

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 16th day of September 2019 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 64 to-wit: Katy Huffaker, Todd Kesterson, Steve Douglas, Jimmy Dale Patterson, Randy Baxley, Paul Lowe, Edna Langley, Tim Seals, Sammy Solomon, Ralph "Gene" Eslinger, Randy Bales, John Neal Scarlett, Ronny Coleman, Terry Dockery, Jimmy Carmichael, Anthony "A.J." Walker, Marcus Reed, and Hilda "Heidi" Thomas. Eighteen (18) members were present, three (3) were absent: Michael Phagan, Greg Byrd, and Robert Blevins.

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Potts. An invocation was given by Chaplain Steve Douglas, Commissioner Ronny Coleman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTION OF COMMISSION OFFICERS

Chair – Commissioner Seal nominated Mayor Potts; Commissioner Carmichael provided a second. Hearing no further nominations Commissioner Douglas moved that nominations cease, and Mayor Potts be elected by acclamation, Commissioner Scarlett provided a second and with a Roll Call vote taken 18-0 (in favor: all present) and Mayor Potts was **elected** Commission Chair.

Chair Pro Tempore – Commissioner Solomon nominated Commissioner Kesterson, seconded by Commissioner Huffaker. Hearing no further nominations, Commissioner Scarlett moved that nominations cease and Commissioner Kesterson be elected by acclamation. Commissioner Bales provided a second and a Roll Call vote was taken 18-0 (in favor: all present) and Commissioner Kesterson was **elected** Chair Pro Tempore.

Parliamentarian – Commissioner Solomon nominated Commissioner Scarlett, Commissioner Huffaker provided a second. Hearing no further nominations, a Roll Call vote was taken 17-1 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Douglas, Patterson, Baxley, Lowe, Langley, Seals, Solomon, Eslinger, Bales, Coleman, Dockery, Carmichael, Walker, Reed, and Thomas) and Commissioner Scarlett was **elected** Parliamentarian.

Chaplain – Commissioner Carmichael nominated Commissioner Douglas; Commissioner Lowe provided a second. Hearing no further nominations, a Roll Call vote was taken 18-0 (in favor: all present) and Commissioner Douglas was **elected** Chaplain.

APPROVAL & CORRECTIONS OF THE AGENDA:

Chairman Potts requested a motion to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to add the Baby Safe Grant as an item of discussion and a budget amendment for the library board to the agenda. Commissioner Solomon moved to suspend the rules and add the aforementioned items to the agenda. Commissioner Carmichael provided a second, and a Roll Call vote was taken 18-0 (in favor: all present) and the rules were **suspended**. Commissioner Solomon moved to approve the agenda as amended, a second was provided by Commissioner Bales, a Roll Call vote was taken, and the agenda was **approved** as amended 18-0 (in favor: all present).

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Commissioner Coleman moved to approve the minutes of the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners, July 15, 2019 Regular Monthly Session. Commissioner Solomon seconded the motion and the minutes were **approved** with a Roll Call vote 18-0 (in favor: all present).

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS:

Roger Cameron – District 3: Spoke in opposition of the purchase of the Shular building in downtown Dandridge.
Karen Collins – District 3: Spoke in opposition to the rezoning of property located at Hwy 25/70 and Oak Grove Rd.

APPROVAL OF NOTARIES & BONDS:

Commissioner Coleman moved to approve the list of notaries as presented, Commissioner Kesterson seconded the motion. With a Roll Call vote, the motion **carried**, 18-0 (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.

Baily S. Marshall	Carole A. Bernard	Cathy Carter	Cynthia Hollett
Dianne M. Rorie	Jean M. Riley	Jill L. Molzon	Katie Williams
Kayla Dawn Tate	Lea Becker	Melina Gregg Rogers	Morgan Askew
Nancy Leann Sutton	Pamela Walker	Rebecca Malone Moak	Ralph L. Sherrod
Phil Shoup	Sammy Solomon	Samantha Hollingsworth	Ashley Archer
Charles R. Rada	Garrett Payne	Janet T. Huser	Mike French
Patricia R. Rada	Tonya S. Kelley		

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

A. Board of Health Members Appointments:

1. Reappointment – John J. McGraw, M.D. – Term October 2019 – October 2023
2. Reappointment – Rhonda Click, R.N. – Term October 2019 – October 2023
3. Reappointment – Wesley Cowan, D.Ph. – Term October 2019 – October 2023
4. Reappointment – Dale Bryant, D.D.S. – Term October 2019 – October 2023

