

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017 A.D. at 6:30 P.M., at the Jefferson County Courthouse in Dandridge, Tennessee. Present and Presiding were Chairman Robert Tucker; County Clerk Frank Herndon; and the following County Commissioners answering to Roll Call Docket Book 4 Page 19 to-wit: Katy Huffaker, Todd Kesterson, Steve Douglas, David Gaut, Randy Baxley, Rita Musick, Donnie Tabor, John McGraw, Tim Seals, Sammy Solomon, Randy Bales, John Neal Scarlett, Jimmy Carmichael, David Seal, Bob Beeler, and Barbara Sheets. Seventeen (17) members were present, four (4) were absent Russell Turner, Robert Blevins, Ralph "Gene" Eslinger, and Terry Dockery.

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

**APPROVAL & CORRECTIONS OF THE AGENDA:**

None.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Commissioner Solomon moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Session, September 18, 2017. Commissioner McGraw seconded the motion and the minutes were **approved** with no objections voiced.

**APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS:**

Matthew Bobick 8<sup>th</sup> District – Spoke on behalf of the Parrott's Chapel Community, stating as a community the citizens feel neglected. Request that commissioners engage with residents of the Parrott's Chapel Community.

Steve McSmith 8<sup>th</sup> District – Stated that commissioners cannot solve a problem by ignoring the problem. He requested that commission look further at the possibility of ceding the Parrott's Chapel Community to Sevier County.

*Commissioner Turner arrived at this time.*

Michael S. Carper 3<sup>rd</sup> District – Spoke against the issuance of an additional beer permit at "The Farm" on Leadmine Rd.

James Anthony Ferguson Jr. 3<sup>rd</sup> District – Spoke against the parties and rodeos held on Leadmine Rd. due to the noise level.

**APPROVAL OF NOTARIES & BONDS:**

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

Cierra Cheyenne Justice	Elaine Croley	Jackie M Lynch	Kristi L Weaver
Matthew Houston Ledbetter	Lacy Miller	Raina Elise Dixon	Rebecca C Hale
Richard Todd Mounts	Shannon Davis	Tonya L Conway	Tracy E Monroe

## **ELECTION OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS, & COMMISSIONS**

Commissioner Scarlett stated that due to a possible improper seating of the Finance Committee at last month's meeting because the nomination for Commissioner Musick did not come from the floor that he would move that Commissioners John McGraw, David Seal, Katy Huffaker, and Rita Musick be approved by the full body as his nomination. Commissioner Seals provided a second and with no objection voiced, the Finance Committee was **set** as stated.

