

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 18th day of September 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 17 to-wit: Katy Huffaker, Todd Kesterson, Steve Douglas, David Gaut, Randy Baxley, Donnie Tabor, Rita Musick, John McGraw, Russell Turner, Tim Seals, Robert Blevins, Ralph "Gene" Eslinger, Randy Bales, John Neal Scarlett, Terry Dockery, Robert Tucker, David Seal, Bob Beeler, and Barbara Sheets. Twenty (20) members were present one (1) was absent: Sammy Solomon.

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jimmy Carmichael. An invocation was given by Chaplain Donnie Tabor, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Jimmy Carmichael.

NOMINATION & ELECTION OF COUNTY COMMISSION OFFICERS

CHAIRMAN – Commissioner Seal nominated Commissioner Carmichael, Commissioner Beeler nominated Commissioner Tucker, hearing no further nominations from the floor, a Roll Call vote was taken and Commissioner Tucker was elected Chairman.

Carmichael (9) – Huffaker, Douglas, McGraw, Turner, Bales, Scarlett, Dockery, Carmichael, and Seal.

Tucker (11) – Kesterson, Gaut, Baxley, Musick, Tabor, Seals, Blevins, Eslinger, Tucker, Beeler, and Sheets.

Commissioner Tucker assumed the role of Chairman from Commissioner Carmichael at this time

CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE – Commissioner Blevins nominated Commissioner Kesterson, Commissioner Beeler moved to cease nominations, with no objections, Commissioner Kesterson was elected by acclamation.

PARLIAMENTARIAN – Commissioner Huffaker nominated Commissioner Scarlett, Commissioner Beeler nominated Commissioner Gaut, hearing no further nominations from the floor, a Roll Call vote was taken and Commissioner Gaut was elected Parliamentarian.

Scarlett (8) – Huffaker, Douglas, McGraw, Bales, Scarlett, Dockery, Carmichael, and Seal.

Gaut (12) – Kesterson, Gaut, Baxley, Musick, Tabor, Turner, Seals, Blevins, Eslinger, Tucker, Beeler, and Sheets.

CHAPLAIN – Commissioner Beeler nominated Commissioner Tabor, Commissioner Carmichael nominated Commissioner McGraw, hearing no further nominations from the floor, a Roll Call vote was taken that ended in a tie 10-10. Commissioner McGraw requested to withdraw his name from consideration and with that Commissioner Tabor was elected by acclamation.

Tabor (10) – Kesterson, Gaut, Baxley, Musick, McGraw, Seals, Blevins, Dockery, Tucker, and Beeler.

McGraw (10) – Huffaker, Douglas, Tabor, Turner, Eslinger, Bales, Scarlett, Carmichael, Seal, and Sheets.

APPROVAL & CORRECTIONS OF THE AGENDA:

County Clerk Herndon mentioned that a report from the Jefferson County Rescue Squad was added to items of information. With no opposition from the floor, the agenda was **approved** as presented with this addition.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Commissioner McGraw moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Quarterly Session, July 24, 2017 and the Jefferson County Beer Board July 24, 2017. Commissioner Seals seconded the motion and the minutes were **approved** with no objections voiced.

Approved 10/16/2017

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APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS:

1. Matthew N. Bobick – District 8: As a resident of the Parrotts Chapel Community, Mr. Bobick spoke in favor of Jefferson County ceding the Parrots Chapel Community to Sevier County, stating Sevier County schools would not accept Jefferson County students.
2. Steve McSmith – District 8: Spoke in favor of the Parrotts Chapel Community ceding to Sevier County. Mr. McSmith thanked commissioners who were involved in the fact-finding process.
3. Tina Bobick – District 8: Requested that County Commission visit the Parrotts Chapel Community and respect conversations from community members. Ms. Bobick offered commissioners to come and spend a week in her home travelling daily to JCHS.
4. Charles Fleming – District 8: Spoke to the hardship of Flat Creek residents’ due to their isolation from the center of Jefferson County.
5. Missy Graves – District 8: Request consideration of Jefferson County ceding the Parrotts Chapel Community to Sevier County from the Gator Point Community.
6. Stanley Kaliszak – District 8: States that he only pays taxes, registers vehicles, and votes in Jefferson County, all other business he conducts through Sevier County stating except for these three items, he considers himself a Sevier County resident.
7. Katherine Noyes – District 10: Spoke to clarify her relationship with the humane society, she states that she was a founding member of the Humane Society, then stepped away for 15 years before returning as a citizen member of the ACOC.
8. Hannelore Miller – District 8: No response when called.

