

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019 A.D. at 6:30 P.M., at the Jefferson County Courthouse in Dandridge, Tennessee. Present and Presiding were Chairman, Mayor Mark Potts; Deputy County Clerk Frances Wright; and the following County Commissioners answering to Roll Call Docket Book 4 Page 56 to-wit: Todd Kesterson, Steve Douglas, Jimmy Dale Patterson, Randy Baxley, Paul Lowe, Michael Phagan, Greg Byrd, Edna Langley, Tim Seals, Sammy Solomon, Robert Blevins, Ralph "Gene" Eslinger, Randy Bales, John Neal Scarlett, Ronny Coleman, Terry Dockery, Jimmy Carmichael, Anthony "A.J." Walker, Marcus Reed, and Hilda "Heidi" Thomas. Twenty (20) members were present, one (1) was absent: Katy Huffaker.

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Potts. An invocation was given by Chaplain Steve Douglas, the New Market Junior Firefighters led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL & CORRECTIONS OF THE AGENDA:**

Commissioner Solomon moved to approve the agenda as presented, Commissioner Walker provided a second. With a Roll Call vote, the agenda was **approved** as presented 20-0 (in favor: all present).

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Commissioner Seals moved to approve the minutes of the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners, April 15, 2019 Regular Quarterly Session. Commissioner Byrd seconded the motion and the minutes were **approved** with a Roll Call vote 20-0 (in favor: all present).

**APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS:**

None.

**APPROVAL OF NOTARIES & BONDS:**

Commissioner Blevins moved to approve the list of notaries as presented, Commissioner Scarlett seconded the motion. With a Roll Call vote, the motion **carried**, 20-0 (in favor: all present), 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.

Aaron Ramsey	Abby Richey West	Ailcy McMahan Collins	Amy M. Ball
Amy M. Debord	Angela K. Dean	Baily S. Marshall	Darrell M. Helton
Deana M. Rose	Drayma J. Sutton	Dustin A. Dalton	Frances E. Wright
Jeff D. Brown	Jeremy D. Churchwell	Gregory Scott Williamson	Karen A. Christiana
Karen M. Barding	Kayla Dawn Tate	Kiki H. Boyd	Lea Becker
Linda F. Douglas	Mark R. Hughes	Melody Jones	Mike Chambers
Mitzi Donahoo	Morgan Askew	Patricia D. Dockins	Rachel Leann Miller
Ralph L. Sherrod	Sandy Edwards	Samantha Hollingsworth	Sarah Rogers
Susan J. Chambers	Tonya Nicole Lindsey	Trevor Fahel	Vickie M. Newcomb
Wayne Countiss	Mitzi M. Larrance	Ruby J. Applegate	Shane O. Applegate
Summer Dawn Cody	W. Whitney Woods		

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

- A. County Mayor, Mark Potts – Mayoral Appointments
1. Jefferson County Sanitation Commission – Appointment of Arlie Ball to fulfill the unexpired term of Bertie Jean French through October 2019.
  2. Jefferson County Solid Waste Regional Planning Board – Appointment of Arlie Ball to fulfill the unexpired term of Bertie Jean French through April 2021.
- The above appointments were moved for confirmation by Commissioner Scarlett, seconded by Commissioner Coleman, with a Roll Call vote 20-0 (in favor: all present) the appointments were **confirmed**.
- B. Finance Director, Langdon Potts – April 2019 Financial Report, presented and filed.
- C. Solid Waste Director, David Gaut – Cell Construction, Closure, and Permitting report presented and filed.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS, & COMMISSIONS:

- A. Jefferson Park – Administrator Roger Mynatt
- Mr. Mynatt reported that on behalf of the Nursing Home Board he is pursuing a proposed project to expand Jefferson Park into the White Pine community. He stated that no action was needed from the commission at this time, however he would be returning at a later date to request support of a bond issue to provide for construction of this expansion.
- B. County Library Board of Trustees – Chairman/Regional Representative Jack Kramer
1. Reappointment of Laura Darby, Jefferson City Term July 2019-July 2022
  2. Appointment of Tracy Cagle, Jefferson County Term July 2019-July 2022
  3. Appointment of Paige Bolton, Jefferson County to replace Jim Hodge July 2019-July 2022
  4. Reappointment of Laura Darby to Clinch River Regional Library Board Term July 2019-July 2022
- A motion to approve all appointments to Library Board and CRRLB was provided by Commissioner Blevins, seconded by Commissioner Solomon. With a Roll Call vote 20-0 (in favor: all present), the motion **carried**, and the above appointments were **approved**.
- C. Nominating Committee – Chairman/Commissioner Tim Seals
1. Animal Control Oversight Board
    - a. Reappointment of Honey Miller (C.A.R.E.), (Term June 2019-July 2022)
    - b. Appointment of Bruce Dalgleish, Secretary (Humane Society), (Term June 2019-July 2022)A motion to approve the above appointments to the ACOB was provided by Commissioner Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Coleman. A Roll Call vote was taken, the motion **carried** 20-0 (in favor: all present), and the appointments were **approved**.
  2. Audit Committee
    - a. Reappointment of Gary Jett, Chairman (Term July 2019-July 2021)
    - b. Reappointment of Phyllis Best, Secretary (Term July 2019-July 2021)A motion to approve the above appointments to the Audit Committee was provided by Commissioner Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Seals. A Roll Call vote was taken, the motion **carried** 20-0 (in favor: all present), and the appointments were **approved**.
- C. Personnel Committee – Chairman/Commissioner Marcus Reed
- Commissioner Reed stated that the Personnel committee met to discuss three new positions within the county: A Human Resources Manager, Grant Coordinator, and a Mechanic for the Sanitation Department. The personnel committee brings a recommendation to employ a Human Resources Manager at a salary of \$62,000 + benefits. He stated that after discussion with the Mayor it was their recommendation that the Mayor continue utilizing his part time clerical staff position, alongside ETDD to research and obtain grants



for Jefferson County. The Personnel Committee recommends that a mechanic be hired for the sanitation department at a salary of \$45,000 + benefits. Mr. Reed moved these items for approval. Commissioner Scarlett as Parliamentarian stated that these items were presented to the budget committee and the funding was denied. He stated that the presentment of the recommendations was out of order because funding had been denied.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Public Service Committee – Chairman/Commissioner Jimmy Carmichael, **Resolution 2019-08** – Resolution Adopting Regulations Regarding Care and Restraint of Dogs and Cats in Jefferson County. Commissioner Carmichael reports that this item has been postponed until the July meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Mark Potts, Mayor:
  1. **Resolution 2019-21**: Resolution of Support for the National Park System. Commissioner Solomon moved **Resolution 2019-21** for approval, Commissioner Phagan provided a second. With a Roll Call vote, **Resolution 2019-21** was **approved** 20-0 (in favor: all present).
- B. Compliance Officer, Commissioner Tim “Pop” Seals
  1. **Resolution 2019-22**, Resolution amending the zoning map of Jefferson County, Tennessee by Rezoning requested property from A-1 to R-1, for property located at 806 Goose Creek Rd in Dandridge, Tennessee, owned by Steven Dwayne Miller (Rezoning 039.00 of Jefferson County Tax Map Parcels 075). A motion to approve was provided by Commissioner Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Byrd. With a Roll Call vote taken, and **Resolution 2019-22** was **approved** 19-0-1 (in favor: Kesterson, Douglas, Patterson, Baxley, Lowe, Phagan, Byrd, Langley, Solomon, Blevins, Eslinger, Bales, Scarlett, Coleman, Dockery, Carmichael, Walker, Reed and Tomas, Commissioner Seals abstained).
- C. Finance Director – Langdon Potts
  1. **Resolution 2019-28**, Increase the Threshold over which Public Advertisement and Sealed Competitive Bids or Proposals are required. Commissioner Phagan provided a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Seals. A Roll Call vote was taken, and **Resolution 2019-28** was **approved** 19-1 (in favor: Douglas, Patterson, Baxley, Lowe, Phagan, Byrd, Langley, Seals, Solomon, Blevins, Eslinger, Bales, Scarlett, Coleman, Dockery, Carmichael, Walker, Reed, and Thomas).
  2. **Resolution 2019-29**, Authorizing and Approving Business Machines Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated 7-51-904 for the benefit of Departments in Jefferson County, Tennessee for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. A motion to approve was provided by Commissioner Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Seals. A Roll Call vote was taken, and **Resolution 2019-29** was **approved** 20-0 (in favor: all present).
  3. **Resolution 2019-30**, Resolution to declare as surplus and to authorize the White Pine Library of Jefferson County to dispose of said equipment. A motion to approve was provided by Commissioner Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Byrd, a Roll Call vote was taken, and **Resolution 2019-30** was **approved** 20-0 (in favor: all present).
  4. **Resolution 2019-32**, Resolution to declare as surplus and to authorize the Sheriff’s Department of Jefferson County to dispose of said equipment. A motion to approve was provided by Commissioner Dockery, seconded by Commissioner Solomon, a Roll Call vote was taken, and **Resolution 2019-32** was **approved** 19-0-1 (in favor: Kesterson, Douglas, Patterson, Baxley, Lowe, Phagan, Byrd, Langley, Seals, Solomon, Blevins, Eslinger, Bales, Scarlett, Dockery, Carmichael, Walker, Reed, and Thomas, Commissioner Coleman Abstained).