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

- A. County Mayor, Alan Palmieri – No Report.
- B. County Clerk, Frank Herndon – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Report: Presented and Filed.
- C. Highway Superintendent, Charles Tipton – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Work Accomplished Report: Presented and Filed.
- D. Register of Deeds, Ed Stiner – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Report: Presented and Filed.
- E. Sheriff, G.W. "Bud" McCoig – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report: Presented and Filed.
- F. Trustee, Ginger Franklin – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Summary Report: Presented and Filed.
- G. Finance Director, Langdon Potts
  - 1. School Resolution 2017-46, Surplus to dispose (DOE Central Office) information only.
  - 2. School Resolution 2017-47, Surplus to dispose (DOE Central Office/Technology Dept.) information only.
  - 3. County & School Summary Financial Statements for August 2017
- H. Building Inspector, Rob Wilson – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Permit Report & School Facilities Tax Comparison: Presented and Filed.
- I. Chamber of Commerce President & CEO, Darrell Helton – Sept 2017 Report & 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report: Presented.
- J. Economic Development Alliance – Jefferson County, Interim Executive Director Adele Sensing – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report: Presented.
- K. Emergency Communications District Executive Director, Justin Crowther – January 2017 – August 2017 Report: Presented and Filed.
- L. Emergency Medical Service Director, Brad Phillips – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report: Presented and Filed.
- M. Environmental Services Director, Tom Carter – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report: Presented and Filed.
- N. Health Department County Director, Sherrie Montgomery – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report: Presented and Filed.
- O. UT Extension – Jefferson County Director & 4-H Agent, Karen Nelms – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report: Presented
- P. Wheel Tax Compliance Officer, Tim Satterfield – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report: Presented and Filed.
- Q. Baneberry VFD – Chief James Williford – Aug & Sept 2017 Activity Report: Presented.
- R. Dandridge VFD – Chief Andrew Riley – Sept 2017 Activity Report: Presented.
- S. Dandridge Memorial Library – Director Bethany Hopkins: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report: Presented.
- T. Jefferson City Public Library – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report: Presented.
- U. Parrott-Wood Memorial Library – Director Donna Phillips: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter & Sept 2017 Director's Report: Presented.
- V. White Pine Public Library – Director Glenda Jones 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report: Presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Musick the above reports were accepted for the record with no objections voiced on a voice vote. Commissioner Musick questioned the Sheriff about complaints at "The Farm" owned by Sid Fannon. The sheriff responded that there had been some noise complaints over the weekend that were addressed by him personally and several DUI arrests were made over the weekend from vehicles reportedly leaving that location.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Finance Director, Langdon Potts
  1. Permission to use purchasing cooperatives NJPA and HGAC: On a motion by Commissioner Scarlett, seconded by Commissioner Baxley the permission was **approved** on a voice vote with no objections voiced.
  2. County **Resolution 2017-49**, Surplus to dispose (Election Commission): On a motion by Commissioner McGraw, seconded by Commissioner Scarlett, **Resolution 2017-49** was **approved** on a voice vote with no objections voiced.
- B. Budget Committee Recommendations, Chairman John Neal Scarlett
  1. The Budget Committee recommends clarification on the 2% employee bonus previously approved that it would exclude elected officials and require that employees be employed as of 10/20/2017 to qualify for the bonus. The recommendation was approved on a Roll Call vote 14-2-2 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Douglas, Baxley, Musick, Tabor, McGraw, Solomon, Bales, Scarlett, Tucker, Carmichael, Beeler, and Sheets, Abstained: Gaut and Seals)
  2. The Budget Committee recommends a one-time donation of \$30,000 from Fund Balance to the humane society to enable them to operate through the 2017-2018 fiscal year. It was stated that without this funding, the human society would be forced to shut their doors. A proper request will need to be made before the next budget cycle. A Roll Call vote was taken and the recommendation was **approved** 15-3 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Douglas, Gaut, Baxley, Musick, Tabor, McGraw, Turner, Bales, Scarlett, Tucker, Carmichael, Beeler, and Sheets.)
  3. The Budget Committee recommends placing \$25,000 from fund balance into a reserve account for grant application uses. This is recommended due to differences in the county budget cycle and grant writing cycles. The recommendation was **approved** on a Roll Call vote 18-0 (in favor: all present).
  4. County Budget Amendments
    - a. Landfill Fund 207, Amendment #1, Item #1: Approved on a voice vote with no objections voiced.
  5. School Budget Amendments
    - a. General Purpose Fund 141, Amendment #4, Items #1-5 & Amendment #5, Item #1: Approved on a voice vote with no objections voiced.
    - b. Federal Purpose Fund 142, Amendment #4, Items #1 & 2: Approved on a voice vote with no objections voiced.
  6. Budget Committee seating – Chairman Scarlett made a motion to suspend the rules to add to the agenda a vote to add Commissioner Dockery to the Budget Committee in place of Commissioner Tucker. Commissioner Tucker stated that if it was going to be an issue, he would continue serving on the budget committee as he had committed to previously. Commissioner Scarlett stated that it was not an issue but a vote needed to be taken to make it official for the secretary's paperwork. A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion to suspend the rules **failed** 8-10 (in favor: Huffaker, Douglas, McGraw, Turner, Bales, Scarlett, Carmichael, and Seal).
- C. Finance Committee Recommendations, Chairman John McGraw – Chairman McGraw reported that the finance committee was proceeding with the sale of properties acquired by the county in a recent tax sale. He stated that these properties would be sold at public auction with a minimum bid set at the amount due for back taxes. Chairman McGraw stated that he was reporting this as a courtesy to the commission and the finance committee would be acting as the corporate body conducting the sale.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Solomon, seconded by Commissioner McGraw. With no further business before the commission, the meeting was **adjourned** at 7:05 PM.