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY RESOLUTION

Resolution 2017-47, a resolution to honor Ms. Kristina J. Spencer for her service to the citizens of Jefferson County, Tennessee, as Animal Shelter Manager (Sponsors/Presenters: Commissioner John McGraw & Commissioner Randy Bales). The resolution was read to the audience by County Clerk Herndon, and presented to Ms. Spencer by Commissioners McGraw and Bales.

APPROVAL OF NOTARIES & BONDS:

Commissioner Seals moved to approve the list of notaries as presented, Commissioner Musick 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.

Amanda Street	Angela C. McPherson	Angela Dawn Brady	Ashley Gudger
Beatrice M. Childers	Brooke Gockenbach	Carroll W. Newman	Connie Holland Pierce
Cynthia Sherry	Diana B. Elkins	J. Michael Kerr	Jessica C. Moorefield
Johnny Herndon	Johnny C. Lawrence	Joy Farmer	Kimberly K. Grace
Kristin L. Holland	Ladonna F. Smith	Latonya R. Daniels	Megan Brooke Turner
Nellie Marie Fletcher	Regina Seale	Leah Nicole Marin	Raina Elise Dixon
Mary E. Hayes	Rebecca C. Hale	Matthew Houston Leadbetter	Tracy E. Monroe
Richard Todd Mounts	Jason Windsor Blomquist		

ELECTION OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS, & COMMISSIONS

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

- A. Clinch River Regional Library Board: Jack Kramer, Contingent upon action by the Jefferson County Library Board of Trustees. Hearing no nominations from the floor the nomination was confirmed by acclamation.
- B. Jefferson County Animal Control Oversight Board: Commissioner John McGraw & HSJC Member Shirley Hammond. Hearing no nominations from the floor the nominations were confirmed by acclamation.
- C. Jefferson County Board of Health: Dr. Regina Fields. Hearing no nominations from the floor the nomination was confirmed by acclamation.
- D. Jefferson County Building Inspection Board of Appeals: Commissioner Jimmy Carmichael, Realtor Ed Franklin, & Citizen Randall Mitchell. Hearing no nominations from the floor the nominations were confirmed by acclamation.
- E. Jefferson County Conservation Board: Commissioner Steve Douglas & Citizen David Swann. Hearing no nominations from the floor the nominations were confirmed by acclamation.
- F. Jefferson County Finance Committee: Commissioners John McGraw, David Seal, Katy Huffaker, & Robert Tucker. Chairman Tucker withdrew his name from consideration and requested to nominate Commissioner Musick in his place. Hearing no further nominations from the floor the nominations were confirmed by acclamation.
- G. Jefferson County Industrial Development Board of Jefferson County: Jeff Depew (to fill unexpired term of Daryle Keck). Hearing no nominations from the floor the nomination was confirmed by acclamation.
- H. Jefferson County Library Board of Trustees: Dandridge: Joe Malgeri, Jefferson City: Michelle Templin, Jefferson County: Samantha Reed & Betty Cazzarin. Hearing no nominations from the floor the nominations were confirmed by acclamation.

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

- A. County Mayor, Alan Palmieri
 1. Mayor Palmieri spoke to the fact that the City of Morristown provided matching funds for two different grants to pay for the road improvements in the ETPC.
 2. Mayor Palmieri spoke to the reasons Jefferson County has been labeled anti-economic development.
 3. Mayor Palmieri stated that the Mayor's office does not work for County Commission, and he would not be dictated in what to do about researching the idea of Jefferson County ceding the Parrotts Chapel Community to Sevier County. He quoted TCA 5-2-104 that sets guidelines for changing county boundary lines.