5. **Resolution 2019-33**, Resolution to declare as surplus and to authorize the Emergency Management Agency of Jefferson County to dispose of said equipment. A motion to approve was provided by Commissioner Bales, seconded by Commissioner Seals, a Roll Call vote was taken, and **Resolution 2019-33** was **approved** 20-0 (in favor: all present).

D. Budget Committee, Chairman John Neal Scarlett

1. County Amendments

- a. General Fund 101, Amendments #9, #10, & #11: The amendments were **approved** on a Roll Call vote 20-0 (in favor: all present).
- b. Law Library 114, Amendment #1: The amendment was **approved** on a voice vote with no objection.
- c. Sanitation Fund 116, Amendments #2, #3, & #4: The amendments were **approved** on a Roll Call vote 20-0 (in favor: all present).
- d. Highway Fund 131, Amendments #4, #5, & #6: The amendments were **approved** on a Roll Call vote 20-0 (in favor: all present).
- e. Debt Service Fund 151, Amendment #1: The amendment was **approved** on a Roll Call vote 20-0 (in favor: all present)
- f. Capital Fund 171, Amendment #3: **Approved** on a voice vote with no objection.
- g. Landfill Fund 207, Amendments #4, #5, & #6: The amendments were **approved** on a Roll Call vote 20-0 (in favor: all present).

2. School Amendments

- a. General Purpose Fund 141, Amendments #10, #11, #12, #13: **Approved** on a voice vote with no objection.
- b. Student Nutrition Fund 143, Amendments #101 & #102: **Approved** on a voice vote with no objection.

3. **Resolution 2019-25**, Making appropriations to non-profit charitable organizations of Jefferson County, Tennessee, for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. Commissioner Blevins moved to amend **Resolution 2019-25** by adding the following verbiage "That any non-profit, county board, or other entity that receives funding from the proceeds generated by the hotel motel tax will be required to meet the following requirements as a condition of funding for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020: Section A: Fully comply with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act under TCA 8-44-101 and fully comply with the requirements of the Public Records Act TCA 10-7-503 notwithstanding any exceptions described by state law and per se TCA 5-1-130 & 6-54-142. No part of this amendment will compel any economic development professional acting on behalf of Jefferson County or any city within Jefferson County to reveal the identity of any business or tourism event provider that would require confidentiality. The statutory authority to set this non-profit guideline is given to us under TCA 5-9-109 providing authority for local governments to set guidelines for appropriations of non-profits". A second was provided by Commissioner Reed. A Roll Call vote was taken on the amendment to **Resolution 2019-25** and the amendment **failed** 9-10-1 (in favor: Patterson, Byrd, Langley, Blevins, Eslinger, Bales, Coleman, Reed, and Thomas, Commissioner Baxley Abstained). A Roll Call vote was taken on **Resolution 2019-25** as originally presented and it **carried** 17-1-2 (in favor: Kesterson, Douglas, Patterson, Baxley, Lowe, Phagan, Byrd, Langley, Seals, Eslinger, Bales, Scarlett, Coleman, Carmichael, Walker, Reed, and Thomas, Commissioners Solomon and Dockery requested to abstain with cause).