B. County Mayor, Mark Potts – Mayoral Appointments

1. E-911 Communication Board
 - a. Reappointment – Billy John Cureton – Term October 2019 – October 2023
2. EMS Board
 - a. Reappointment – Phil Ownby – Term October 2019 – October 2022
 - b. Reappointment – Colin McRae – Term December 2019 – December 2022
3. Ethics Committee
 - a. Reappointment – Commissioner, Heidi Thomas – Term October 2019 – October 2020
 - b. Reappointment – Commissioner, Todd Kesterson – Term October 2019 – October 2020
 - c. Reappointment – Commissioner, Jimmy Dale Patterson – Term October 2019 – October 2020
 - d. Reappointment – Commissioner, Sammy Solomon – Term October 2019 – October 2020
 - e. Reappointment – Highway Superintendent, Charles Tipton – Term October 2019 – October 2020
4. Jefferson Health Care Foundation Board of Directors
 - a. Reappointment – Roger Mynatt – Term September 2019 – September 2022
5. Regional Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals
 - a. Appointment – Bobby Collins (RPC & BZA) – Term September 2019 – September 2023

6. Jefferson County Sanitation Commission

- a. Reappointment – Arlie Ball – Term October 2019 – October 2022.

The above Board of Health and Mayoral appointments were moved for confirmation as a group by Commissioner Scarlett, seconded by Commissioner Seal, with a Roll Call vote 18-0 (in favor: all present) the appointments were **confirmed**.

C. Director of Schools, Dr. Shane Johnston

1. Dr. Johnston advised Commissioners and the public that a School Board Work Session that had been scheduled for next week had been cancelled.
2. Dr. Johnston extended an invitation to Commissioners for the official dedication of the Welding program at JCHS on Friday September 27, 2019 at 2:30 PM.

D. Finance Director, Langdon Potts

1. June & July 2019 Financial Reports, presented and filed.
2. Baby Safe Grant, for information only, Mr. Potts made commissioners aware of a grant that was being applied for through the General Sessions Judge's Office. He stated no action was needed at this time.
3. Budget Amendment: General Fund 101, Amendment #5 – Mr. Potts stated that this amendment was needed to keep the county in compliance with their Public Library Maintenance of Effort Agreement. The amendment was moved for approval by Commissioner Scarlett, a second was provided by Commissioner Bales. A Roll Call vote was taken, and the amendment was **approved** 18-0 (in favor: all present).

- E. Solid Waste Director, David Gaut – Cell Construction, Closure, and Permitting report presented and filed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS, & COMMISSIONS:

A. Nominating Committee Appointments:

1. Agriculture Extension Committee
 - a. Reappointment – Commissioner, Jimmy Carmichael – Term December 2019 – December 2021
 - b. Reappointment – Farm Man, Robbie Reece – Term December 2019 – December 2021
 - c. Reappointment – Farm Woman, Carla Byrd – Term December 2019 – December 2021
2. Building Inspection Board of Appeals
 - a. Reappointment – Commissioner, Jimmy Carmichael – Term September 2019 – September 2021
 - b. Reappointment – Licensed Realtor, Ed Franklin – Term September 2019 – September 2021
 - c. Appointment – Citizen, Chuck Catlett – Term September 2019 – September 2021
 - d. Appointment – Certified Home Inspector, Steve Motruk – Term September 2019 – September 2021
3. Conservation Board
 - a. Reappointment – Citizen, Charles Crosby – Term September 2019 – September 2022
4. Finance Committee
 - a. Reappointment – Commissioner, Edna Langley – Term September 2019 – September 2020
 - b. Reappointment – Commissioner, Katy Huffaker – Term September 2019 – September 2020
 - c. Reappointment – Commissioner, Randy Bales – Term September 2019 – September 2020
 - d. Reappointment – Commissioner, Terry Dockery – Term September 2019 – September 2020
5. Industrial Development Board.
 - a. Appointment – Curt Evans – Term September 2019 – September 2025
 - b. Reappointment – Danny Shelton – Term September 2019 – September 2025

Hearing no nominations from the floor, Commissioner Huffaker moved to approve all the above nominating committee appointments as a group, Commissioner Solomon provided a second. A Roll Call vote was taken 18-0 (in favor: all present) and the above-named nominees were **approved**.

