

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
AGENDA PREPARATION SESSION
MAY 31, 2017**

STATE OF TENNESSEE) Agenda Preparation Session
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) May 31, 2017

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 31st day of May, 2017, an Agenda Preparation Session 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 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 Fairbanks, Commissioner Fields, Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Mackey, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Smedley, and Chairman Bankston. Total present - 9. Total absent – 0.

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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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Chairman Bankston indicated the upcoming agenda items would be considered as follows:

- The Trustee's Monthly and Excess Fee Reports for April 2017 would be submitted for the record.
- The Juvenile Court Clerk's Reports for February and March 2017 would be submitted for the record.
- The Criminal Court Clerk's Report for April 2017 would be submitted for the record.
- Resolution No. 617-1 was the usual County Clerk item regarding notaries, etc. This required no committee assignment.
- Resolution Nos. 617-7 through 617-10 were assigned to the Finance Committee, chaired by Commissioner Boyd.
- Resolution Nos. 617-2 through 617-6, 617-11, and 617-12 were assigned to a Committee of the Whole.

Chairman Bankston reported Resolution Nos. 617-2 through 617-6, 617-11, and 617-12 would now be heard by a Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 617-2

1:04

Albert Kiser, Administrator of Finance, spoke regarding this item, which accepts the quotation of One Diversified, LLC for professional computer and software consulting services for design and installation of a replacement system for the audio visual equipment in the County Commission Room amounting to \$29, 052.55 for the Hamilton

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County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Kiser noted this item is specifically for professional services and a bid will go out for the equipment a later date.

In response to Commissioner Beck's question, Mr. Kiser reported the last upgrade to the visual equipment in the Commission Room was in 2005 when Courthouse renovations took place.

3:03

In response to Commissioner Fields' question, Chairman Bankston stated several pieces of the current equipment do not work properly. Mr. Kiser added the technology will enable viewing of Commission meetings online, but no date was given for when that technology would be implemented.

Mayor Coppinger reiterated that several pieces of equipment are not working properly. He noted the Commission Room is utilized frequently for many different types of meetings.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 617-3

4:37

Director of Administration for the Sheriff's Office Don Gorman spoke regarding this item, which approves the purchase of two hundred body harnesses and four hundred ballistic plates amounting to \$120, 996.00 from GT Distributors of Georgia, Inc.

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for the Sheriff's Office. He noted the vests and plates are designed to protect officers from high-powered rifles.

In response to Commissioner Graham's question, Mr. Gorman stated the request comes from the current year's budget. He noted several recent shootings around the Country have involved high-powered rifles.

6:03

In response to Commissioner Fairbanks' question, Mr. Gorman stated these vests will be worn only in specific instances, and are not replacing the current protective vests.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 617-4

6:39

Sheriff Jim Hammond spoke regarding this Resolution, which approves the purchase of COPLINK data source integration services from International Business Machines (IBM) Corporation for the Sheriff's Office amounting to \$41, 065.00. He noted this is part of the recently approved records management system upgrade (*Resolution No. 517-12*), and will allow communication with other law enforcement agencies across the state.

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In response to Commissioner Graham's question, Mr. Gorman stated this technology will allow the Sheriff's Office to operate more independently.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 617-5

7:54

Lee Norris, Director of General Services, spoke regarding this item, which approves an annual litter control contract in the amount of \$188, 787.62 with the Tennessee Department of Transportation for the Hamilton County Courts Community Service Program. It was noted the contract period begins July 1, 2017 and ends June 30, 2018.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 617-6

8:32

Todd Leamon, Administrator of Public Works and County Engineer, spoke regarding this Resolution, which accepts the proposal by the Tennessee Department of Transportation for the interchanges at SR-2 (Broad Street) and SR-58 (Market Street) in Chattanooga Route: I-24 located in Hamilton County.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 617-11

9:23

Chairman Bankston spoke regarding this item, which makes an appropriation to BASIC of Tennessee, Inc. in the amount of \$500.00 from general fund travel discretionary monies. It was noted the funds will assist with a summer program.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 617-12

Chairman Bankston spoke regarding this item, which makes an appropriation to Harrison Recreational Booster Club in the amount of \$500.00 from general fund travel discretionary monies. It was noted the funds will assist with a summer program.

Commissioner Boyd, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated the Finance Committee will meet in the Commission Room immediately following the Agenda Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Bankston asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

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10:19 Commissioner Graham stated several elected officials attended the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Chattanooga National Cemetery on Monday. He thanked all service members and their families for their sacrifices. He encouraged everyone to remember those who have been lost in battle.

11:33 Mayor Coppinger announced the final budget workshop will take place on Tuesday, June 9th at 9:00 AM at the McDaniel Building.

11:49 Chairman Bankston announced today's budget hearings will begin immediately following the Finance Committee meeting.

DELEGATIONS

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

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Being no further business, Chairman Bankston declared the meeting adjourned until Wednesday, June 7th at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

06-21-17
Date

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Clerk's Initials