

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 15, 2019**

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)

Regular Meeting
May 15, 2019

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 15th day of May, 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:--

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 Geter, Commissioner Fairbanks, Commissioner Mackey, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Sharpe, and Chairman Smedley. Total present – 9. Total absent –0.

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

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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0:35 Commissioner Geter invited County Clerk Bill Knowles to come forward to offer the invocation. Commissioner Geter led in the pledge to the flag.

PROCLAMATION – HAMILTON COUNTY’S 200TH BIRTHDAY

1:54 County Historian Linda Mines introduced several members of the Legislative Delegation including Senator Todd Gardenhire, Representative Patsy Hazelwood, and Representative Yusuf Hakeem to present a Resolution passed by the delegation to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Hamilton County’s Charter by the State of Tennessee. Representative Hazelwood and Senator Gardenhire read the Resolution into the record. A copy of the Proclamation was filed in the Clerk’s Office.

8:24 Mayor Coppinger thanked Ms. Mines for her work in organizing the bicentennial celebration.

In response to Commissioner Martin’s question, Ms. Mines spoke about multiple events taking place leading up to Hamilton County’s bicentennial on October 25th. It was noted the Armed Forces Day Parade kicked off the celebrations and she encouraged everyone to volunteer to assist with events.

Commissioner Martin added President James Monroe visited Chattanooga 200 years ago on May 27th.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Baker, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of April 24, 2019, the Agenda Preparation Session of April 24, 2019, the Regular Meeting of May 1, 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 Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Aye". Commissioner Martin stepped away for the vote. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

ORDER OF DESIGNATION

An Order was recorded designating Todd Leamon to sit as the County Mayor's representative on the Planning Commission for the meeting of May 13, 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 519-12 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS, THE BONDS AND OATHS OF NOTARIES PREVIOUSLY ELECTED, THE OATH OF DEPUTY SHERIFF, AND THE OATH OF DEPUTY COUNTY TRUSTEE.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Sharpe, to adopt Resolution No. 519-12. 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 Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Aye". Commissioner Martin stepped away for the vote. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

14:48

RESOLUTION NO. 519-13 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT BY THE COUNTY MAYOR OF KAREN SHOSTAK TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY BEER BOARD WITH A TERM EXPIRING MAY 18, 2023.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Sharpe, to adopt Resolution No. 519-13. 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 Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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RESOLUTION NO. 519-15 A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF \$10,500 FROM THE AEGIS LAW ENFORCEMENT FOUNDATION TO REIMBURSE THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND RELATED SUPPLIES FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE RESERVE DEPUTY PROGRAM.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, to adopt Resolution No. 519-15. 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 Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

16:19

RESOLUTION NO. 519-16 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HAMILTON COUNTY MAYOR TO ACCEPT A \$24,999 GRANT FROM THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, A \$1 ,000 GRANT FROM BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD, A \$1,000 GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, A \$25,000 GRANT FROM ERLANGER HOSPITAL, A \$500 GRANT FROM ROBINSON REAL ESTATE, FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FREQUENT USER PILOT PROJECT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS IN

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THE COUNTY DOWNTOWN JAIL AND SILVERDALE JAIL AND TO AMEND EACH OF THE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE BUDGETS BY \$52,499.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Geter, to adopt Resolution No. 519-16. 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 Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

17:23

RESOLUTION NO. 519-25 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY OF HAMILTON COUNTY GENERAL GOVERNMENT, AND POLICIES FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT, HAMILTON COUNTY CHANCERY COURT CLERK & MASTER, HAMILTON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICE AND HOMELAND SECURITY (OEM), HAMILTON COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS), AND HAMILTON COUNTY COUNTY GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS).

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 519-25.

Attorney Taylor stated without objection the Resolution would be amended to add the County Clerk's Office. He noted he would provide an updated Resolution to the Clerk's Office. There was no objection.

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 Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

18:59 Chairman Smedley asked that Resolution Nos. 519-14 and 519-17 through 519-24 be heard at this time.

