

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018 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 28 to-wit: Katy Huffaker, Todd Kesterson, Steve Douglas, David Gaut, Randy Baxley, Rita Musick, Donnie Tabor, Russell Turner, Tim Seals, Sammy Solomon, Robert Blevins, Ralph "Gene" Eslinger, Randy Bales, John Neal Scarlett, Terry Dockery, Jimmy Carmichael, David Seal, Bob Beeler, and Barbara Sheets. Twenty (20) members were present, one (1) was absent John McGraw.

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Tucker. An invocation was given by Chaplain Donnie Tabor, Chairman Tucker led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Tucker recognized the members of the Jefferson County High School youth leadership class in attendance at tonight's meeting.

**APPROVAL & CORRECTIONS OF THE AGENDA:**

1. Commissioner Gaut requested to add the nomination of Board of Equalization members to the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Kesterson this item was approved with no objection.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Commissioner Scarlett moved to approve the minutes of the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners, January 29, 2018 Regular Quarterly Session and the Special Called Session, February 12, 2018. Commissioner Seals seconded the motion and the minutes were **approved** with no objections voiced.

**APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS:**

With 21 citizens requesting to speak in reference to the Parrott's Chapel issue, Chairman Tucker offered any citizen who would like to yield their time to a unified speaker to please let that be known, 20 citizens requested to yield their time to Matthew Bobick the nominated spokesman for the group.

Matthew Bobick – Gave a detailed report of his group's request to cede their community to Sevier County.

Marvin Manning – Requested that Commission look closely at this issue and spoke of issues he experienced as a child with living in the Parrott's Chapel Community.

**APPROVAL OF NOTARIES & BONDS:**

Commissioner Musick 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.

Amanda K Beckner	Ashley R Eldridge	Becky Huskey	Elizabeth I Sweet
Jennifer Lee Walker	Jeremy George Lawson	Jessica Drinnon	Kayla Watts-Landry
Lisa B Orr	Robin Mehaffey	Ruth Ann Lowry	Sara L Edmonds
Tammy J Huntley	Whitney L Cole		

## **ELECTION TO FILL VACANCY – COUNTY CONSTABLE 8<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT:**

Commissioner Dockery nominated Vince Gable of the 8<sup>th</sup> District to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Bobby Roy Justice by his POA Jennifer Pugh. Commissioner Seal provided a second. Hearing no further nominations from the floor, Commissioner Scarlett made a motion to cease nominations and elect Mr. Gable by acclamation. With no objection Vince Gable was **elected** 8<sup>th</sup> District Constable.

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

- A. County Mayor, Alan Palmieri
1. Mayor Palmieri announced an event for Marsha Blackburn to be held at the Courthouse on March 24, 2018 at 10AM, he invited all officials and members of the public to the event to meet Ms. Blackburn.
  2. Mayor Palmieri requested the Commission vote to allow Attorney Richard Talley to proceed with the proposed Opioid Lawsuit. Commissioner Solomon moved to approve the lawsuit, Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. After discussion, Commissioner Huffaker moved to postpone this item to allow the County Attorneys time to meet with Attorney Talley and come back to the Commission with more information. Commissioner Douglas provided a second, a vote by Show of Hands yields 14 yes and 6 no and the item was **postponed**.
  3. **Resolution 2018-07:** A Resolution authorizing submission of an application for a litter and trash-collecting grant from the Tennessee department of transportation and authorizing the acceptance of said grant. A motion to approve was provided by Commissioner Scarlett, seconded by Commissioner Seals. With no objection voiced **Resolution 2018-07** was **approved**.
  4. Mayor Palmieri requested a motion and vote to ask the County Attorney to immediately begin the process to serve the current Humane Society 30-day notice to vacate the present animal shelter building owned by the county. Commissioner Musick made the above motion, Commissioner Seals provided a second, the motion was **approved** on a voice vote 19-1.
  5. Mayor Palmieri requested a motion and vote to adopt the new agreement between Jefferson County and CARE to be signed by the mayor immediately upon notice to do so by the County Attorney. Commissioner Carmichael made the above motion, seconded by Commissioner Bales, the motion was **approved** on a voice vote 19-1.
- B. County Clerk, Frank Herndon – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report: Presented and Filed.
- C. Highway Superintendent, Charles Tipton – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Work Accomplished Report: Presented and Filed.
- D. Register of Deeds, Ed Stiner – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report: Presented and Filed.
- E. Sheriff, G.W. “Bud” McCoig – Spoke to the Jail being certified by the TCI for 2018, answering a question from Commissioner Dockery that the Jail had not be De-Certified during his 8-year tenure. He also complemented his staff stating that his department has had a clean audit for the last 8 years from the comptroller’s office with no findings.
- F. Building Inspector, Rob Wilson – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Permit Report & School Facilities Tax Comparison: Presented and Filed.
- G. Chamber of Commerce President & CEO, Darrell Helton – February 2018 Report: Presented.
- H. Finance Director, Langdon Potts
1. County & Schools Summary Financial Statements for December 2017: Presented and Filed.
  2. County & Schools Summary Financial Statements for January 2018: Presented and Filed.
  3. **Resolution 2018-8:** Resolution to surplus ambulance and donate to JCPD. Motion to approve by Commissioner Scarlett, seconded by Commissioner Carmichael. **Resolution 2018-8** was **approved** on a voice vote with no objection voiced.

