

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 7, 2018**

**STATE OF TENNESSEE**            )           Regular Meeting

**COUNTY OF HAMILTON**        )           February 7, 2018

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018, a Regular Meeting of the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners was begun and held at the Courthouse, in the City of Chattanooga, in the County Commission Room, when the following proceedings were held, to wit:--

0:15

Present and presiding was the Honorable Randy Fairbanks, Chairman. County Clerk Bill Knowles called the roll of the County Commission and the following, constituting a quorum, answered to their names: Commissioner Bankston, Commissioner Beck, Commissioner Fields, Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Mackey, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Smedley, and Chairman Fairbanks. Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1.

Chairman Fairbanks reported Commissioner Boyd would be absent for today's meeting.

Also in attendance were County Mayor Jim Coppinger, members of his administrative staff, County Attorney Rheubin Taylor, and County Auditor Jenneth Randall.

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Attached hereto is a copy of the Public Notice of this meeting, which was published in a local newspaper and made a matter of record of this meeting.

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Commissioner Martin introduced Reverend Scott Williamson, Pilgrim Congregational Church, who gave the invocation. Commissioner Martin introduced United States Veteran Ed Gravitt who led in the pledge to the flag.

3:51

**PRESENTATION – PROCLAMATION – DOROTHY “DOT” RICHEY SERTEL DAY**

Mayor Coppinger presented a Proclamation declaring February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Dorothy “Dot” Richey Sertel Day. He stated Ms. Sertel was involved in politics for many years and deserves to be honored and respected. He mentioned former Hamilton County Mayor Claude Ramsey could not be present today due to illness, but asked Mayor Coppinger to extend his regrets to the family. Mayor Coppinger asked Commissioner Beck to join him at the podium along with family members of Ms. Sertel. He spoke about how much she gave back to the community and led a full and exemplary life until the age of 96. He asked the Proclamation be read into the record and invited members of the Commission as well as Judge Russell Bean, County Trustee Bill Hullander, and former County Assessor Bill Bennett to join him and the family for a photo.

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11:07 Commissioner Beck spoke about his working relationship and friendship with Ms. Sertel's son, John R. Sertel, Sr., and told the story of his first meeting Ms. Sertel. He presented the family with a plaque of today's Proclamation.

12:59 Mr. Sertel, Sr. expressed his appreciation and stated he believes his mother would be pleased with this honor. He also spoke about his friendship with Commissioner Beck and recalled the story of when Commissioner Beck met his mother.

14:00 Ms. Sertel's sister, Wilma R. Dietzen, stated Ms. Sertel led with intelligence and was instrumental in their father's political success. She reported Ms. Sertel had high honors and was valedictorian at Central High School. Ms. Dietzen thanked Mayor Copping and members of the Commission for honoring her sister.

15:32 Ms. Sertel's brother, Bobby Richey, spoke regarding how close-knit their family was. He also thanked Commissioners for honoring Ms. Sertel.

15:46 Commissioner Mackey, Commissioner Bankston, Commissioner Graham, Former County Assessor Bill Bennett, and County Trustee Bill Hullander all shared stories of how kind Ms. Sertel was and recognized the legacy she left.

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22:33 Mayor Coppinger stated Ms. Sertel was a well-respected icon who made many contributions to Chattanooga and Hamilton County. At this time a round of applause was given.

23:15 Chairman Fairbanks recognized Judge J. B. Bennett and Judge Russell Bean present at today's meeting and thanked everyone who attended to honor Ms. Sertel.

23:27 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of January 10, 2018, the Agenda Preparation Session of January 10, 2018, the Regular Meeting of January 17, 2018, the and the Regular Meeting of January 24, 2018 be approved, treat same as read, made a matter of record and filed. The foregoing Motion was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

The Trustee's Monthly and Excess Fee reports for December 2017 were submitted and made a matter of record.

**QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT**

The quarterly investment report of Hamilton County, for the quarter ending December 31, 2017 was submitted as a matter of record.

**JUVENILE COURT CLERK'S REPORTS**

The Juvenile Court Clerk's Reports for September through December 2017 were submitted and made a matter of record.

24:09

**RESOLUTION NO. 218-1 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS, THE BONDS AND OATHS OF NOTARIES PREVIOUSLY ELECTED, THE OATH OF DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK, AND THE OATHS OF DEPUTY SHERIFFS.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 218-1. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and

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voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 218-2 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH GALEN MEDICAL GROUP TO INCORPORATE THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL, CARE MANAGEMENT, AND MEDICATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 218-2.

25:10

Commissioner Graham explained this Resolution will provide a medical doctor two hours per day three days a week as well as an on-site Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) for eight hours per day seven days a week without allocating additional funds. He stated this is a good example of different departments working together in Hamilton County.

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Mayor Coppinger pointed out the Human Resources Department was also instrumental in obtaining these contracts.

The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Commissioner Boyd was absent. Commissioner Mackey was not present for the vote. Total present – 7. Total absent – 2. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

27:48

**RESOLUTION NO. 218-3 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF ARCHON INFORMATION SYSTEMS, LLC (DBA CIVICSOURCE) TO PROVIDE TAX SALE ONLINE AUCTION SERVICES FOR HAMILTON COUNTY BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018 WITH THE OPTION FOR UP TO THREE (3) ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR RENEWALS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 218-3.