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RESOLUTION NO. 519-14 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF ADAMS CONTRACTING, INC. FOR THE RED CLAY ROAD OVER NICHOLSON SPRINGS BRANCH BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT AMOUNTING TO \$339,714.60, FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 519-17 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) VEHICLES AMOUNTING TO \$35,550.00 FROM TT OF METRO CENTER DBA NISSAN NASHVILLE, FROM THE STATE CONTRACT FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 519-18 A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF A 2010 FORD CROWN VICTORIA FROM THE MARION COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE TO BE USED AS A TRAINING VEHICLE FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE.

RESOLUTION NO. 519-19 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF ASCENDUM MACHINERY, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR AMOUNTING TO \$172,629.00 FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 519-20 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF LEE
COMPANY FOR THE 6125 PRESERVATION DRIVE BUILDING HVAC CONTROLS
PROJECT AMOUNTING TO \$48,875.00, FOR THE HAMILTON COUNTY
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO
SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 519-21 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR
TO EXECUTE A CONTINUATION CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF
TENNESSEE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE,
HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION, OPERATING AS THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON
COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF TENNCARE
PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY SERVICES USING FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF
TENNESSEE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
\$369,000.00 FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019, ENDING JUNE 30, 2022.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 519-22 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR
ON BEHALF OF HAMILTON COUNTY TENNESSEE, THE HEALTH SERVICES
DIVISION, OPERATING AS THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH
DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE**

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TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE PROVISION OF HEALTHY BUILT ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 01, 2019 - MAY 31, 2020, THEREBY AMENDING THE REVENUE AND EXPENSE BUDGET FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S STEP ONE PROGRAM COST CENTER 1035565 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 519-23 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION, OPERATING AS THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES USING FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$151,500.00 FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2019, ENDING JUNE 30, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 519-24 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN AN AMENDMENT TO THE CURRENT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HAMILTON COUNTY TENNESSEE, THE HEALTH SERVICE DIVISION OPERATING AT THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO EXTEND THE CURRENT

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CONTRACT THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$874,600.00 TO PROVIDE HEALTHIER BEGINNINGS/PARENTS ARE FIRST TEACHERS (PAFT) SERVICES ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S MATERNAL, INFANT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING PROGRAM (MIECHV).

Commissioner Fairbanks, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 519-14 and 519-17 through 519-24 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 519-14. 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 Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 519-17. The foregoing Motion 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 Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Geter, to adopt Resolution No. 519-18. 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 Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 519-19. 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 Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner

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Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 519-20. 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 Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 519-21. 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 Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 519-22. 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 Geter, “Aye”, Commissioner Fairbanks, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye”, and Chairman Smedley, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Geter, to adopt Resolution No. 519-23. 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 Geter, “Aye”, Commissioner Fairbanks, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Martin, “Aye”, Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye”, and Chairman Smedley, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 519-24.

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In response to Commissioner Boyd's question, Health Department Director Becky Barnes stated this item authorizes a continuation to the current contract and does not approve additional funding.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Smedley asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

30:12

Commissioner Martin announced a joint community meeting with District 3 School Board member Joe Smith at Stuart Heights Baptist Church in the Cloverdale neighborhood on June 6th at 6:00 PM to discuss the budget.

30:46

Commissioner Mackey announced a community meeting regarding the budget will take place on May 23rd at 5:30 PM at Orchard Knob Missionary Baptist Church.

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31:30 Commissioner Sharpe stated he would announce the date and location for a community meeting in his district regarding the budget soon.

31:53 Commissioner Boyd applauded Commissioner Fairbanks for the Soddy Daisy Rails to Trails Project approved by Resolution No. 519-22. He announced tomorrow from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM a community meeting to discuss the budget will take place at the East Ridge Community Center. He stated three other meetings would be announced once dates and locations are secured.

33:00 Commissioner Geter announced a special invitation community meeting regarding the budget for key stakeholders in District 5 will take place on May 20th Greater Tucker Baptist Church at 3:00 PM. She added two additional community sessions for all District 5 residents would take place on May 30th at 3:00 PM and June 3rd at 6:00 PM.

Commissioner Fairbanks stated he would announce the date and location for a community meeting in his district regarding the budget soon.

34:13 Commissioner Baker thanked Mayor Coppinger and the Finance Staff for attending the community meeting in Red Bank last night. He announced another meeting will take place on May 20th on Signal Mountain at 6:00 PM.

