

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 19th day of November 2018 A.D. at 6:30 P.M., at the Jefferson County Courthouse in Dandridge, Tennessee. Present and Presiding were Chairman, Mayor Mark Potts; County Clerk Frank Herndon; and the following County Commissioners answering to Roll Call Docket Book 4 Page 43 to-wit: Katy Huffaker, Todd Kesterson, Steve Douglas, Randy Baxley, Paul Lowe, Greg Byrd, Edna Langley, Tim Seals, Sammy Solomon, Randy Bales, John Neal Scarlett, Terry Dockery, Jimmy Carmichael, Marcus Reed, and Hilda “Heidi” Thomas. Fifteen (15) members were present, six (6) were absent: Jimmy Dale Patterson, Michael Phagan, Robert Blevins, Ralph “Gene” Eslinger, Ronny Coleman, and Anthony “A.J.” Walker.

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Potts. An invocation was given by Commissioner Steve Douglas, County Clerk Frank Herndon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL & CORRECTIONS OF THE AGENDA:

Commissioner Huffaker requested to remove **Resolution 2018-61** from the agenda. Commissioner Scarlett requested to add a vote to suspend the rules to allow Dr. Johnston to present a request from the School Board. With no objections voiced, the agenda was **approved** as amended.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Commissioner Solomon moved to approve the minutes of the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners, October 15, 2018 Regular Quarterly Session. Commissioner Carmichael seconded the motion and the minutes were **approved** with no objections voiced.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS:

None.

HONORARY RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2018-59 – A Resolution to Honor G.W. “Bud” McCoig: On a motion from Commissioner Douglas, seconded by Commissioner Reed, **Resolution 2018-59** was **approved** with no objections voiced.

APPROVAL OF NOTARIES & BONDS:

County Clerk Frank Herndon requested to add the names of Madison B. Coffey and Brandi McElroy for approval. Commissioner Solomon moved to approve the list of notaries as amended, Commissioner Seals seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion **carried**, and the below named applicants for Notary Public were **approved** providing the proper bonds or property affidavits are filed in the office of the County Clerk.

A Blair Baldwin	Amber Rogers	Barbara M. Least	Charlene Jenkins
Dawn Patterson	Freida Miller	Jennifer Wilds	Jill Talley
Jonathan Maples	Joyce F. Hodge	Julianne Martin	Kathleen Mary Bernard
L. A. Crespo	Linda G. Gann	Lissa Moats Wood	Macqueline M. Meredith
Mary Pamela Hill	Rebecca A. Thomas	Robin G. Haggard	Paige Fitzgerald Phillips
Ronald E. Phipps	Ruth C. Christian	Sharon K. Sartain	Paula A. Berry-Armour

Shawkey L. Seau Jr. Steven C. Stewart Jr. Tammy Delyn Seal Sarah Elizabeth Dennis
Theresa Finchum Timmy D. Brooks Wanda J. Pruitt Madison B. Coffey
Brandi McElroy

ELECTION OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS

- A. Nominating Committee:
1. The nominating committee presented the names of Brian Morgan (Farm Man) and Carla Byrd (Farm Women) to the Agriculture Extension Committee for approval. The above-mentioned appointees were **approved** with no objection voiced.

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

- A. Director of Schools, Dr. Shane Johnston: Dr Johnston reported that the School Board has approved County **Resolutions 2018-60** and **2018-62**. He stated that they took no action on **Resolution 2018-61** because the TSBA was taking the lead on that topic through a different avenue.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS, & COMMISSIONS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Commissioner Jimmy Carmichael, Second Reading, **Resolution 2018-51** – Resolution to waive the County Motor Vehicle Tax for vehicles receiving exemption under Chapter 923 of the Public Acts of 2018 for volunteer firefighters and rescue squad personnel. Commissioner Carmichael moved to approve Resolution 2018-51 on second reading, Commissioner Byrd provided a second. With a voice vote **Resolution 2018-51 failed** for a lack of 2/3 majority 13-0-2 with Commissioners Solomon and Dockery abstaining. Commissioner Carmichael requested to place this item on the agenda for the scheduled January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Mark Potts, Mayor/County Commission Chairman: 2019 Jefferson County Commission Regular Session Schedule of Meetings. The schedule was moved for approval by Commissioner Carmichael, seconded by Commissioner Bales, with no objection the schedule as presented was **approved**.
- B. Compliance Officer, Commissioner Tim “Pop” Seals
1. **Resolution 2018-56**, Resolution amending the “Zoning Map of Jefferson County, Tennessee” by rezoning requested property from R-1 (Rural Residential) to A-1 (Agriculture-Forestry) for property located at 1355 Collins Road in New Market, Tennessee, owned by Shawn Wilmoth (Tax Map Parcels 018.02 of Jefferson County Tax Map 014 & 023). Public Hearing held on November 13, 2018, denied by the Jefferson County Regional Planning Commission on October 23, 2018. Commissioner Byrd moved to deny the rezoning request, seconded by Commissioner Langley. With Commissioner Seals abstaining on a voice vote **Resolution 2018-56 failed** and the rezoning request was **denied**.
 2. **Resolution 2018-57**, Resolution amending the “Zoning Map of Jefferson County, Tennessee” by rezoning requested property from A-1 (Agriculture-Forestry) to C-2 (General Commercial) for property located at 2015 Chestnut Hill Road in Dandridge, Tennessee, owned by Malissa Pistole Properties, LLC (Tax Map Parcels 028.02 of Jefferson County Tax Map 083). Public Hearing held on November 13, 2018, approved by the Jefferson County Regional Planning Commission on October 23, 2018. Commissioner Solomon moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Lowe. With Commissioner Seals abstaining, **Resolution 2018-57 was approved** without objection and the rezoning request was granted.