- B. Chamber of Commerce – Director of Tourism, Lauren Hurdle: Presented information on the Lakeside of the Smokies (LOTS) Balloon Festival and requested the County Commissions approval of the event and all associated activities. Approval was granted on a motion by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Seals. A Roll Call Vote was taken, and the motion **carried** 18-0 (in favor: all present).

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Facilities Committee – Chairperson/Commissioner Katy Huffaker: The facilities committee presents the following motion – “To offer \$925,000 plus associated costs for the property located at 1222 Gay Street Dandridge, TN. Financing would be at the direction of the Finance Director – four-year note using debt service fund. There is no real estate commission involved.” Commissioner Carmichael moved to amend the motion from \$925,000 to \$800,000 without the owner completing any promised work prior to purchase. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Douglas. A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion to amend **failed** 7-11 (in favor: Kesterson, Douglas, Eslinger, Bales, Scarlett, Carmichael, and Walker). Commissioner Kesterson amended the motion to \$900,000, a second was provided by Commissioner Huffaker. A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion to amend **carried** 11-7 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Douglas, Baxley, Lowe, Langley, Eslinger, Coleman, Dockery, Reed, and Thomas). A Roll Call vote was taken on the facilities committee recommendation as amended and the recommendation **failed** for lack of simple majority of the full body 10-8 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Baxley, Lowe, Langley, Eslinger, Coleman, Dockery, Reed, and Thomas).
- B. 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 presented the Resolution on behalf of the Public Service Committee after an initial draft was completed by the Jefferson County High School Service Learning Class. A Roll Call vote was taken on **Resolution 2019-08** and it was **approved** 16-2 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Douglas, Patterson, Lowe, Langley, Seals, Solomon, Eslinger, Bales, Coleman, Dockery, Carmichael, Walker, Reed, and Thomas).

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Mark Potts, Mayor:
1. **Resolution 2019-42**: Acceptance of the Proposal of the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) to Construct a Project Designated as Federal Project Number: BR-I-40-8 (139), State Project Number: 45002-1135-94, County of Jefferson, Pin Number: 106301.00, I-40 at S.R. – 113, Exit 424 Interstate 40 Bridge over the French Broad River. Commissioner Carmichael moved **Resolution 2019-42** for approval, Commissioner Kesterson provided a second. With a Roll Call vote taken, **Resolution 2019-42** was **approved** 18-0 (in favor: all present).
- B. Compliance Officer, Commissioner Tim “Pop” Seals
1. **Resolution 2019-44**, Resolution amending the zoning map of Jefferson County, Tennessee by Rezoning requested property from A-1 to C-2, for property located at Highway 25/70 & Oak Grove Rd in Dandridge, Tennessee, owned by Sandra Elizabeth Huskey (Rezoning 069.05 of Jefferson County Tax Map Parcels 059). A motion to approve was provided by Commissioner Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Carmichael. With a Roll Call vote taken, and **Resolution 2019-44** was **approved** 15-1-2 (in favor: Kesterson, Douglas, Patterson, Lowe, Langley, Solomon, Eslinger, Bales, Scarlett, Coleman, Dockery, Carmichael, Walker, Reed and Tomas, Commissioner Seals abstained and Commissioner Huffaker abstained with cause).

C. Sheriff, Jeff Coffey

1. **Resolution 2019-50**, Resolution for Local Government participation in the electronic monitoring indigency fund in Jefferson County, Tennessee. On a motion by Commissioner Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Reed, **Resolution 2019-50** was **approved** with a Roll Call vote 18-0 (in favor: all present).