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35:01 Mayor Coppinger thanked Commissioners and staff for their participation at the budget workshops. He announced the third workshop will take place on June 4th at 9:00 AM at the McDaniel Building.

35:50 Commissioner Mackey spoke about the Department of Education's budget, which was presented this week by Superintendent of Schools Dr. Bryan Johnson and includes a \$34 million increase in funding for total budget of \$443 million.

In response to Commissioner Mackey's question, Mayor Coppinger stated there is a proven correlation between level of education and tendency to commit a crime. He stated a large portion of the budget goes towards education and highlighted several positive aspects of the public school system in Hamilton County. He reminded everyone that investing in education makes a difference in the community.

46:47 Commissioner Baker reported 31% of students in Hamilton County do not attend public school.

Commissioner Sharpe noted those who rent property might pay property taxes indirectly through their rental agreements. He added that adding teachers and teachers aids could significantly increase efficiency in schools.

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51:30 Commissioner Fairbanks reported several million dollars in scholarships have been awarded to students at Soddy Daisy High School. He noted headlines tend to report negative items rather than positive news.

53:00 Commissioner Mackey commended his fellow Commissioners for spending such a significant amount of time in the community. In response to Commissioner Mackey's question, Commissioner Bankston stated given the number of hours he works his compensation averages approximately 50 cents per hour.

54:00 Chairman Smedley announced a joint community meeting with District 7 School Board member Joe Wingate to discuss the budget on May 28th at 6:00 PM at Shelter Church.

DELEGATIONS

Chairman Smedley asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

54:31 Franklin McCallie, residing at 1615 Read Avenue Chattanooga, TN 37408, addressed Commissioners regarding the Department of Education budget and a potential tax increase. He encouraged Commissioners to vote for a tax increase to support public schools and education in Hamilton County. He distributed a handout to members of the Commission. A copy of the handout was filed in the Clerk's Office.

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Dr. Allen Coffman, Pediatrician at Highland Pediatrics residing at 298 Creekshire Drive Signal Mountain, TN 37377, addressed Commissioners encouraging them to vote in favor of the Department of Education's budget. He spoke about the need for additional support for children with academic challenges in the public school system.

Commissioner Sharpe thanked Dr. Coffman for his comments. He spoke about his personal academic challenges and the lack of time and resources some families face when dealing with these challenges.

1:03:09

Commissioner Boyd spoke about his experience with special needs education in the public school system and stated three out of four schools failed his family member with academic challenges. He emphasized money will not solve the problem if the working environment is not improved.

1:07:44

Brendon Jennings, President of the Chattanooga Tea Party residing at 6772 Grazing Lane Birchwood, TN 37308, addressed Commissioners in opposition of a potential tax increase. He stated people can make the biggest difference in education, not additional money.

Patrick Hampton, Vice President of Hamilton Flourishing residing at 6443 Jerica Lane Ooltewah, TN 37363, addressed Commissioners regarding the Department of Education's budget. He provided statistics from nearby school districts and encouraged

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consolidation and fiscal responsibility within the school system. He added that more money would not solve the current problems in the school system. A copy of his report was filed in the Clerk's Office.

1:14:36 In response to Commissioner Sharpe's question, Mr. Hampton reported less than 10% of students in Rutherford County attend private schools.

1:15:17 Dr. Le Andrea Ware, Executive Principal of Howard High School residing at 4143 Harbor Hills Road Chattanooga, TN 37408, addressed Commissioners regarding the Department of Education's budget. She encouraged Commissioners to support the budget and the hope for improvement it provides to educators and students.

1:19:41 Commissioner Geter thanked Principal Ware for her comments. She noted the greatest resources in schools are students and teachers and encouraged Commissioners to listen to educators in Hamilton County. Dr. Ware encouraged everyone to visit Howard.

1:22:30 David Tulis, residing at 10520 Brickhill Lane Soddy Daisy, TN 37379, addressed Commissioners regarding a notice he provided to Sheriff Jim Hammond identifying an issue with unlawful traffic stops.

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There being no further business, Chairman Smedley declared the meeting in recess until Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

06-05-19
Date

WJK
Clerk's Initials