Commissioner Musick offered a motion to suspend the rules to add a vote in New Business to give consent to the City of Morristown to continue with their road project in the Allen Road area of District 3. Commissioner Bales provided a second and after a vote by show of hands 14-6 the motion **carried** and the rules were suspended and the item was added.

Commissioner McGraw offered a motion to suspend the rules to add a preliminary vote in New Business to proceed with a study on a cost analysis of the services provided to the Parrotts Chapel Community and the cost of ceding the Parrotts Chapel Community to Sevier County. Commissioner Seals provided a second and after a vote by show of hands 15-5 the motion **carried** and the rules were suspended and the item was added.

- B. Sheriff, G.W. "Bud" McCoig

Sheriff McCoig stated that the E-911 center received two complaints over the rodeo in White Pine, he was personally unaware of the complaints when he spoke at the work session last week.

- C. Highway Superintendent Charles Tipton
 - Progress Parkway Extension in East Tennessee Progress Center (ETPC) Industrial Park for Howard Allen Road Reroute. Mr. Tipton told the commission that the City of Morristown was simply making Jefferson County aware of the project out of courtesy and he wished that the Commission would respect the decision that the Highway Commission had made.
- D. Chamber of Commerce President & CEO, Darrell Helton
 - 1. August 2017 Report: Presented.
 - 2. Mr. Helton spoke to BBF steering committee meetings scheduled for Oct 17 at Maury Middle School, Oct 19 at White Pine School, Oct 24 at Rush Strong School, and Oct 26 at Jefferson Middle School.
 - 3. Mr. Helton state that it has been designated Imagination Library Week and in 13 years the Imagination Library has distributed over 30 million books, 220,000 of those in Jefferson County.
 - 4. Mr. Helton invited Commissioners to the Jefferson County Sampler Sept. 26th at the Carriage House.
- E. Director of Schools Dr. Charles Edmonds – No report.
- F. Finance Director Langdon Potts
 - 1. Landfill Contracts In lieu of Performance Bonds -2017 Annual Inflation Adjustment. Moved for approval by Commissioner Scarlett, seconded by Commissioner Bales, approved on a voice vote with no objection.

Commissioner McGraw moved to suspend the rules to take items 2-8 as one, Commissioner Musick provided a second, with no objection, the rules were suspended and on a motion from Commissioner McGraw, Seconded by Commissioner Musick **Resolutions 2017-39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45, & 46** were **approved** on a Roll Call vote 20-0 (in favor: all present).

- 2. **Resolution 2017-39**, Surplus to Dispose (Register of Deeds)
- 3. **Resolution 2017-40**, Surplus to Donate (Zoning Compliance Dept.)
- 4. **Resolution 2017-41**, Surplus to Donate (IT & Technology Dept.)
- 5. **Resolution 2017-42**, Surplus to Dispose (Veterans Services Dept.)
- 6. **Resolution 2017-43**, Surplus to Dispose (Solid Waste/Sanitation Dept.)
- 7. **Resolution 2017-45**, Declare Surplus 2017 Mack Roll-Off Truck (Solid Waste/Sanitation Dept.)
- 8. **Resolution 2017-46**, Surplus to Dispose (Register of Deeds)
- 9. **Resolution 2017-48**, General Obligation Bond Refunding Resolution: Moved to approve by Commissioner McGraw, seconded by Commissioner Turner. On a Roll Call vote **Resolution 2017-48** was **approved** 20-0 (in favor: all present).
- 10. **Schools Resolution 2017-45**, Surplus to Dispose (Transportation Dept.) (Information Only)
- 11. County & School Summary Financial Statement for June & July 2017: Presented and filed.

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. County Budget Amendments
 - a) County General Fund 101, Amendment #3, Items #1-2: **Approved** on a Roll Call vote 20-0 (in favor: all present).
 - b) County General Fund 101, Amendment #4, Items #1-5: **Approved** on a voice vote 20-0.
 - c) Hospital Fund 128, Amendment #2, Item #1: **Approved** on a Roll Call vote 20-0 (in favor: all present)

2. Schools Budget Amendments

- a) Schools General Purpose Fund 141, Amendment #2, Items #1-5: **Approved** on a voice vote 20-0.
- b) Schools General Purpose Fund 141, Amendment #3, Items #1-3: **Approved** on a voice vote 20-0.
- c) Schools Federal Purpose Fund 142, Amendment #2, Items #1-8: **Approved** on a voice vote 20-0.
- d) Schools Federal Purpose Fund 142, Amendment #3, Items #1-7: **Approved** on a voice vote 20-0.
- e) Food Service Fund 143, Amendment #1, Item #1: **Approved** on a voice vote 20-0.

