

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 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 22 to-wit: Todd Kesterson, Steve Douglas, David Gaut, Donnie Tabor, Tim Seals, Sammy Solomon, Robert Blevins, Ralph "Gene" Eslinger, Randy Bales, John Neal Scarlett, Terry Dockery, Robert Tucker, David Seal, Bob Beeler, and Barbara Sheets. Sixteen (16) members were present five (5) were absent: Katy Huffaker, Randy Baxley, Rita Musick, John McGraw, Russell Turner.

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 Commissioner David Seal.

**LEGAL UPDATE**

Clinton Little with the law office of Eric G. Foust presented to answer questions regarding the lawsuit with Wilmoth Family Properties DBA Cedar Pond Farms. Suit was filed May 5, 2017 on behalf of the planning commission and a temporary injunction was requested. The suit was filed in Jefferson County Chancery Court, Chancellor Forgety recused himself from the case, and they are currently waiting for a new judge to be assigned.

**APPROVAL & CORRECTIONS OF THE AGENDA:**

None.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Commissioner Solomon moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Quarterly Session, October 16, 2017. Commissioner Scarlett seconded the motion and the minutes were **approved** with no objections voiced.

**APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS:**

1. LuAnn Ballew – District 5: Announced her candidacy for Circuit Court Judge and requested the Commissions support in her endeavor.
2. David Gerard – District 7: Spoke to low income seniors, requesting the Commission consider a property tax freeze for these residents.
3. Steve McSmith – District 8: Spoke in favor of the Parrotts Chapel Community ceding to Sevier County. Requested that the community be treated equally to other citizens of the county.
4. Melissa Peagler – Town of Dandridge: Spoke in opposition of the removal of funding from EDA.
5. Elizabeth Finchum – District 6: Spoke in favor of increasing the charge of duties of the IDB.
6. David Nelson – District 6: Spoke in favor of Resolutions 2017-51 & 2017-52, concerned with the mixing of private and public funds of the EDA.
7. Annette Loy – District 6: Spoke against the silence of the Commission in reference to Resolutions 2017-51 & 2017-52. Spoke against the commissioners being against change in leadership in the county.

8. Heidi Adams – District 3: Spoke to the improvements of the business model at “The Farm” in White Pine, stating that improvements were being made for the long-term benefit of the community. Ms. Adams states that Mr. Fannon is correcting items that have caused problems for the neighbors.
9. Joe Jaynes – District 3: Spoke in favor of the events at “The Farm”.
10. Anthony Kimbrough – District 3: Spoke in opposition to events at “The Farm” citing public safety.
11. Gina Griffin – District 3: Spoke in opposition of the events at “The Farm” citing the size of the events and noise levels.
12. Jeff Coggins – District 3: Spoke in favor of new businesses but stated that improvements in hours of operation and traffic need to be considered.

**APPROVAL OF NOTARIES & BONDS:**

Commissioner Solomon 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.

Adriana T Hestand	Amy C Richardson	Ann G Baker	Austin Warren
Brandi N Hykle	Christie L Watterson	Heather M Baker	Joshua Morris Addair
Kandus Childs	Lisa D Sellars	Michael K Moser	Ruthie Covington
Teresa D Lawson	Angela Kreitz		

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

- A. County Mayor, Alan Palmieri: Board/Committee Appointments
  1. Ethics Committee Term October 2017-October 2018: Bob Beeler, Todd Kesterson, David Gaut, Sammy Solomon, and Charles Tipton. Motion to confirm by Commissioner Seals, seconded by Commissioner Tabor, the appointments were **confirmed** with no objection voiced.
  2. Planning Commission Term October 2017-October 2021: Sue Springfield, Tom Lakin, Terry Reneau, and Condon Batson. Motion to confirm by Commissioner Tabor, seconded by Commissioner Solomon, the appointments were **confirmed** with no objection voiced.
  3. JMH Oversight Board Term July 2017-July 2020: Bill Newman. Motion to confirm by Commissioner Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Kesterson, the appointment was **confirmed** with no objection voiced.
  4. EMS Board Term January 2018-January 2021: Robert Tucker. Term October 2017-October 2020: Raymond Ellis: Motion to confirm by Commissioner Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Seals, the appointments were **confirmed** with no objection voiced.
  5. Nursing Home Board Term October 2017-October 2020: Murrell Jarnigan and Linda Franklin. Term July 2017-July 2020 Carolyn Voiles. Motion to confirm by Commissioner Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Bales, the appointments were **confirmed** with no objection voiced.
  6. Sanitation Commission Term October 2017-October 2020: Larry Howard. Term November 2017-November 2020: Nina Snodgrass. Term July 2017-July 2020: Bertie Jean French. Motion to confirm by Commissioner Seals, seconded by Commissioner Kesterson, the appointments were **confirmed** with no objection voiced.
- B. Finance Director Langdon Potts
  1. Schools Resolution 2017-49, Surplus to Dispose Resolution (information only).
  2. County & School Summary Financial Statements for September 2017: Presented and Filed