4. **Resolution 2018-9:** Resolution to surplus and dispose items from Sanitation Department. Motion to approve by Commissioner Seals, seconded by Commissioner Musick. **Resolution 2018-9** was **approved** on a voice vote with no objection voiced with Commissioner Gaut abstaining.
5. **Resolution 2018-10:** Resolution to surplus and dispose items from Dandridge Memorial Library. Motion to approve by Commissioner Scarlett, seconded by Commissioner Turner. **Resolution 2018-10** was **approved** on a voice vote with no objection voiced.
6. **Resolution 2018-11:** Resolution to surplus and donate items to Town of Dandridge Visitors Center. Motion to approve by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Scarlett. **Resolution 2018-11** was **approved** on a voice vote with no objection voiced.

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

- A. Animal Control Oversight Board Chairman, Commissioner Randy Bales – Next meeting will be April 6, 2018 at 10AM at the courthouse.
- B. Budget Committee Chairman, Commissioner John Neal Scarlett – Budget Amendments
  1. County General Fund 101, Amendment #9, Items #1-4: **Approved** on a Roll Call vote 20-0 (in favor: all present).
  2. Drug Enforcement Fund 122, Amendment #1, Item #1: **Approved** on a Roll Call vote 20-0 (in favor: all present).
  3. Highway Fund 131, Amendment #2, Item #1: **Approved** on a Roll Call vote 20-0 (in favor: all present).
  4. Landfill Fund 207, Amendment #3, Items #1-2: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
  5. Schools General Purpose Fund 141, Amendment #12, Item #1: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
  6. Schools General Purpose Fund 141, Amendment #13, Items #1-6: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
  7. Schools General Purpose Fund 141, Amendment #14, Items #1-2: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
  8. Schools Federal Purpose Fund 142, Amendment #7, Items #1-5: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
  9. Schools Federal Purpose Fund 142, Amendment #8, Items #1-4: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
  10. Schools Education Capital Projects Fund 177, Amendment #2, Item #1: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
  11. It comes as a recommendation from the budget committee to award \$81,000 to CARE, \$35,000 from funds previously assigned to Humane Society of Jefferson County and \$46,000 from fund balance. A Roll Call vote was taken and the award to CARE was **approved** 19-1 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Douglas, Gaut, Baxley, Musick, Tabor, Seals, Solomon, Blevins, Eslinger, Bales, Scarlett, Dockery, Tucker, Carmichael, Seal, Beeler, and Sheets).
- C. Conservation Board Chairman, Commissioner Robert Tucker – The conservation board will be submitting for the grant in mid-April with anticipation of completing the park with no tax dollars being used.
- D. Finance Committee Vice-Chairman, Commissioner David Seal – No Report.
- E. Public Service Committee Chairman, Commissioner David Seal – The Public Service Committee is working on a recommendation that will amend the resolution on outdoor festivals to stop amplified sound after 10PM and plans to bring that to the full commission in the coming months.
- F. Quality Control Oversight Committee Chairman, Commissioner David Gaut – Nothing to report more than the information shared at the work session.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Commissioner Tim Seals presented a request from Bill Gilger, a resident of Patriot Hills & appointed spokesperson for the Neighborhood Association, a request for Jefferson County to pay for a traffic study to justify a right-turn lane leading into the Patriot Hills subdivision. Commissioner Turner made a motion to approve, Commissioner Sheets provided a second requesting to open discussion. Commissioner Scarlett called for a point of order because this funding had not been heard by the budget committee. With this point of order Commissioner Turner withdrew his motion and the funding **failed** for a lack of a motion to hear or suspend the rules.
- B. Commissioner Terry Dockery – **Resolution 2018-04**: A Resolution authorizing the necessary action to request the Tennessee General Assembly change the boundary lines of Jefferson County, Tennessee by reducing the current territory in Jefferson County, Tennessee and placing said territory in Sevier County, Tennessee: Commissioner Dockery moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Seals. After discussion, a vote was taken by show of hands and **Resolution 2018-04 failed** 7-13. With this vote Chairman Tucker requested that that the budget committee commit to \$1,000,000 in road funds to the Parrotts Chapel community over the next 3 years to improve the roads in the Parrotts Chapel Community, he requested that the budget committee address increasing the fire funding for the Parrotts Chapel Volunteer Department, and he requested EMS Director Phillips to come back to Commission with a plan to improve the EMS service to the Parrotts Chapel community. Commissioner Scarlett called for a point of order stating that the budget committee had no authority to direct the highway superintendent or highway commission how to spend allocated money and that the highway superintendent would have to come forward with the request. Chairman Tucker stated that he would speak to Superintendent Tipton. Commissioner Scarlett reminded Chairman Tucker that he had made the successful motion that set the fire department funding for the next budget year and that process had already been completed for the year. Commissioner Carmichael made a motion to request that Mayor Palmieri meet with the Sevier County Mayor to discuss the issue of contracting services or a possible land swap, Commissioner Seal provided a second. After discussion, Commissioner Carmichael withdrew his motion and respectfully requested that the Mayor meet with Mayor Waters of Sevier County and discuss the issue. Mayor Palmieri agreed to arrange a meeting.
- C. Personnel Committee Chairman Russell Turner, Commission Secretary Recommendation – Commissioner Turner presented the Personnel Committee’s recommendation of Janice Larrance for approval. Commissioner Carmichael nominated former secretary Peggy Mitchell for the position stating that it was his understanding that she was interested in returning to her prior position. Commissioner Turner called Commissioner Carmichael’s nomination out of order stating that although the position was properly advertised Ms. Mitchell had not applied, completed a background check, been interviewed, nor was the committee aware of her interest to return. Commissioner Solomon spoke favorably to Ms. Larrance’s background and moved that nominations cease. After discussion, Commissioner Seals called for the question and hearing no objection, Chairman Tucker called for a voice vote to approve the committee’s recommendation. After a voice vote 17-3 the hiring of Janice Larrance as County Commission Secretary was **approved**.