3. ADA Compliance Reserve

It comes as a recommendation from the budget committee to set aside \$500,000 from fund balance for ADA compliance for county buildings. The recommendation **carried** on a voice vote 19-1.

4. Landfill Post Closure Reserve

It comes as a recommendation from the budget committee to set aside \$500,000 from fund balance for post closure activities at the landfill to start a remedy for a continual audit finding. The recommendation **carried** on a voice vote 19-1.

Commissioner Blevins left at this time

5. Bonus for County Employees

It comes as a recommendation from the budget committee to issue a 2% salary bonus for county employees to be paid from fund balance. A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion carried 12-4-3 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Douglas, Baxley, Tabor, Turner, Eslinger, Bales, Scarlett, Dockery, Tucker, and Carmichael. Abstain: Gaut, Musick, and Seals.

B. Conservation Board Chairman, Commissioner Robert Tucker

The Conservation Board has completed land transfers with Safespace and is thankful to them for working with the board for this development. The board is working with JCEMS and JCRS on solutions to parking issues. The board is working with the Town of Dandridge on the incorporation of a dog park that they are looking at pursuing.

C. Facilities Committee Chairman, Jimmy Carmichael

The Facilities Committee met and has been in contact with Kimley Horne of Nashville to review the ADA compliance of County Buildings, it was reported that this was the only company that answered the RFP in a timely fashion. The Facilities Committee has also received a report from Michael Phagan on the collapse of building 8 at JCHS which they have forwarded on to the commission for review.

D. Finance Committee Chairman, John McGraw

The Finance Committee is working on preparing for the sale of some county owned land parcels that ownership has reverted to Jefferson County because no bid was placed on the property at an auction held by Chancery Court for back taxes. More information is to come on this item.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION FOR COMMISSIONERS

- A. Tennessee County Commissioners Association Regional Meeting Thursday Oct 5, 5:30PM.
- B. TDOT kick-off meeting in partnership with Rural Planning Organizations & Local Governments Thursday Sept. 21, 10:00AM
- C. EMS Director Brad Phillips, Parrotts Chapel Area EMS Report (Emailed report from Director Phillips requested by Commissioner Dockery presented)

Commissioner Huffaker left at this time

- D. Commissioner Terry Dockery, Parrotts Chapel Community Meeting, Commissioner Dockery presented information that he had gathered from residents of the Parrotts Chapel community about their request for Jefferson County to cede their land to Sevier County.
- E. Baneberry VFD – Chief James Williford, July 2017 Report: Presented.

- F. Dandridge VFD – Chief Andrew Riley, July 2017 and August 2017 Report: Presented.
- G. Jefferson County Rescue Squad – Captain J. Ray Walker January - August 2017 Financial and Call Report: Presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Resolution 2017-44**, Broadband II Resolution. Commissioner Seal made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner McGraw, Commissioner McGraw commended Commissioner Seal for his work on this resolution stating that this would possibly be the most important vote the commission would take tonight. **Resolution 2017-44** was **approved** 18-0 by a voice vote.
- B. Commissioner Baxley moved to give the commission’s consent to the City of Morristown to continue with their road project in the ETPC on property in Jefferson County. Commissioner Seals provided a second, the motion was **approved** on a voice vote 18-0.
- C. Commissioner Seals moved to proceed with the study on the possibility of allowing the Parrotts Chapel community to cede to Sevier County. Commissioner Tabor provided a second. After discussion, a vote was taken by a show and hands and the motion **failed** 3-11 with 4 votes not cast.
- D. Commissioner Turner reminded commissioners of a special called joint work session Monday September 25th at 6:30PM between the commission, and EDA.

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 Seals.