- C. Solid Waste Director David Gaut
  - 1. Jefferson County Sanitation Convenience Center Policies, October 2017: Presented and Filed.
  - 2. Jefferson County Sanitation Landfill Policies, October 2017: Presented and Filed.
  - 3. Jefferson County Sanitation Disposal Fees, 10/30/2017: Presented and Filed.
- D. Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Darrell Helton, October 2017 Report: Presented.
- E. Baneberry VFD – Chief James Williford, October 2017 Activity Report: Presented.
- F. Dandridge VFD – Chief Andrew Riley, October 2017 Activity Report: Presented.
- G. New Market Fire & Rescue – Chief Frank Solomon 1QFY18 Activity Report: Presented.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS, & COMMISSIONS:**

- A. Audit Committee Chairman, Mr. Garry Jett: No Report, Rolled to January by Chairman Tucker.
- B. Conservation Board Chairman, Commissioner Robert Tucker  
The Conservation Board is continuing with plans for the 17-acre park and is working with ETDD and other agencies to complete this project at no to minimal cost to the taxpayers.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Commissioner David Gaut, 2018 Jefferson County Commission Regular Schedule: Moved for approval by Commissioner Gaut, seconded by Commissioner Seals and **approved** with no objection voiced.
- B. County Resolution 2017-50, Resolution to Amend Resolution 2015-37, TCRS Hybrid Resolution. Moved for approval by Commissioner Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Kesterson and **approved** with no objection voiced.
- C. 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 #5, Item #1: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
    - b) Debt Service Fund 151, Amendment #2, Item #1: **Approved** on a Roll Call vote 16-0 (in favor: all present).
    - c) Landfill Fund 207, Amendment #2, Item #1: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
  - 2. Schools Budget Amendments
    - a) Schools General Purpose Fund 141, Amendment #6.
    - b) Schools General Purpose Fund 141, Amendment #7, Item #1: Amendment #6 and #7 were grouped and **approved** with no objection voiced.
    - c) Schools General Purpose Fund 141, Amendment #8, Item #1: **Approved** on a Roll Call vote 16-0 (in favor: all present).
    - d) Schools General Purpose Fund 141, Amendment #9, Item #1-5: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
    - e) Schools General Purpose Fund 141, Amendment #10, Item #1: **Approved** on a Roll Call vote 15-1 (in favor: Kesterson, Gaut, Tabor, Seals, Solomon, Blevins, Eslinger, Bales, Scarlett, Dockery, Tucker, Carmichael, Seal, Beeler, and Sheets).
    - f) Schools Federal Purpose Fund 142, Amendment #5, Items #1-10: **Approved** with no objection voiced.

- D. Finance Committee Recommendation – Chairman / Commissioner David Seal, County Resolution 2017-53, Three-Year General Obligation Inter-fund Loan Capital Outlay Note Not to Exceed \$710,200. **Approved** on a Roll Call vote 11-4-1 (In favor: Kesterson, Douglas, Seals, Solomon, Blevins, Eslinger, Dockery, Tucker, Seal, Beeler, and Sheets, Abstained: Gaut).
- E. Commissioner David Seal, **Resolution 2017-51**, Chamber Resolution on Accountability: A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Seal, seconded by Commissioner Solomon. A Roll Call vote was taken and **Resolution 2017-51 failed** 5-11 (in favor: Solomon, Blevins, Eslinger, Scarlett, and Seal).
- F. Commissioner David Seal, **Resolution 2017-52**, IDB Charge of Economic Development: A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Seal, seconded by Commissioner Solomon. A Roll Call vote was taken and **Resolution 2017-52 failed** 4-12 (in favor: Solomon, Blevins, Eslinger, and Seal).
- G. Commissioner Russell Turner, Motion to refer to the Public Service Committee the issue of citizen complaints of noise coming from events at “The Farm” in White Pine. In the absence of Commissioner Turner, Commissioner Seal move to refer this item to the Public Service Committee and as chair of said committee he agreed to accept hit. Commissioner Solomon provided a second and the motion was **approved** with no objection voiced.

Hearing no further business before the Commission, the meeting was **adjourned** at 7:45 PM by Chairman Tucker.