D. Finance Director – Langdon Potts

1. **Resolution 2019-40**, Resolution of the Governing Body of Jefferson County, Tennessee, Authorizing the Issuance, Sale, and Payment of General Obligation Interfund Loan Capital Outlay notes in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000). Commissioner Solomon provided a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Seals. A Roll Call vote was taken, and **Resolution 2019-40** was **approved** 16-2 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Baxley, Lowe, Langley, Seals, Solomon, Eslinger, Bales, Scarlett, Coleman, Dockery, Carmichael, Walker, Reed, and Thomas).
2. **Resolution 2019-43**, Resolution Correcting the Scrivener’s error, regarding the Tax Rate in the Tax Levy Resolution 2019-27 in Jefferson County, Tennessee for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2019. A motion to approve was provided by Commissioner Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Seals. A Roll Call vote was taken, and **Resolution 2019-43** was **approved** 18-0 (in favor: all present).
3. **Resolution 2019-45**, Resolution to declare as surplus and to authorize the Emergency Medical Service of Jefferson County to surplus said equipment (Eleven (11) old Ferno Ambulance Cots). A motion to approve was provided by Commissioner Seals, seconded by Commissioner Solomon, a Roll Call vote was taken, and **Resolution 2019-45** was **approved** 18-0 (in favor: all present).
4. **Resolution 2019-47**, Resolution to declare as surplus and to authorize the Sheriff’s Department of Jefferson County to transfer said equipment. Two vehicles each to Jefferson County High School and Jefferson County Highway Department. A motion to approve was provided by Commissioner Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Reed, a Roll Call vote was taken, and **Resolution 2019-47** was **approved** 17-0-1 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Douglas, Patterson, Baxley, Lowe, Langley, Seals, Solomon, Eslinger, Bales, Scarlett, Dockery, Carmichael, Walker, Reed, and Thomas, Commissioner Coleman Abstained).
5. **Resolution 2019-48**, Resolution to declare as surplus and to authorize the Sheriff’s Department of Jefferson County to donate said equipment. One vehicle to Carson Newman University and two vehicles to the Hancock County Sheriff’s Office. A motion to approve was provided by Commissioner Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Carmichael, a Roll Call vote was taken, and **Resolution 2019-48** was **approved** 17-0-1 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Douglas, Patterson, Baxley, Lowe, Langley, Seals, Solomon, Eslinger, Bales, Scarlett, Dockery, Carmichael, Walker, Reed, and Thomas, Commissioner Coleman Abstained).
6. **Resolution 2019-49**, Resolution to declare as surplus and to authorize the Sheriff’s Department of Jefferson County to dispose of said equipment. Two vehicles to be auctioned and three vehicles to be crushed. A motion to approve was provided by Commissioner Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Douglas, a Roll Call vote was taken, and **Resolution 2019-49** was **approved** 17-0-1 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Douglas, Patterson, Baxley, Lowe, Langley, Seals, Solomon, Eslinger, Bales, Scarlett, Dockery, Carmichael, Walker, Reed, and Thomas, Commissioner Coleman Abstained).

- E. Jefferson Park Administrator/CEO, Roger Mynatt: **Resolution 2019-46**, An Initial Resolution Determining to Issue General Obligation Bonds of the Jefferson County, Tennessee, in an aggregate principle amount of not to exceed eleven million dollars (\$11,000,000). A motion to approve was provided by Commissioner Dockery, seconded by Commissioner Seals. A Roll Call vote was taken, and **Resolution 2019-46** was **approved** 18-0 (in favor: all present).

F. Budget Committee, Chairman John Neal Scarlett

1. County Amendments

- a. General Fund 101, Amendment #3: **Approved** on a Roll Call vote 18-0 (in favor: all present).
- b. Highway Fund 131, Amendment #1: **Approved** on a Roll Call vote 18-0 (in favor: all present).
- c. Capital Fund 171, Amendment #1: **Approved** on a Roll Call vote 18-0 (in favor: all present).
- d. Landfill Fund 207, Amendment #2: **Approved** on a Roll Call vote 18-0 (in favor: all present).
- e. General Fund 101, Amendment #4: **Approved** on a Roll Call vote 18-0 (in favor: all present).

2. School Amendments

- a. General Purpose Fund 141, Amendments #2, #3, #4, #5: **Approved** on a Roll Call vote 17-0-1 (in favor: Huffaker, Kesterson, Douglas, Patterson, Baxley, Lowe, Langley, Seals, Eslinger, Bales, Scarlett, Coleman, Dockery, Carmichael, Walker, Reed, and Thomas, Commissioner Solomon Abstained).
- b. Food Service Fund 143, Amendment #1: **Approved** on a Roll Call vote 18-0 (in favor: all present).

Hearing no further business before the commission, a motion to adjourn was offered by Commissioner Solomon, a second was offered by Commissioner Coleman and with no objection voiced, the meeting was **adjourned** at 7:22 PM.



County Commission Chair, Mayor Mark Potts



County Clerk, Frank C. Herndon