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Commissioner Graham mentioned the online auction will open the door to many more potential buyers and accelerate parcels getting back on the tax roll.

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29:08

**RESOLUTION NO. 218-4 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF AN ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR MOBILE LAW VEHICLE WORKSTATION SOFTWARE AND FBR WORKSTATION SOFTWARE AMOUNTING TO \$40,121.53 FROM TRITECH SOFTWARE SYSTEMS FOR ONE (1) YEAR BEGINNING AUGUST 7, 2017 THROUGH AUGUST 6, 2018, FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Smedley, to adopt Resolution No. 218-4. The foregoing Resolution was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as



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follows: Commissioner Bankston, “Aye”, Commissioner Beck, “Aye”, Commissioner Fields, “Aye”, Commissioner Graham, “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Fairbanks, “Aye”. Commissioner Boyd was absent. Commissioner Mackey was not present for the vote. Total present – 7. Total absent – 2. Total “Aye” votes – 7. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

30:04

**RESOLUTION NO. 218-5 A RESOLUTION TO REVISE THE HAMILTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK TO INCLUDE A POLICY FOR INVESTIGATORY SUSPENSION.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 218-5 The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, “Aye”, Commissioner Beck, “Aye”, Commissioner Fields, “Aye”, Commissioner Graham, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Fairbanks, “Aye”. Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 8. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

Chairman Fairbanks declared a brief recess permitting any audience members that wished to leave at this time.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 218-6 A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, APPROVING THE SELECTION OF BOND COUNSEL AND FINANCIAL ADVISOR IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED ISSUANCE BY THE COUNTY OF ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY ENGAGEMENT LETTERS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 218-6. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

32:01

**RESOLUTION NO. 218-7 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEDIATED SETTLEMENT OF A DISPUTE BETWEEN HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND VERNON HOWARD, AS SURVIVING HUSBAND OF KELLY HOWARD, DECEASED, FOR MEDICAL BENEFITS PROVIDED THROUGH THE HAMILTON COUNTY MEDICAL SELF-INSURANCE PLAN, AND AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT OF SAID SETTLEMENT.**

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**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Bankston, to adopt Resolution No. 218-7. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

32:45

**RESOLUTION NO. 218-8 A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE PURCHASE OF GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 1, 2017, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 218-8. The foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Fairbanks, "Aye". Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Fairbanks asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

33:31 Commissioner Mackey announced he was pleased to learn state lawmakers are pushing to end emissions testing for vehicles in Hamilton County.

34:39 In response to Commissioner Mackey's question, Mayor Coppinger reported the emissions testing allowed the county to be a part of economic development projects at Enterprise South, including Volkswagen. He stated in the past there was a need for the testing and the county will continue to stay in compliance with what the law mandates.

36:01 Commissioner Graham announced although some laws like emissions testing are not always convenient or may need adjusting, they must be obeyed.

Commissioner Graham voiced his support for the U.S. Olympic team.

36:52 Commissioner Smedley invited everyone to attend an event at Heritage Park tomorrow at 12:00 PM. She stated Mayor Coppinger will be the speaker.

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Commissioner Beck announced there have been new developments in a shooting case he recently mentioned in which a young man driving a vehicle was shot and killed. Commissioner Beck reported he will present more information at a later date.

38:06

Mayor Coppinger announced the Finance staff did an excellent job at a recent outing with bond rating agencies that visited Hamilton County. He reported the rating agencies were very impressed with the growth in Hamilton County. He stated during the three day process they were able to report Hamilton County's population has increased by 22,000, there has been over 2 billion dollars invested, and around 14,000 new jobs have been created. He then thanked the Finance Department for all their hard work.

40:58

In response to Chairman Fairbanks' request, Mayor Coppinger reiterated the unemployment rate for Hamilton County is approximately 3% and 14,638 new jobs have been created. He reported 99 existing companies have expanded and 48 new companies have come to the Hamilton County. He also mentioned the success of the Hamilton County Business Development Center that houses one of the largest business incubators in Tennessee, which helps entrepreneurs achieve success through a three-year program. He reported over 570 companies have graduated from the start-up incubator that helps small companies grow into larger companies. He stated of approximately 60 companies there now around 46% of those are either minority or women owned. He added the companies are also very diverse.

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Mayor Coppinger also announced funds that were allocated towards infrastructure over the last seven years includes \$248 million to build new schools and \$34 million in the operation of schools. He added over 10,000 new homes are needed in the northeast area of the county, as well as a new sewage treatment center. He reported the success in all the aforementioned areas is due to collaborative efforts. He recognized Real Estate Agent Ron Tucker present at today's meeting and thanked him for his role in the three day "Lunch and Learn" with the bond rating agencies. Mayor Coppinger gave additional details on the meeting and those who attended. He thanked everyone involved.

47:43

Chairman Fairbanks announced positive feedback has been given by the business owners benefiting from the start-up incubator offered through the Business Development Center.

48:29

Mayor Coppinger gave additional details of how the start-up incubator assists new companies in development as well as the on-going support they receive from the program.

49:57

Chairman Fairbanks called for an Audit Committee meeting in the Commission Conference Room immediately following today's Commission Meeting.

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**DELEGATIONS**

Chairman Fairbanks asked for delegations on matters other than zoning. There were none.

There being no further business, Chairman Fairbanks declared the meeting in recess until Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



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William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

02-21-18

WFK

Date

Clerk's Initials