

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT, the Monthly Session of the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners began and was held in and for the aforementioned State and County on the 29th day of June, 2017 A.D. at 6:30 P.M., at the Jefferson County Courthouse in Dandridge, Tennessee. Present and Presiding were Chairman Jimmy Carmichael; County Clerk Frank Herndon; and the following County Commissioners answering to Roll Call Docket Book 4 Page 10 to-wit: Katy Huffaker, Todd Kesterson, Steve Douglas, David Gaut, Randy Baxley, Rita Musick, John McGraw, Tim Seals, Sammy Solomon, Robert Blevins, Randy Bales, John Neal Scarlett, Terry Dockery, Robert Tucker, David Seal, Bob Beeler, and Barbara Sheets. Eighteen (18) members were present three (3) were absent: Donnie Tabor, Russell Turner, Ralph "Gene" Eslinger.

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jimmy Carmichael. An invocation was given by Commissioner John McGraw, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Jimmy Carmichael.

APPROVAL & CORRECTIONS OF THE AGENDA:

With no opposition from the floor, the agenda was **approved** as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Commissioner Tucker moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Quarterly Session, April 17, 2017 and the Special Called Session May 22, 2017. Commissioner Scarlett seconded the motion and the minutes were **approved** with no objections voiced.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS:

1. Matthew N. Bobick – District 8: As a resident of Angler's Woods Subdivision, Mr. Bobick spoke in favor of Jefferson County ceding the Parrots Chapel Community to Sevier County.
2. Eva Hamrick – District 2: Spoke in opposition to the rezoning of property on Hwy 25-70 to C-2 and spoke on behalf of her neighbor Ann Bryant.

Commissioner Turner arrived at this time.

3. Kai M. Ravnborg – District 1: Spoke in favor of the funding of \$4,000.00 for Safespace.
4. Billy John Cureton – District 9: Spoke as a resident of the 9th District asking for more funding all Fire Departments not only the three that have had an increase in the budget.

APPROVAL OF NOTARIES & BONDS:

Commissioner Scarlett moved to approve the list of notaries as presented, Commissioner Seals seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion **carried**, and the below named applicants for Notary Public were **approved** provided the proper bonds or property affidavits are filed in the office of the County Clerk.

Amy M Dortch	Annabel Couch	Brittany Nimblette	Casey Maples
Demerius Dannielle Cain	Desiree D Masse	Haley New	Jennifer Rowntree
Katelyn Grace Sipple	Kay Ford	Megan Vuono	Mikki Norwood
Paula Irene Bales	Ramona L Golden	Stephanie Rustin	Wendy Smith
Barbara M Rogers	Ciearra Nicole Shipley	David A Blank	Mark S. Lalewicz
Philip B Biggs	Ronda Lisa Sparks	Stephen B Vick	

ELECTION OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS, & COMMISSIONS

Nominating Committee Chairman, Commissioner Kesterson presented the following names as recommendations from the Nominating Committee:

- A. Jefferson County Animal Control Oversight Board: Scott Lubas
- B. Jefferson County Audit Committee: Garry Jett (Reappointment) & Phyllis Best (Appointment)
Hearing no further nominations from the board and with no objections from the board, the above-named nominations were grouped and approved on a Roll Call vote 19-0 (in favor: all present)
- C. Industrial Development Board of Jefferson County: Michael Dockery (Appointment) & Michael Johnson (Appointment). Commissioner Douglas nominated Scott Faulkenberry. With no further nominations from the floor, a Roll Call vote was taken with the following result.

Dockery 15 - (Huffaker, Douglas, Baxley, Musick, McGraw, Turner, Seals, Solomon, Blevins, Bales, Dockery, Carmichael, Seal, Beeler, and Sheets).

Johnson 9 – (Kesterson, Gaut, Seals, Solomon, Blevins, Scarlett, Dockery, Tucker, and Seal).

Faulkenberry 14 – (Huffaker, Kesterson, Douglas, Gaut, Baxley, Musick, McGraw, Turner, Bales, Scarlett, Tucker, Carmichael, Beeler, and Sheets).

