

**RECESSED MEETING  
HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
APRIL 26, 2017**

**STATE OF TENNESSEE**            )            Recessed Meeting  
**COUNTY OF HAMILTON**         )            April 26, 2017

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017, a Recessed 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:--

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

Chairman Bankston reported Commissioner Fairbanks would be absent for today's Recessed Meeting and Agenda Session.

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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Commissioner Fields introduced Senior Pastor Micah Fries, Brainerd Baptist Church, who gave the invocation. Commissioner Fields led in the Pledge to the Flag.

**APPOINTMENT OF JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER**

At this time, Chairman Bankston opened the floor for nominations for Judicial Commissioner.

Four candidates, Galen P. Pickard, J. Micah Guster, III, Andrew S. Basler, and Robert T. Davis, were interviewed for Judicial Commissioner after last week's Commission meeting.

Commissioner Beck nominated Robert (Bob) T. Davis. Commissioner Smedley and Commissioner Martin nominated Andrew S. Basler. There were no other nominations.

County Clerk Knowles called the roll, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Robert T. Davis", Commissioner Boyd, "Robert T. Davis", Commissioner Fields, "Andrew S. Basler", Commissioner Graham, "Andrew S. Basler", Commissioner Mackey, "Robert T. Davis", Commissioner Martin, "Andrew S. Basler", Commissioner Smedley, "Andrew S. Basler", and Chairman Bankston, "Robert T. Davis". Commissioner Fairbanks was

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absent. Total Present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total “Robert T. Davis” votes – 4. Total “Andrew S. Basler” votes – 4.

It was noted the vote resulted in a 4-4 tie. Chairman Bankston asked Clerk Knowles to call the roll a second time.

County Clerk Knowles called the roll, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, “Robert T. Davis”, Commissioner Boyd, “Robert T. Davis”, Commissioner Fields, “Andrew S. Basler”, Commissioner Graham, “Andrew S. Basler”, Commissioner Mackey, “Robert T. Davis”, Commissioner Martin, “Andrew S. Basler”, Commissioner Smedley, “Andrew S. Basler”, and Chairman Bankston, “Robert T. Davis”. Commissioner Fairbanks was absent. Total Present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total “Robert T. Davis” votes – 4. Total “Andrew S. Basler” votes – 4.

Chairman Bankston stated the matter would be taken up again at next week’s Commission meeting.

Attorney Taylor reported current Chief Judicial Commissioner Randy Russell’s term will expire April 30, 2017, and asked Commissioners to take action in appointing a new Chief Judicial Commissioner.

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4:53      **APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER**

At this time, Chairman Bankston opened the floor for nominations for Chief Judicial Commissioner.

Commissioner Fields nominated Randy Russell. There were no other nominations.

County Clerk Knowles called the roll, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Randy Russell", Commissioner Boyd, "Randy Russell", Commissioner Fields, "Randy Russell", Commissioner Graham, "Randy Russell", Commissioner Mackey, "Randy Russell", Commissioner Martin, "Randy Russell", Commissioner Smedley, "Randy Russell", and Chairman Bankston, "Randy Russell". Commissioner Fairbanks was absent. Total Present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Randy Russell" votes – 8.

Chairman Bankston requested the Resolution with Randy Russell's name inserted be read into the record to confirm the nomination. Clerk Knowles reported the item would be numbered Resolution No. 417-40.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 417-40 A RESOLUTION RE-DESIGNATING RANDY RUSSELL  
AS CHIEF JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER FOR A TERM BEGINNING MAY 1, 2017,  
AND ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2017; AND ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION TO  
BE RECEIVED.**

Attorney Taylor clarified that without objection, reading the Resolution title into the record would be sufficient and a second roll call was not necessary.

Attorney Taylor reported Judicial Commissioner Brandy Spurgin-Floyd's term will also expire April 30, 2017. He stated a Motion to re-appoint Ms. Spurgin-Floyd would be in order so long as it was the will of the Commission.

7:51

**ON MOTION** of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Graham to re-appoint Brandy Spurgin-Floyd as Judicial Commissioner for a one-year term. 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 Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Fairbanks was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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Chairman Bankston asked the resolution title reappointing Mrs. Spurgin-Floyd be read into the record to confirm the reappointment. Clerk Knowles reported the item would be numbered Resolution No. 417-41.

**RESOLUTION NO. 417-41 A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING BRANDY SPURGIN-FLOYD AS JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING MAY 1, 2017 AND EXPIRING APRIL 30, 2018, AND ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION TO BE RECEIVED.**

Being no further business Chairman Bankston declared the recessed meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

05-17-17



Date

Clerk's Initials