4. **Resolution 2019-26**, Making Appropriations for the various funds, departments, institutions, offices, and agencies of Jefferson County, Tennessee, for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. Commissioner Walker requested to make the following amendment: "I move to amend the budget, on the advice of our attorney, I move to fund the Environmental Department at the prior years



level with the addition of the county raises and the associated cost.” A second was provided by Commissioner Solomon. Commissioner Reed spoke against the amendment stating the environmental department has saved the county money over the last several years and this department should not be singled out of the budget. He stated that it should be funded as approved by the budget committee. Commissioner Scarlett stated that he will support the amendment based on the advice of our attorney. Commissioner Douglas stated that this item did pass the budget committee however it was a split vote, it was not unanimous. Commissioner Carmichael disputed the workload of this department. A Roll Call vote was taken on the amendment and the amendment **failed** 10-10 (in favor: Kesterson, Douglas, Patterson, Baxley, Solomon, Bales, Scarlett, Coleman, Carmichael, and Walker). Commissioner Phagan moved to amend **Resolution 2019-26** to incorporate the position of mechanic for the Landfill Fund as presented by Commissioner Reed. A second was provided by Commissioner Seals. Commissioner Scarlett spoke against the amendment because Mr. Gaut stated that in addition to this new position, additional work would still have to be farmed out to contracted agencies for repair. Commissioner Dockery questioned if additional money was required or if this position would be filled from within the existing budget. Mr. Gaut stated that he could make the new position work from within the existing budget if that is what he was requested to do. A Roll Call vote was taken on Commissioner Phagan’s amendment and the amendment **carried** 12-8 (in favor: Baxley, Lowe, Phagan, Byrd, Langley, Seals, Solomon, Blevins, Eslinger, Dockery, Reed, and Thomas). A Roll Call vote was taken on **Resolution 2019-26** as amended and **Resolution 2019-26 carried** 11-9 (in favor: Baxley, Lowe, Phagan, Byrd, Langley, Seals, Blevins, Eslinger, Dockery, Reed, and Thomas).

5. **Resolution 2019-27**, Fixing the Tax Levy in Jefferson County, Tennessee for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2019. A Roll Call vote was taken on **Resolution 2019-27** and it **carried** 11-9 (in favor: Patterson, Baxley, Lowe, Phagan, Langley, Seals, Solomon, Coleman, Dockery, Reed, and Thomas).
6. **Resolution 2019-31**, Increasing Compensation of Members of the Jefferson County Board of Education. A Roll Call vote was taken, and **Resolution 2019-31 carried** 19-1 (in favor: Kesterson, Douglas, Patterson, Baxley, Lowe, Phagan, Langley, Seals, Solomon, Blevins, Eslinger, Bales, Scarlett, Coleman, Dockery, Carmichael, Walker, Reed, and Thomas).
7. General Fund 101 Amendment #1: \$295,000 from fund balance to a reserve fund to hire 6 additional EMS employees to alleviate the ambulance shortage in the Parrott’s Chapel community and the entire county. The reserve fund will be accessible to the EMS director when he is able to hire the positions. A Roll Call vote was taken, and the amendment **carried** 20-0 (in favor: all present).
8. Schools General Purpose Fund 141 Amendment #1: A Roll Call vote was taken, and the amendment **carried** 20-0 (in favor: all present).

Hearing no further business before the commission, a motion to adjourn was offered by Commissioner Coleman, a second was offered by Commissioner Seals and with no objection voiced, the meeting was **adjourned** at 7:52 PM.



County Commission Chair, Mayor Mark Potts



County Clerk, Frank C. Herndon