

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 20, 2019**

STATE OF TENNESSEE) Regular Meeting
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) March 20, 2019

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 20th day of March, 2019, 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:--

0:12

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

Chairman Smedley reported Commissioner Geter 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.

0:45

Commissioner Boyd introduced Dennis Culbreth, Director of Missions at the Hamilton County Baptist Association, who gave the invocation. Commissioner Boyd led in the pledge to the flag.

2:37

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of February 27, 2019, the Agenda Preparation Session of February 27, 2019, the Regular Meeting of March 6, 2019, be approved, treat same as read, made a matter of record and filed. The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Aye". Commissioner Mackey stepped away during the roll call. Commissioner Geter was absent. Total present – 7. Total absent – 2. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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TRUSTEE REPORTS

The Trustee's Monthly and Excess Fee Reports for February 2019 were submitted and made and a matter of record.

3:17

RESOLUTION NO. 319-9 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS AND THE BONDS AND OATHS OF NOTARIES PREVIOUSLY ELECTED.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Sharpe, to adopt Resolution No. 319-9. 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 Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Aye". Commissioner Geter was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

3:51

RESOLUTION NO. 319-10 A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT BY THE COUNTY MAYOR OF SANDRA ELLIS AS ADMINISTRATOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 319-10. 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 Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Aye". Commissioner Geter was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

4:23

RESOLUTION NO. 319-11 A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT BY THE COUNTY MAYOR OF CHRISTINA COOPER AS DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Sharpe, to adopt Resolution No. 319-11. 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 Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Aye". Commissioner Geter was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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RESOLUTION NO. 319-12 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND THE HAMILTON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT TITLE IV-D CHILD SUPPORT DIVISION.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Sharpe, to adopt Resolution No. 319-12. 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 Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Aye". Commissioner Geter was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

5:31

RESOLUTION NO. 319-13 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SUBMIT A FASTTRACK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, ON BEHALF OF GESTAMP CHATTANOOGA, LLC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$750,000 TO PROVIDE BUILDING EXPANSION, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT AT GESTAMP'S HICKORY VALLEY SITE LOCATED AT 3063 HICKORY VALLEY ROAD.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to adopt Resolution No. 319-13. 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 Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Aye". Commissioner Geter was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

6:17

RESOLUTION NO. 319-14 A RESOLUTION (1) APPROVING THE ENTERING INTO OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES ("PILOT") AGREEMENT BETWEEN GESTAMP CHATTANOOGA, LLC, THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON, TENNESSEE ("BOARD"), THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA ("CITY"), AND HAMILTON COUNTY ("COUNTY") AND (2) APPROVING THE ENTERING INTO OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE RELATED PILOT AGREEMENT BETWEEN GESTAMP CHATTANOOGA II, LLC, THE BOARD, THE CITY, AND THE COUNTY AND (3) AUTHORIZING THE BOARD AND COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE SAID DOCUMENTS.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 319-14. 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 Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Aye". Commissioner Geter was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

7:09

RESOLUTION NO. 319-15 A RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE POSSESSION AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING PRIVATE CATERED EVENTS INSIDE THE CHESTER FROST PARK PAVILION AND THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER ("BDC") AS OWNED BY HAMILTON COUNTY.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to adopt Resolution No. 319-15.

Commissioner Mackey reported similar action was being considered for sporting events at the McKenzie Arena at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC).

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The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows:

Commissioner Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Nay", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Nay", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Nay".

Commissioner Geter was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 5. Total "Nay" votes – 3.

8:28

RESOLUTION NO. 319-16 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR, ON BEHALF OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF TENNESSEE AND THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA FOR A TEN (10) YEAR RENEWABLE LICENSE, AT NO COST, TO USE AND MAINTAIN A MULTI-USE PATH (RIVERWALK) UNDERNEATH THE C.B. ROBINSON BRIDGE.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 319-16. 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 Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman

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Smedley, "Aye". Commissioner Geter was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1.

Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

9:14

RESOLUTION NO. 319-17 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO PURCHASE, FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE SURPLUS, USED VEHICLES TO BE UTILIZED AS TRAINING AIDS FOR PRECISION INTERVENTION TRAINING; THE NUMBER OF SUCH VEHICLES TO BE PURCHASED TO BE DETERMINED, NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00 FOR FY 2019 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 319-17. 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 Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Aye". Commissioner Geter was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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RESOLUTION NO. 319-24 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF HICKS ARMOR BY THE COUNTY MAYOR TO THE CARTER STREET CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM ENDING MARCH 20, 2023.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to adopt Resolution No. 319-24. 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 Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Aye". Commissioner Geter was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

10:39

Chairman Smedley asked that Resolution Nos. 319-18 through 319-21 be heard at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 319-18 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC., BROOKE SUPPLIES, LLC, CHARM-TEX, ICS JAIL SUPPLIES, INC., AND VICTORY SUPPLY, LLC, FOR ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT UNIT PRICING, BEGINNING MARCH 21, 2019, THROUGH MARCH 20, 2020, FOR CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND

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AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 319-19 A RESOLUTION TO RELINQUISH HAMILTON COUNTY'S INTEREST IN A 1986 FORD VAN AND A 1993 FORD F-350 XLT PICK UP TRUCK CO-TITLED WITH MOWBRAY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

RESOLUTION NO. 319-20 A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE PURCHASE OF GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2019, THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2019, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 319-21 A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE PURCHASE OF GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 1, 2019, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2019, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Fairbanks, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 319-18 through 319-21, and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 319-18. 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 Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Aye". Commissioner Geter was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 319-19. 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 Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Aye". Commissioner Geter was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution Nos. 319-20 and 319-21. The foregoing Resolutions were unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Aye". Commissioner Geter was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

Chairman Smedley recognized Juvenile Court Clerk Gary Behler present at today's meeting.

13:56 Chairman Smedley asked that Resolution Nos. 319-22 and 319-23 be heard at this time.

**RESOLUTION NO. 319-22 A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM A-1
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT AND R-2A RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO R-1
SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10408
HIXSON PIKE.**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 319-23 A RESOLUTION GRANTING A MANDATORY REFERRAL
FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF AN UNNAMED STREET LOCATED OFF THE EAST
LINE OF THE 5600 BLOCK OF MAIN STREET.**

Commissioner Bankston, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 319-22 and 319-23, and stated the Zoning Committee recommended approval of Resolution No. 319-22. He reported Resolution No. 319-23 came out of Committee with no recommendation however after receiving additional information he would be making a recommendation to deny.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Bankston, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to adopt Resolution No. 319-22. 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 Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Aye". Commissioner Geter was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Bankston, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to deny Resolution No. 319-23.

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15:37 In response to Commissioner Baker's question, Commissioner Bankston stated he spoke with some neighbors as well as the manager of CenturyLink, who stated the company utilizes the right of way for transporting equipment.

The foregoing Motion to deny was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Aye". Commissioner Geter was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Smedley asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

16:33 Commissioner Martin stated the Hixson High School track dedication has been postponed to April 1st at 3:00 PM due to recent rain. He also announced the Hixson Kiwanis will be hosting a ham and chicken dinner fundraiser on March 31st at Hixson Middle School. The funds will be used for Hixson High School scholarships.

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17:21 Commissioner Mackey commended Commissioner Martin for the March 17, 2019 article he wrote in the Times Free Press about the life and death of Ed Johnson. A copy of the article was filed in the clerk's office.

19:12 Commissioner Sharpe also commended Commissioner Martin for the article. Commissioner Sharpe made several comments regarding the Water and Wastewater Treatment Authority (WWTA) and the ongoing issues surrounding a new sewage treatment plant in Hamilton County. He spoke about attending yesterday's City Council meeting, which addressed wastewater issues in Hamilton County as well as the City of Chattanooga working with WWTA to address overflows. He asked several questions related to those discussions.

23:13 Commissioner Boyd responded to Commissioner Sharpe's comments and emphasized the need for a plan for the near future as well as a long-term wastewater treatment plan. He added the County should have more than one sewage treatment plant. Expanding an existing plant requires additional complex equipment which increases operational cost. He emphasized the long-term plan should include an additional treatment plant.

26:20 Commissioner Mackey echoed Commissioner Boyd's comments. He questioned if consolidating WWTA with the city sewer operation would give the City control over the County.

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27:02 Commissioner Baker emphasized the importance of participating in wastewater related discussions with the City of Chattanooga and the WWTa to stay informed.