With this vote Michael Dockery and Scott Faulkenberry were **appointed** to the IDB.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS, DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND OTHER OFFICIALS:

- A. County Mayor, Alan Palmieri
 - 1. Recommended Dr. Mark Holland as County Medical Examiner – Motion to approve by Commissioner Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. After a Roll Call vote was taken, the motion was **approved** 19-0 (in favor: all present).
 - 2. Mayor Palmieri presented to Commission a map of fire districts with the number of structures by 911 addresses issued for each district and calls for service for each department calendar year to date.
 - 3. Commissioner Turner requested to enter in to the minutes that he requested an update from the Mayor as to any conversation that had taken place with the City of Morristown or Hamblen County on the City of Morristown Progressive Park. The Mayor denied any comment.
- B. Sheriff, G.W. "Bud" McCoig
Sheriff McCoig commended the Mayor on his recommendation for Medical Examiner and thanked the budget committee and the finance department for working with him for the past seven years. He stated that he had received an audit from the State of Tennessee with no findings.
- C. Chamber of Commerce President & CEO, Darrell Helton
May 2017 Report: Presented.
- D. Jefferson Healthcare Foundation Board Chairman, Darrell Helton
Fund Report Jan 2017-April 2017: Presented.
- E. Finance Director Langdon Potts
 - 1. **Resolution 2017-26**, Authorizing Leases of Business Machines
Motion to approve by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Turner. A Roll Call vote was taken and **Resolution 2017-26** was **approved** 19-0 (in favor: all present).
 - 2. **Resolution 2017-36**, Public Records Policy for Jefferson County
Motion to approve by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Scarlett. **Resolution 2017-36** was **approved** with no opposition voiced.
 - 3. Schools Resolution 2017-43, Surplus to Donate: Transportation Department, Presented for information only.

4. Schools Resolution 2017-44, Surplus to Dispose: Technology Department: Presented for information only.
5. County & Schools Summary Financial Statements for April 2017, and May 2017: Presented.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS, & COMMISSIONS:

A. Budget Committee Chairman, Commissioner Scarlett – Budget Committee recommendations

Budget Committee Chairman Scarlett made the following recommendations on behalf of the Budget Committee.

1. 2017-2018 Budget

- a) Recapitulation – Commissioner McGraw called for the question and a Roll Call vote was taken and the Recapitulation **carried** 16-3 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Douglas, Baxley, Musick, McGraw, Turner, Blevins, Bales, Scarlett, Dockery, Tucker, Carmichael, Seal, Beeler, and Sheets).
- b) **Resolution 2017-32: Fixing the Tax Levy** – A Roll Call vote was taken and **Resolution 2017-32** was **approved** 16-3 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Douglas, Baxley, Musick, McGraw, Turner, Blevins, Bales, Scarlett, Dockery, Tucker, Carmichael, Seal, Beeler, and Sheets).
- c) **Resolution 2017-33: Appropriations for the various funds** – A Roll Call vote was taken and **Resolution 2017-33** was **approved** 16-3 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Douglas, Baxley, Musick, McGraw, Turner, Blevins, Bales, Scarlett, Dockery, Tucker, Carmichael, Seal, Beeler, and Sheets).
- d) **Resolution 2017-34: Appropriations to Non-Profits** – A Roll Call vote was taken and **Resolution 2017-34** was **approved** 17-2 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Douglas, Gaut, Baxley, Musick, McGraw, Turner, Blevins, Bales, Scarlett, Dockery, Tucker, Carmichael, Seal, Beeler, and Sheets).
- e) **Resolution 2017-35: Adopt a continuing budget and tax rate** – A Roll Call vote was taken and **Resolution 2017-35** was **approved** 17-2 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Douglas, Gaut, Baxley, Musick, McGraw, Turner, Blevins, Bales, Scarlett, Dockery, Tucker, Carmichael, Seal, Beeler, and Sheets).

2. County Year End Budget Amendments

- a) County General Fund 101, Amendment #15, Items #1-16: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
- b) Courthouse and Jail Maintenance Fund 112, Amendment #1, Item #1: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
- c) Law Library Fund 114, Amendment #1, Item #1: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
- d) Debt Service Fund 151, Amendment #2, Item #1: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
- e) Capital Fund 171, Amendment #3, Item #1: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
- f) Sanitation Fund 116, Amendment #7, Item #1: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
- g) Sanitation Fund 116, Amendment #6, Item #1: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
- h) Landfill Fund 207, Amendment #6, Items #1-2: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
- i) Landfill Fund 207, Amendment #7, Items #1-2: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
- j) Highway Fund 131, Amendment #3, Item #1: **Approved** with no objection voiced.

