

**RECESSED MEETING
HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 28, 2017**

STATE OF TENNESSEE) Recessed Meeting
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) June 28, 2017

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 28th day of June, 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:--

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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, Assistant County Attorney Neill Southerland, and County Auditor Jenneth Randall.

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Commissioner Graham introduced Pastor Bruce Sloan, Ridgeview Baptist Church, who gave the invocation. Commissioner Graham led in the pledge to the flag.

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RESOLUTION NO. 617-37 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 SIGN A CONTINUATION CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$189,000.00 (\$63,000.00 PER YEAR) TO PROVIDE SERVICES OF THE TENNESSEE BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER EARLY DETECTION PROGRAM TO ELIGIBLE WOMEN IN HAMILTON COUNTY FOR A TIME PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to adopt Resolution No. 617-37. 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 Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

5:17

RESOLUTION NO. 617-38 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY OF HAMILTON COUNTY GENERAL GOVERNMENT, THE HAMILTON COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, THE HAMILTON COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, AND THE HAMILTON COUNTY REGISTER'S OFFICE.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to adopt Resolution No. 617-38. 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 Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

5:54

RESOLUTION NO. 617-39 A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE COUNTY MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF RHEUBIN M. TAYLOR AS HAMILTON COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR A TERM COMMENCING JULY 1, 2017, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2021, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT THERETO.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 617-39.

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Commissioner Boyd suggested changing the term of this contract to coincide with the terms of members of the County Commission. He questioned why this contract term was set in this manner. In response to Commissioner Boyd's question, Assistant County Attorney Neill Southerland indicated she wasn't sure, but speculated that

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perhaps the beginning date of Attorney Taylor's term was designated to correspond with the resignation date of former County Attorney Mike Mahn.

Commissioner Boyd questioned if the ending date of Attorney Taylor's term should match that of Commissioners and Mayor Coppinger.

Attorney Southerland noted it has been helpful in the past to have an experienced attorney on staff through the general election process and transition.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Boyd, to amend the ending date of Attorney Taylor's term to August 31, 2018. The Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Chairman Bankston asked that everyone keep Attorney Taylor in their thoughts and prayers as his sister-in-law recently passed away.

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 Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 9. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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12:21 In response to Commissioner Beck's question, Commissioner Graham explained instead of shortening Attorney Taylor's term to sync it with the election cycle, he would prefer to see the term extended to September 1, 2022.

Chairman Bankston and Attorney Southerland confirmed the legal services agreement is valid for a four-year term.

Being no further business Chairman Bankston declared the Recessed Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

07-19-17



Date

Clerk's Initials