C. Finance Director, Langdon Potts

1. Insurance vs. Surety Bonds – It comes as a recommendation from the budget committee to place County Officials under the county insurance rather than a public official bond. Director Potts stated that since that budget committee vote, through his further investigation and speaking with Bob Jarnagin it is his recommendation that the county continue utilizing Public Official Bonds. A Roll Call vote was held, and the budget committee recommendation **failed** 0-15 (in favor: none).
2. **Resolution 2018-58** – Resolution to declare as surplus and to authorize the Circuit Court Clerk to dispose of computer equipment and calculators. A motion to approve was provided by Commissioner Seals, seconded by Commissioner Scarlett. With no objection voiced, **Resolution 2018-58** was **approved**.
3. **Resolution 2018-64** – Resolution to declare as surplus and to authorize the County Clerk to dispose of office equipment. A motion to approve was provided by Commissioner Seals, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. With no objection voiced, **Resolution 2018-64** was **approved**.
4. **Resolution 2018-65** – Resolution to declare as surplus and to authorize the County Clerk to donate to the County Maintenance Department. A motion to approve was provided by Commissioner Seals, seconded by Commissioner Solomon. With no objection voiced, **Resolution 2018-65** was **approved**.

D. Budget Committee, Chairman John Neal Scarlett

1. County Amendments
 - a. General Fund 101, Amendment #4, Items 1-5: A Roll Call vote was taken, and the amendment was **approved** 15-0 (in favor: all present).
2. School Amendments
 - a. General Purpose Fund 141, Amendment #5, Items 1-6: Amendment was **approved** on a voice vote with no opposition voiced.
3. Deep Springs Landfill Purchase: The Budget Committee recommends approving up to \$15,000 from Sanitation Fund Balance 116 for the purchase of the tract of land that currently houses the Deep Springs convenience center. A Roll Call vote was taken on this item and it was **approved** 15-0 (in favor: all present).
4. EMS Holiday Pay: The budget committee recommends allotting funds from fund balance to include 8 hours holiday pay for EMS employees for holidays that they are not currently compensated for when county offices are closed. A Roll Call vote was taken, and the recommendation was **approved** 15-0 (in favor: all present).
5. Library Reserves and Fees: The budget committee recommends allowing the Library Board to maintain in reserve any funds that are collected or donated. This is a rule that had been followed, however it was removed from TCA 10-3-104 in 2018. The recommendation was **approved** with no objection voiced.
6. Roll Call Electronic Voting: The budget committee recommends realigning up to \$6,995 from the County Commission budget, namely the \$300/month chairman pay that Mayor Potts has foregone, and payroll funds not expended because the County Commission Secretary position has been absorbed into the Mayors Payroll budget to purchase a Roll Call voting system for use by County Commission, a Roll Call vote was taken and the motion **carried** 15-0 (in favor: all present).
7. School Board Request: Commissioner Scarlett moved to suspend the rules to allow Dr. Johnston to present a request from the School Board. Commissioner Huffaker provided a second, with a vote by show of hands 15-0 the rules were suspended. Dr. Johnston presented a request from the school board to approve the use of \$2,400,000.00 from the school's fund balance for the "installation and renovation – synthetic/turf football field, softball field renovation, practice field, 8 lane track, tennis courts..." Dr. Johnston stated that this plan as described meets the identified needs in the areas of Title IX Equality and the safety of the current facilities. He stated this plan was the most cost effective to meet the

identified needs. Commissioner Seals provided a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Huffaker. After considerable discussion and a question and answer session with Dr. Johnston, Commissioner Baxley reminded commissioners that this money was coming from the school system's fund balance, not the general fund's and subsequently called for the question. Commissioner Solomon objected to the call stating that he had requested to speak prior to Commissioner Baxley calling for the question. A vote by show of hands was taken and the call failed 3-12. After further discussion, a Roll Call vote was taken, and the request was **approved** 12-3 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Baxley, Lowe, Langley, Seals, Bales, Scarlett, Dockery, Carmichael, Reed, and Thomas).

- E. Mike Dockery, Industrial Development Board, Resolution 2018-63, Tax Incremental Financing (TIF): Mayor Potts stated that this item had been **postponed** at the request of the IDB.
- F. Commissioner Katy Huffaker
 - 1. **Resolution 2018-60** – Resolution requesting a reduction in the waiting period for prospective school bus drivers to take the driving skills test after successfully completing the driving knowledge test. Commissioner Baxley provided a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Seals. With no objection voiced, **Resolution 2018-60** was **approved**.
 - 2. **Resolution 2018-62** – Resolution requesting the streamlining of school bus driver licensing to meet the critical transportation needs of local school districts. Commissioner Seals provided a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Baxley. With no objection voiced, **Resolution 2018-62** was **approved**.

Hearing no further business before the commission, a motion to adjourn was offered by Commissioner Solomon, a second was offered by Commissioner Seals with no objections voiced, the meeting was **adjourned** at 7:33 PM.

County Commission Chair, Mayor Mark Potts

County Clerk, Frank C. Herndon