*Commissioner Blevins left at this time*

Commissioner Seal moved to refer the issue of the cost of health insurance for Mrs. Larrance to the budget committee because it is not budgeted. During discussion, Commissioner Carmichael made a motion to suspend to the rules to take up this issue tonight. Commissioner Seal provided a second. With a vote by show of hands 19-0, the motion **carried**. Commissioner Solomon made a motion to authorize Finance Director Potts to arrange for funding for insurance for Mrs. Larrance. Commissioner Carmichael provided a second and with no objection the motion **carried**.

- D. Board of Equalization, Commissioner David Gaut – Due to state law changes, Commissioner Gaut made the following motion: A motion to request the Mayor to bring 4 (four) appointments for the Board of Equalization. Jefferson City provides the fifth appointment. These appointments are still confirmed by the full legislative body. In addition, the Mayor would also maintain the newly required training records of the Board of Equalization members. Commissioner Solomon provided a second, with no opposition voiced, the motion **carried**.
- E. **Resolutions 2018-05 & 2018-06**: Commissioner Scarlett made a motion to approve **Resolutions 2018-05 & 2018-06** and a second was provided by Commissioner Musick. With Commissioner Seals abstention, **Resolution 2018-05 & 2018-06** were **approved** with no objection.
- F. County Property Sale – Three parcels of property that went unsold in the recent tax sale and received no successful bids in a public sale were left for county commission to place a price upon and advertise. Property 1 located off W Old AJ Hwy Map 042K Parcel 010.00, Property 2 located off Indian Creek Rd Map 085 Parcel 050.01, and Parcel 3 located off Oakdale Dr. Map 059 Parcel 055.01. On a motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Baxley a price of \$100.00 was placed on each parcel. With no objection voiced this price was **approved**.

Hearing no further business before the commission, Chairman Tucker **adjourned** the meeting at 8:29 PM.