

## 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 April, 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 30 to-wit: Katy Huffaker, Todd Kesterson, Steve Douglas, David Gaut, Randy Baxley, Rita Musick, Donnie Tabor, John McGraw, Russell Turner, Tim Seals, Sammy Solomon, Randy Bales, John Neal Scarlett, Terry Dockery, Jimmy Carmichael, David Seal, Bob Beeler, and Barbara Sheets. Nineteen (19) members were present, Two (2) were absent.

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

**APPROVAL & CORRECTIONS OF THE AGENDA:**

None

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Commissioner McGraw moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Session, March 19, 2018. Commissioner Seals seconded the motion and the minutes were **approved** with no objections voiced.

**APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS:**

Steve McSmith 8<sup>th</sup> District – Spoke to requests made by Chairman Tucker at the last meeting referencing EMS Director Phillips to develop a plan to better serve the Parrotts Chapel Community, Chairman Tucker stated that Director Phillips will report to commission at the June work session. Additionally, he questioned if the Mayor had spoken to the Sevier County Mayor referencing a land swap. Mayor Palmieri stated that Mayor Waters stated that Sevier County would take no action unless Jefferson County passed a Resolution to release the land. He stated that Sevier County would not pay for the land or negotiate a land swap.

Shonda Griffin 3<sup>rd</sup> District – Spoke to the inmate escape at White Pine School and questioned who was in charge of the inmates while on school property and who would have been in charge of placing the school on lockdown after the escape. Commissioners asked questions of Director Finchum and Sheriff McCoig over the escape of inmates.

John Gunn 6<sup>th</sup> District – Questioned the commission as to his understanding that the EDA was not asking for a donation from the county commission and he stated that it was his understanding that the Chamber of Commerce was requesting funds on behalf of the EDA. Commissioner Scarlett stated that the EDA did not submit a request for funding from the budget committee and that the Chamber of Commerce had submitted a funding request that was equal to last years budget for EDA and the Chamber combined.

Katherine Noyes 10<sup>th</sup> District – Thanked the commissioners for their support of CARE.

James E. Carmichael 9<sup>th</sup> District – Spoke on behalf of a citizen from his district Kimberly West who filed a complaint with the Sheriff's Department against Commissioner Tucker for harassment and over a political sign that was placed on her property without permission. He dispersed a copy of the report to commissioners.

## 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.

Amarilis Rohan	Carla A. Hickey	Carolyn L. Rosato	Diana Herndon
Matthew Orr	Nancy K. Gray-Barnett	Rita Foster	Seth Thomas Voelker
Timothy Eugene Kirby	Timothy H. Hooper	W. Keith Repass	

## ELECTION OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

- A. Nominating Committee Chairman, Commissioner Todd Kesterson  
Jefferson County Library Board of Trustees are submitting the following persons to the County Commission for approval as new trustees.

Jessica Churchwell – Town of White Pine Representative  
Billie Parrott – County Representative from Strawberry Plains  
Carolyn Allen – County Representative from Talbott, Dandridge, & White Pine  
Jim Hodge – Reappointed for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term as a County Representative

Commissioner Baxley moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Musick, the above nominees were **approved** with no objection voiced.

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

- A. County Mayor, Alan Palmieri
1. Mayor Palmieri nominated Charles Crosby to the Board of Equalization. Motion to approve by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Kesterson. **Approved** with no objection voiced.
  2. Mayor Palmieri reappointed L.E. Smith, Charles Briggs, and Bob Hardy to the Board of Equalization. A motion to approve was provided by Commissioner Scarlett, seconded by Commissioner Tabor and **approved** with no objection voiced.
  3. Mayor Palmieri requested the approval of **Resolution 2018-14**. Commissioner Bales moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner McGraw, with no objection, **Resolution 2018-14** was **approved** with no objection voiced.
  4. Mayor Palmieri fielded questions from the commission about the East Tennessee Progress Center landing a large industry, stating that the development would be in the Hamblen County portion of the park.
- B. Interim Director of Schools, Sherry Finchum
1. Reported that 18 students lived in the Parrotts Chapel area. She stated that the Director of Schools in Sevier County would entertain the idea of accepting the students in the Parrotts Chapel Community. She also stated that Sevier County would not be interested in letting Jefferson County serve any of the students in their county.

*(Commissioner Turner left at this time)*

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS, & COMMISSIONS:

- A. Budget Committee Chairman, Commissioner Scarlett – Budget Committee recommendations
1. Budget Amendments
    - a) County General Fund 101, Amendment #10, Items #1-2: **Approved** on a Roll Call vote 18-0 (in favor: all present).
    - b) County Capital Fund 171, Amendment #4, Item #1: **Approved** on a Roll Call vote 18-0 (in favor: all present).

