz Parkway a revenue producing property.

Mr. James Fenton stated the Sales Tax Report was included in the packet.

OTHER COUNTY OFFICIALS: Motion was made by Mr. Donnie Jordan, seconded by Mr. David Davidson to approve Circuit Court Clerk Ms. Julie Hibbs yearly report.

Motion approved by roll call vote 12 Yes 0 No 0 Absent. See Resolution 17.

Betty Ramsey	Yes	Donnie Jordan	Yes
Doris Sanders	Yes	Walter Weakley	Yes
Ann Jarreau	Yes	David Davidson	Yes
Rob Myers	Yes	LuAnn Engelman	Yes
Dale McCarver	Yes	John Haines	Yes
John Paul Wood	Yes	Jimmy Hedgepath	Yes

#### STANDING COMMITTEES

BEER BOARD – Mr. Walter Weakley stated they did not meet.

EDUCATION – Mr. John Paul Wood stated they did meet. Mr. John Paul Wood invited everyone to attend a workshop on October 22, 2011 at 9 A.M. at the Cheatham County Annex Building to discuss upcoming projects.

EMERGENCY SERVICES – Mr. John Paul Wood stated that everyone can expect an announcement on the exact date and time of when the Emergency Services Evaluation Team will be in Cheatham County to speak regarding Cheatham County's Fire Plan.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – Mr. David Davidson stated they had a joint meeting with the Education committee. Mr. Davidson invited questions.

CALENDAR, RULES AND NOMINATING – Calendar, Rules and Nominating committee recommended, motion was made by Mr. Donnie Jordan, seconded by Mr. Walter Weakley to appoint Mr. Burt Adcock to the Zoning and Appeals Board for a term beginning September 15, 2011 and ending September 14, 2015

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 18.

ROAD AND BRIDGE – Mr. David Davidson state they did not meet.

CONSTRUCTION OVERSIGHT – Mr. John Haines stated that they were working on several projects including a new roof for the Tucker Empson Building.

REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE – Mr. John Paul Wood stated that they did meet. Mr. Woods invited all commissioners to a workshop on October 17, 2011 at 5:30 P.M. in the General Sessions Courtroom to discuss the redistricting maps.

NOTARIES: Motion was made by Ms. Ann Jarreau, seconded by Mr. David Davidson to approve the following applicants for Notary Public Commissions:

*Gary S. Chance*  
*Wanda C Hiatt*  
*Crystal M. Palmore*  
*Megan Ryan*  
*Joan Watkins*

*Jennifer Ann Crouch*  
*Misty L Langley*  
*Vicky L Porter*  
*M. Shauteau*  
*Jeana M. White*

*Kasey A Frank*  
*Amanda Morgan*  
*Ann E Ramage*  
*Sheila Townley*  
*Stephania J Willeby*

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 19.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS

Mr. David Davidson invited everyone to attend the Turkey Shoot for the Gary Lee Reese Jr. Scholarship fundraiser on October 29, 2011 at 1050 Davidson Road, Ashland City.

Mr. Dale McCarver extended his gratitude to County Clerk Ms. Teresa Gupton for filling the seat as Chairperson.

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Mr. Dale McCarver, seconded by Mr. John Paul Wood to adjourn at 8:29 P.M.

Motion approved by voice vote. See Resolution 20.