3. Schools Year End Budget Amendments

- a) Schools General Purpose Fund 141, Amendment #17, Items #1-7 & Amendment #18, Items #1-19: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
- b) Schools Federal Purpose Fund 142, Amendment #15, Item #1 & Amendment #16, Items #1-2: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
- c) Schools Food Service Fund 143, Amendment #4, Item #1: **Approved** with no objection voiced.

4. Schools 2017-2018 Budget Amendments

- a) General Purpose Fund 141, Amendment #1, Item #1: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
- b) Federal Purpose Fund 142, Amendment #1, Items #1-6: **Approved** with no objection voiced.

5. County 2017-2018 Budget Amendments
 - a) Hospital Fund 128, Amendment #1, Item #1: **Approved** on a Roll Call vote 19-0 (in favor: all present)
 - b) General Fund 101, Amendment #1, Item #1: **Approved** on a voice vote with no opposition.
 6. Commissioner Seal stated for the record that he voluntarily withdrew his proposed 2017-2018 budget amendments.
- B. Conservation Board Chairman, Commissioner Robert Tucker –The Conservation Board met and is recommending the acceptance of a parcel of land behind SafeSpace from SafeSpace to be included in the proposed park. Commissioner Tucker states that the Conservation Board is attempting to develop this park at little to no cost to the taxpayers and accepting this land could increase the County’s in-kind match for matching grants. Commissioner Tucker moved to suspend the rules to request minimal funding to accept this appx 3-acre parcel of land. Commissioner Seals offered a second and after a Roll Call vote 19-0 the rules were suspended. Commissioner Tucker moves that the commission grant the Conservation Board the authority to acquire the land from SafeSpace and to spend no more than \$4,000 from fund balance for necessary fees related in the transfer of the property. Commissioner Bales provided a second. A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion **carried** 18-1 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Douglas, Gaut, Baxley, McGraw, Turner, Seals, Solomon, Blevins, Bales, Scarlett, Dockery, Tucker, Carmichael, Seal, Beeler, and Sheets).
- C. Due to fund balance involvement, a Roll Call vote was taken on 2 previously approved budget amendments.
1. Law Library Fund 114, Amendment #1, Item #1: Presented and **Approved** on a Roll Call vote 19-0 (in favor: all present).
 2. Courthouse and Jail Maintenance Fund 112, Amendment #1, Item #1: Presented and **Approved** on a Roll Call vote 19-0 (in favor: all present)

ITEMS OF INFORMATION FOR COMMISSIONERS

- A. Commissioner David Seal, State of Tennessee Public Chapter No. 422 / Senate Bill No. 1184 relative to eminent domain
- B. Parrott Wood Memorial Library Director Donna Phillips, May 2017 Report: Presented.
- C. School Family Resource Center Coordinator Karen Blomdahl, End of Year Report May 2017: Presented.
- D. Baneberry VFD – Chief James Williford, April 2017 Report: Presented.
- E. Chestnut Hill VFD – Chief George Owenby, March 2017 Report: Presented.
- F. Dandridge VFD – Chief Andrew Riley, April 2017 and May 2017 Report: Presented.
- G. Commissioner Seal requested and in response, Michael Phagan representing the Schools Facilities Department gave an update on the sewer system at Rush Strong School.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Turner made the following motion from the floor: “I move that the County Legislative Body set a dedicated work session on September 25, 2017 to hold a joint meeting between the following key leaders in economic development: County Legislative Body, Industrial Development Board (IDB), Economic Development Alliance (EDA), Chamber of Commerce, and the Office of the County Mayor. The purpose of the joint meeting is to develop general and specific economic development guidelines that will provide a frame of reference in support of future efforts of the IDB, EDA, and Chamber of Commerce. The joint meeting will be facilitated by one representative from each of the IDB and the EDA.” Commissioner McGraw provided a second. Commissioner Seal provided an amendment as a second paragraph to the motion that reads: “The following item (E) ‘PUBLIC HEARING’ will be added to the Agenda, appearing on the agenda immediately after the Pledge of Allegiance, of the special called meeting described herein, giving citizens the opportunity to express their

views on economic development. The Chair will instruct all citizens wishing to speak at the hearing to limit their comments to six (6) minutes and address only the topic of economic development. 'Public hearing' will become a standard agenda item on all future special called joint meetings on economic development, unless rescinded by a majority vote of the CLB; and the time limit for citizen comment will be six (6) minutes per speaker at said meetings." The amendment was accepted by consent of Commissioners Turner and McGraw. After considerable discussion, Commissioner Seals called for the question and Commissioner Solomon seconded. Commissioner Turner objected to the call and a Roll Call vote was taken and the call was **upheld 17-2** (in favor: Kesterson, Douglas, Gaut, Baxley, Musick, McGraw, Seals, Solomon, Blevins, Bales, Scarlett, Dockery, Tucker, Carmichael, Seal, Beeler, and Sheets). A Roll Call vote was taken on the original motion as amended and the motion **failed 9-10** (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Gaut, McGraw, Turner, Seals, Blevins, Dockery, and Seal).

