

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT, the Quarterly Session of the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners began and was held in and for the aforementioned State and County on the 24th day of July, 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 15 to-wit: Katy Huffaker, Todd Kesterson, Steve Douglas, David Gaut, Randy Baxley, Rita Musick, John McGraw, Russell Turner, Tim Seals, Sammy Solomon, Robert Blevins, Randy Bales, John Neal Scarlett, Terry Dockery, Robert Tucker, David Seal, Bob Beeler, and Barbara Sheets. Nineteen (19) members were present, two (2) were absent Donnie Tabor and 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:

Commissioner Gaut requested to be added to at I.-20. as Solid Waste Director, with this addition the agenda was approved by consent.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Commissioner McGraw moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Session, June 29, 2017 and Beer Board June 29, 2017. Commissioner Scarlett seconded the motion and the minutes were **approved** with no objections voiced.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS:

Jewel E. Roderick 6th District – Spoke to her failing well at her residence. States she feels Nyrstar's mining operation is to blame for the problems. After failed attempts to resolve the problem with Nyrstar, she request assistance from the County Commission.

APPROVAL OF NOTARIES & BONDS:

Commissioner Solomon moved to approve the list of notaries as presented, Commissioner Tucker 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.

Della Ruth Poe	James H. Mendez	Jane M. Morrow	Jason Windsor Blomquist
John Yingling T	Lauralee Mills	Laurie Neary	Shannon L. Pearson
Susan R. Weathers	Violet Mendez	William E. Newman	

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

A. County Mayor, Alan Palmieri

1. Mayor Palmieri states that he has spoken with the CTAS Fire Consultant concerning the county's fire coverage and funding and will be bringing their recommendation back to commission when it is available.

2. The Mayor requested the commission to include an additional 1.6% salary increase for all county employees when they vote on the budget veto tonight.
 3. Mayor Palmieri introduced Gordon Ball to speak to the class action lawsuit over the opioid crisis. Mr. Ball spoke with commissioners answering questions to the pending lawsuit. Commissioner McGraw made the following motion: "I move that the Jefferson County Legislative Body take the matter of a potential lawsuit against Pharmaceutical companies which market opioids under advisement and that no formal action be taken at this time. I further request that the county attorney make regular reports to this body as to the status of this proposed civil litigation specifically in regards to: 1) other East Tennessee counties joining this suit or various similar suits and 2) advising on the window of opportunity for Jefferson County to join said suit(s)." Commissioner Solomon provided a second and after a Roll Call vote the motion **carried** 18-1 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Douglas, Gaut, Baxley, Musick, McGraw, Turner, Seals, Solomon, Blevins, Bales, Scarlett, Dockery, Tucker, Carmichael, Beeler, and Sheets).
- B. County Clerk, Frank Herndon
4th Quarter/Annual Financial Report: Presented and Filed.
- C. Highway Superintendent, Charles Tipton
1. 4th Quarter Work Accomplished Report: Presented and Filed.
 2. Mr. Tipton echoed the Mayor's words requesting an additional salary increase for county employees.
 3. Mr. Tipton and Brad Phillips answered questions concerning the process of recovering TEMA and FEMA funds after a weather-related emergency event.
- D. Register of Deeds, Ed Stiner
4th Quarter/Annual Financial Report: Presented and Filed.
- E. Sheriff, G.W. "Bud" McCoig
1. 4th Quarter/Annual Report: Presented and Filed.
 2. Commissioner Scarlett requested the number of vehicles on the road from the Sheriff, he replied 90 (ninety).
- F. Trustee, Ginger Franklin
4th Quarter/Annual Financial Summary Report: Presented and Filed.
- G. Quality Control Advisor Kenny Carr
Report on the White Pine School Project
- H. Boys & Girls Club of Dumplin Valley CEO Jessica Page
REACH Report & June 2017 Program Report: Presented.
- I. Building Inspector, Rob Wilson
4th Quarter Permit Report & School Facilities Tax Comparison: Presented and Filed.
- J. Chamber of Commerce President & CEO, Darrell Helton
1. Board Report for June 2017: Presented.
 2. Mr. Helton spoke to future Building a Better Future events that the Chamber of Commerce is planning.
- K. Director of Schools, Dr. Charles Edmonds
Report on School Bus Transportation for the Chestnut Hill Area.
- L. Economic Development Alliance – Jefferson County, Executive Director Scott Faulkenberry
4th Quarter Report: Presented.
- M. Emergency Communications District Executive Director, Justin Crowther
January 2017 – June 2017 Report: Presented and Filed.
- N. Emergency Medical Service Director, Brad Phillips
Monthly Statistical Analysis: Presented and Filed.

- O. Environmental Services Director, Tom Carter
4th Quarter Report: Presented and Filed.
- P. Health Department County Director, Sherrie Montgomery
4th Quarter Report: Presented and Filed.
- Q. UT Extension – Jefferson County Director & 4-H Agent, Karen Nelms
4th Quarter Report: Presented
- R. Veterans Service Officer, Curtis Hudson
4th Quarter Report: Presented and Filed
- S. Wheel Tax Compliance Officer, Tim Satterfield
4th Quarter Report: Presented and Filed.
- T. Solid Waste Director, David Gaut
Mr. Gaut requested the commission consider an additional raise for county employees in this year’s budget.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS, & COMMISSIONS:

- A. Animal Control Oversight Board Chairman, Commissioner Randy Bales
Commissioner Bales states that the board met and is working on setting parameters for the board.
- B. Budget Committee Chairman, Commissioner Scarlett – Budget Committee recommendations
 - 1. Budget Amendments
 - a) County General Fund 101, Amendment #2, Item #1: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
 - 2. Commissioner Scarlett moved to reserve \$1,000,000 from 2016-2017 rollover funds to be used for economic development, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Turner. A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion **carried** 15-4 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Douglas, Gaut, Baxley, Musick, McGraw, Turner, Bales, Scarlett, Dockery, Tucker, Carmichael, Beeler, and Sheets).
 - 3. Commissioner Scarlett stated that he had a request from the School Board for a budget amendment to use 2016-2017 Rollover Fund Balance to complete White Pine School, but the rules would need to be suspended to hear the request. Commissioner Tucker moved to suspend the rules, Commissioner Seal provided a second. A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion carried 19-0 (in favor: all present). With the rules suspended, Commissioner Baxley moved to approve the School Boards budget amendment request from their Fund Balance to complete the White Pine School renovations in include “Alternate 1”, “Alternate 2”, and a 3.5% Contingency for a total of \$684,410. Commissioners Seal provided a second and Commissioner Musick provided a third. Commissioner Scarlett offered an amendment that the appropriated money would be used exclusively for the addition and renovation of White Pine School, and any money left over after completion of the project be returned to fund balance. The amendment was accepted by consent of Baxley, Seal, and Musick and on a Roll Call vote of 19-0 the budget amendment **passed** (in favor: all present).
 - 4. Commissioner Dockery moved to rescind the verbiage from his amendment at the January 2017 meeting that would prohibit work from beginning as soon as possible for the White Pine School project. Commissioner Turner provided a second, with no opposition voiced the prohibitive language was rescinded.
- C. Conservation Board Chairman, Commissioner Tucker – The Conservation Board is obtaining a new survey of the property and will bring that and other updates to the September meeting.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION FOR COMMISSIONERS

- A. Tennessee County Commissioners Association Annual Regional Meeting Thursday October 5, 2017.

- B. The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Consensus Study Report “Pain Management and the Opioid Epidemic.
- C. Alpha Committee Chart, Updated July 11, 2017.
- D. Dandridge VFD – Chief Andrew Riley, June 2017 Activity Report: Presented.
- E. Dandridge Memorial Library – Director Bethany Hopkins: 4th Quarter Report: Presented.
- F. Jefferson City Public Library – Director Anjanae Brueland: 4th Quarter Report: Presented.
- G. Parrott-Wood Memorial Library – Director Donna Phillips: 4th Quarter & July 2017 Director’s Report: Presented.
- H. White Pine Public Library – Director Glenda Jones 4th Quarter Report: Presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Action to Override Mayor’s Legislation Veto dated June 30, 2017 on **Resolution 2017-33**, Appropriations for the Various Funds & Departments.
- B. Action to Override Mayor’s Legislation Veto dated June 30, 2017 on **Resolution 2017-34**, Appropriations to Non-Profits.
- C. Action to Override Mayor’s Legislation Veto dated June 30, 2017 on **Resolution 2017-38**, Adopting an Amended Committee Organization and Management Plan.
Commissioner Seal moved to override the veto of **Resolutions 2017-33, 2017-34, & 2017-38**, Commissioner Douglas provided a second. A Roll Call vote was taken and the override **carried** 15-4 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Douglas, Baxley, Musick, McGraw, Turner, Bales, Scarlett, Dockery, Tucker, Carmichael, Seal, Beeler, and Sheets).
- D. Chairman Jimmy Carmichael, Jefferson County Commission Regular Session Schedule for the remainder of Calendar Year 2017 (October – December). Commissioner Douglas moved to approve the calendar as presented, seconded by Commissioner Turner and the calendar was **approved** without opposition.
- E. Commissioner Dockery made the following motion: “I move to donate an additional \$10,000 from fund balance for the fiscal year 2017-2018 to each of the following non-profit organizations: Jefferson County Rescue Squad, Lakeway Central Volunteer Fire Department, Jefferson City Fire Department, Baneberry Volunteer Fire Department, Kansas-Talbott Volunteer Fire Department, Chestnut Hill Volunteer Fire Department, and Parrotts Chapel Community Volunteer Fire Department. This will be a bonus that is in addition to the donation amounts already budgeted for each of these organizations.” Commissioner Turner provided a second, Commissioner Huffaker requested to amend to emphasize that this is an additional funding for this year only, Commissioners Dockery and Turner conceded the amendment. Commissioner Scarlett requested to amend the motion to emphasize that all departments be informed of their reporting procedures per TCA and be prepared for appropriation requests before the deadline next budget year. Commissioner Dockery and Turner conceded to this amendment as well. A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion **carried** 13-6 (Huffaker, Douglas, Baxley, McGraw, Turner, Blevins, Bales, Scarlett, Dockery, Tucker, Carmichael, Beeler, and Sheets).
- F. 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 the IDB.” Commissioner Seal provided a second, after discussion a Roll Call vote was taken and the motion **carried** 19-0 (in favor: all present).

- G. Commissioner Blevins moved to suspend the rules to discuss approving an additional raise for county employees. Commissioner Tucker provided a second. A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion to suspend the rules **failed** 7-10-2 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Turner, Blevins, Bales, Dockery, and Tucker; Abstain Gaut and Seals).

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Blevins, seconded by Commissioner Douglas. With no further business before the commission, the meeting was **adjourned** at 8:13 PM.