- c) County General Fund 101, Amendment #11, Items #1-4: **Approved** on a Roll Call vote 18-0 (in favor: all present).
  - d) Drug Enforcement Fund 122, Amendment #2, Item #1: **Approved** on a Roll Call vote 18-0 (in favor: all present).
  - e) Landfill Fund 207, Amendment #4, Item #1: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
  - f) Schools General Purpose Fund 141, Amendment #15, Items #1-12: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
  - g) Schools General Purpose Fund 141, Amendment #16, Items #1-4: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
  - h) Schools Federal Purpose Fund 142, Amendment #9, Items #1-2 & Amendment #10, Items #1-5: **Approved** with no objection voiced.
- B. Conservation Board Chairman, Commissioner Tucker – The Conservation Board met and is presenting a Resolution under new business to allow them to apply for a local parks and recreation fund grant.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Resolution 2018-12:** A Resolution amending the zoning map of Jefferson County, Tennessee by rezoning property from A-1, Agriculture-Forestry to R-1 Rural Residential: A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Seal, seconded by Commissioner Douglas, **Resolution 2018-12** was **approved** on a Roll Call vote 17-0-1 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Douglas, Gaut, Baxley, Musick, Tabor, McGraw, Solomon, Bales, Scarlett, Dockery, Tucker, Carmichael, Seal, Beeler, and Sheets. Abstain: Seals).
- B. **Resolution 2018-13:** Resolution to declare equipment surplus and to authorize the sheriff's department of Jefferson County to donate to C.A.R.E. (Companion Animal Rescue Education) said equipment: A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Seals, **Resolution 2018-13** was **approved** on a Roll Call vote 18-0 (in favor: all present).
- C. **Resolution 2018-15:** A Resolution authorizing Jefferson County to make a 2018 Local Parks and Recreation Fund Grant Application. Commissioner Seal moved to postpone Resolution 2018-15 until the following conditions are met:
  - 1. Language in the resolution is amended to exclude any matching funds that may be required of Jefferson County, or any department of Jefferson County, to satisfy the requirements of the proposed grant.
  - 2. A description is made in the resolution stating the value of the land match provided by Jefferson County, supported by a written appraisal prepared by a certified appraiser.
  - 3. A written enforceable agreement is made and referenced in the resolution to guarantee adequate private funding to satisfy matching funds that may be required of the proposed grant.
  - 4. A comprehensive analysis is made and referenced in the resolution to estimate the cost of the following: Site preparation and construction cost, compliance of federal, state, and local regulations, road improvements, utilities and other necessary infrastructure, compliance to the American with Disabilities Act, Consumer Product Safety Commission, American Society for Testing and Materials and all other applicable standards to public parks, all startup costs, and playground and other equipment that is included in the proposed design of the park.
  - 5. A detailed estimate is provided and referenced in the resolution on the long-term maintenance cost of the proposed park.

6. Language in the resolution includes a plan for the operation of the proposed park and a determination is made as to the county department, or departments that will be in charge of operating the proposed park, including the hiring of personnel and contractors that may be necessary to carry out the operation of the proposed park.
7. The resolution includes a security plan that describes the responsibility and law enforcement protocol for the proposed park.

Commissioner Solomon provided a second. Commissioner Gaut called for a Point of Order asking the county attorney if the commission could postpone a resolution that had not yet been made in a motion. Attorney Drinnon stated that the commission had acted on many resolutions in the past that were not yet in the form of a motion. Commissioner Beeler stated that the Conservation Board had been working on this project for 8-12 months or longer and asked why these questions had not come up sooner with a Wednesday application deadline. Mayor Palmieri stated that the park would be good for the county and County Commission did not need to provide a road block to progress. A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion to postpone **failed** 3-15 (in favor: Musick, Solomon, and Seal). Commissioner Seals moved to approve **Resolution 2018-15** and a second was provided by Commissioner Tabor. Commissioner Bales moved to amend the motion to include a copy of the grant application in the minutes. The amendment was accepted by consent. A Roll Call Vote was taken, and **Resolution 2018-15** was **approved** 15-3 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Douglas, Gaut, Baxley, Tabor, McGraw, Seals, Bales, Scarlett, Dockery, Tucker, Carmichael, Beeler, and Sheets).

Hearing no further business before the commission, Chairman Tucker **adjourned** the meeting at 8:17 PM.