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Resolution 2017-27**, Rezoning request from A-1 (Agricultural-Forestry) to C-2 (General Commercial) for property on Old A.J. Highway, New Market, Tennessee, by Fiorello Erico Pacia Jr. & Milagros Pacia (Tax Map 032, Parcel 033.03). Commissioner Scarlett made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner McGraw, a Roll Call vote was taken and **Resolution 2017-27** was **approved 18-0-1** (in favor: all present except Commissioner Seals who abstained).
- B. **Resolution 2017-28**, Rezoning request from A-1 (Agricultural-Forestry) to C-2 (General Commercial) for property on W. Highway 25-70, Dandridge, Tennessee, by Thomas A. & Bettina Chandler (Tax Map 066, Portion of parcel 063.00). Commissioner Douglas made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Solomon. During discussion, Commissioner McGraw made a motion to postpone this item to allow the Planning Commission to relook at the situation. Commissioner Seals stated that the commission could request the Planning Commission to review it, but that they were not required to stating that they had already made a ruling on it. A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion to postpone **failed 8-10-1** (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Musick, McGraw, Turner, Blevins, Dockery, and Tucker. Commissioner Seals abstained). A Roll Call vote was taken on the resolution and **Resolution 2017-28** was **approved 11-7-1** (in favor: Kesterson, Douglas, Gaut, Baxley, Solomon, Bales, Scarlett, Dockery, Tucker, Carmichael, and Seal. Commissioner Seals abstained).
- C. **Resolution 2017-29**, Rezoning request from C-2 (General Commercial) to A-1 (Agricultural-Forestry) for property at 333 Landfill Road, Jefferson City, Tennessee, by Ronnie B. & Karen S. Trent (Tax Map 046, Portion of parcel 019.00). Commissioner Scarlett made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Kesterson. A Roll Call vote was taken and **Resolution 2017-29** was **approved 18-0-1** (in favor: all present except Commissioner Seals who abstained).
- D. Commissioner Terry Dockery, Parrotts Chapel Community Fire Department Funding: Commissioner Dockery made the following motion: "I move to donate an additional \$30,000 to the Parrotts Chapel Volunteer Fire Department for fiscal year 2017-2018 to bring their total donation amount to \$55,000, to be paid out of the hospital fund and replaced by 2016-2017 rollover funds." Commissioner Huffaker provided a second and a Roll Call vote was taken and the motion **failed 4-15** (in favor: Huffaker, Turner, Blevins, Dockery).
- E. Commissioner Terry Dockery, Jefferson City Fire Department Funding: Commissioner Dockery made the following motion: "I move to donate an additional \$20,000 to the Jefferson City Fire Department for fiscal year 2017-2018 to bring their total donation amount to \$70,000 to be paid from the hospital fund and replaced by 2016-2017 rollover funds." Commissioner Turner provided a second. Commissioner Huffaker moved to postpone this item, referring it to the budget committee and asked if these funds were being requested for the construction of their training facility and if so, would the training facility be open to all other county departments free of charge. Commissioner Dockery stated that he did not know if the funds were being

requested specifically for the training facility and he conceded to **postpone** this item until the next meeting so that information could be gathered.

- F. Commissioner Terry Dockery, Parrotts Chapel Community: Commissioner Dockery rolled this item until the next meeting so he could gather further information. Commissioner Huffaker questioned if the county school system had attempted a partnership with Sevier County for students who live in the Parrotts Chapel area. No one from the school system was available to provide an answer and this item was **rolled** to July.
- G. Commissioner Turner moved **Resolution 2017-38**, Adopting an Amended Committee Organization and Management Plan, Commissioner McGraw provided a second. A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion **carried** 16-3 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Douglas, Baxley, Musick, McGraw, Turner, Solomon, Bales, Scarlett, Dockery, Tucker, Carmichael, Seal, Beeler, and Sheets).

Hearing no further business before the Commission, the meeting was **adjourned** at 8:45 PM on a motion by Commissioner McGraw and seconded by Commissioner Bales.