

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
AGENDA PREPARATION SESSION
JULY 11, 2018**

STATE OF TENNESSEE) Agenda Preparation Session
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) July 11, 2018

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 11th day of July, 2018, 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:--

0:10 Present and presiding was the Honorable Randy Fairbanks, Chairman. County Clerk Bill Knowles called the roll of the County Commission and the following, constituting a quorum, answered to their names: Commissioner Bankston, Commissioner Beck, Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Fields, Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Mackey, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Smedley, and Chairman Fairbanks. 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 Fairbanks indicated the upcoming agenda items would be considered as follows:

- An Order confirming the appointment of G. Thomas Robinson to the Savannah Valley Utility Board of Commissioners would be submitted for the record.
- An Order of Designation to the Planning Commission would be submitted as a matter of record.
- Resolution No. 718-9 was the usual County Clerk item regarding notaries, etc. This required no committee assignment.
- Resolution Nos. 718-15 through 718-19 were assigned to the Zoning Committee, chaired by Commissioner Bankston.
- Resolution Nos. 718-20 through 718-23 were assigned to the Finance Committee, chaired by Commissioner Smedley.
- Resolution Nos. 718- 10 through 718-14 and 718-24 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

PRESENTATION – COMMISSIONER BOYD AND COMMISSIONER BECK –

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE

Ezra Harris, Woodmore Neighborhood Association, and Doug Eckert, Missionary Ridge Neighborhood Association, recognized Commissioner Boyd for his help in a neighborhood clean-up event on April 7th along Shallowford Road and Missionary Ridge. Mr. Eckert presented a plaque to Commissioner Boyd for taking the time to help clean up the community. A round of applause was given.

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Mr. Harris asked Charlene Kilpatrick, President of the United Community Action Alliance (UCAA) to come forward at this time. Ms. Kilpatrick asked Commissioner Beck and Mayor Coppinger to come forward as she presented a plaque to Commissioner Beck for his dedication to the citizens and community of District 5. It was noted several members from the UCAA were present. A round of applause was given.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 718-10

This Resolution confirms the appointment of Jamie Bergmann and the reappointment of Rae Bond, Earl Medley, and Cathy Sims Jennings to the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Health Council for a four-year term beginning June 22, 2018 and ending June 22, 2022.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 718-11

This Resolution confirms the reappointment of Ken Foster to the Hamilton County Health and Safety Hearing Board for a one-year term beginning July 18, 2018 and ending July 18, 2019.

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There were no questions from Commissioners.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 718-12

Commissioner Beck spoke regarding this item, which approves the expenditure of up to \$4,000.00 in discretionary bond funds, as allotted to District 5, for the purchase of Chromebooks for Hillcrest Elementary School. He reported Resolution No. 618-18 approved the allocation of up to \$7,950.00 to assist with the purchase of Chromebooks for the school and it was found additional Chromebooks are needed.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 718-13

Commissioner Smedley spoke regarding this item, which appropriates \$500.00 from general fund travel discretionary monies, as allotted to District 7, to Honoring the Sacrifice Foundation. It was noted the funds would assist the non-profit with their American Heroes Dinner.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 718-14

Commissioner Bankston spoke regarding this item, which appropriates \$500.00 from general fund travel discretionary monies, as allotted to District 9, to Honoring the Sacrifice Foundation. It was noted the funds would assist the non-profit with their American Heroes Dinner.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 718-24

Mayor Coppinger spoke regarding this item, which approves the extension of a contractual agreement with Kenneth U. Jordan, II, for the position as Equal Employment Opportunity Officer for Hamilton County, Tennessee, for an additional two-year period, to expire June 30, 2020.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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Commissioner Boyd requested permission to add an item to the agenda to be voted on at next week's meeting, approving the appropriation of up to \$7,500.00 from discretionary travel funds to the East Ridge Police Department for supplies. Chairman Fairbanks asked Attorney Taylor to submit the Resolution in the proper form. Clerk Knowles confirmed the Resolution would be numbered Resolution No. 718-26.

Commissioner Bankston, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, stated the Zoning Committee would meet in the Commission Conference Room immediately following today's Agenda Session.

Commissioner Smedley, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated the Finance Committee would meet in the Commission Room immediately following today's Agenda Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Fairbanks asked for announcements from members of the Commission. He thanked Commissioners for a productive meeting.

Commissioner Graham recognized Winfred Gearrin, President of the IBEW Local 175 labor union, in the audience.

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Commissioner Martin reminded everyone that early voting starts Friday, July 13th and encouraged all citizens to participate. He also requested discussion regarding changes to the procedure in which Commissioners attend monthly Planning Commission meetings.

Commissioner Smedley thanked Mayor Coppinger, Administrator of Public Works and County Engineer Todd Leamon, and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Bryan Johnson for attending a community meeting in District 7 regarding the new East Hamilton Middle School and other community concerns.

DELEGATIONS

Chairman Fairbanks asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

Christopher Dahl, residing at 2020 East 12th Street Chattanooga, TN 37404, addressed the Commission regarding the WWTA and oversight of the Convention and Visitor's Bureau spending (CVB).

Rick Carpenter, residing at 1548 North Concord Road, Chattanooga, TN 37421, addressed Commissioners regarding the WWTA and election spending.

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Commissioner Graham recognized James Gilliam in the audience and congratulated him on his recent marriage. It was noted Mr. Gilliam regularly attends Commission Meetings.

Being no further business, Chairman Fairbanks declared the meeting adjourned. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, July 18th at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

08-01-18
Date

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Clerk's Initials