29:46 In response to Commissioner Sharpe's question, Mike Patrick, Interim Executive Director of the WWTa, reported WWTa board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 3:30 PM.

30:44 Mayor Coppinger asked members of the Finance Department to distribute the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. A copy of the report was filed in the Clerk's Office.

Mayor Coppinger announced video livestreaming installation should take place on March 28th.

Mayor Coppinger made several comments regarding ongoing wastewater issues in Hamilton County. He stated discussions about WWTa consolidating with the city sewer system have been going on for several years. He asked Mr. Patrick to come forward to clarify some recent statements.

36:36 In response to Mayor Coppinger's question, Mr. Patrick explained the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires that a sewer treatment plant be able to handle their per day maximum capacity 365 days a year. He added that new regulations

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regarding capacity during storms and heavy rainfall add complications as well. Mr. Patrick also stated that he did not believe the City of Chattanooga would be required to operate the large regional plant in perpetuity in the event of consolidation. Mayor Coppinger stated that while he supports consolidation, if the sewer operation is controlled by the City there might be no incentive to put sewers in the unincorporated areas of the County.

Mayor Coppinger expressed frustration about the rumors, misinformation, and attacks on the integrity of WWTA board members and himself. He stated the issue has gone on for months and has become a political issue rather than a concern for the County as a whole. He cautioned that without resolving the sewer issue the growth the County is experiencing from Volkswagen and others will stagnate without housing available. Mayor Coppinger also cautioned that continued criticism and misinformation regarding the WWTA could hurt their chances of issuing bonds and borrowing money in the future.

44:23

In response to Chairman Smedley's question, Mayor Coppinger stated the issue has become political among Commissioners and throughout the community. He again expressed significant frustration at the attacks on the integrity of WWTA board members and their families. He emphasized that WWTA board members serve for no pay because they want what is best for the future of Hamilton County.

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Chairman Smedley stated her position in wanting to explore every option available before making a decision remains the same. She stated she has also experienced rumors throughout the process.

49:25

Commissioner Sharpe referenced the Gestamp expansion that will bring 150 new jobs as well as the Volkswagen expansion. He expressed concern over housing for the increased workforce and the lack of a solution to accommodate that level of growth.

53:37

Commissioner Martin thanked Mayor Coppinger for his comments and encouraged Commissioners to disregard rumors.

57:08

Commissioner Bankston questioned the number of homes currently for sale in Hamilton County. Commissioner Mackey stated there is an all-time low of 1,361 homes currently listed according to the Greater Chattanooga Association of Realtor's website.

58:00

Commissioner Fairbanks also discouraged attacks on the integrity on WWTA board members. He congratulated Sandra Ellis and Christina Cooper on their appointments in the Human Resources Department.

59:48

In response to Mayor Coppinger's question, Mr. Patrick stated the WWTA is meeting the community committee next Monday. Commissioner Bankston added the

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committee would be making a site recommendation for the sewage treatment plant at that meeting.

1:03:59

Mayor Coppinger asked that Commissioners turn their focus to the upcoming budget. He announced the budget workshops will be May 7th and May 14th at 9:00 AM at the McDaniel Building. He noted the May 14th workshop will focus on education and Superintendent Dr. Bryan Johnson will be making a presentation.

1:08:38

Chairman Smedley reminded Commissioners that interviews for the Division III General Sessions Court Judge vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Judge Clarence Shattuck will begin at 1:00 PM today.

DELEGATIONS

Chairman Smedley asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

1:08:52

Dr. Brian Dickinson residing at 5620 Main Street Ooltewah, TN 37363 addressed Commissioners regarding the road abandonment that was considered and denied at today's meeting (*Resolution No. 319-23*). He stated he has a contract in process from the corporate office of CenturyLink Telecommunications Company that would allow shared access of the abandonment. He questioned why it was denied.

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Commissioner Bankston reported the local manager of CenturyLink as well as some neighbors stated they did not want the road abandoned.

1:11:06

In response to Commissioner Martin's question, Attorney Taylor stated a motion to reconsider would be in order to bring the item back up for debate.

Commissioner Mackey noted the item was sent to committee to study and a recommendation was made to Commissioners.

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There being no further business, Chairman Smedley declared the meeting in recess until Wednesday, March 27th, 2019 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

04-03-19
Date

WJK
Clerk's Initials