

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2019**

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)

Regular Meeting
August 7, 2019

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 7th day of August, 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:--

0:16 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 Fairbanks, Commissioner Geter, 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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Commissioner Sharpe introduced Executive Director Renee Nail, Scenic City Women's Network, who gave the invocation. Commissioner Sharpe led in the pledge to the flag.

4:40

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON MOTION of Commissioner Bankston, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of July 10, 2019, the Agenda Preparation Session of July 10, 2019, the Regular Meeting of July 17, 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 Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "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.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

The Trustee's Monthly and Excess Fee Reports for June 2019 were submitted and made and a matter of record.

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QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT

The quarterly investment report of Hamilton County, for the quarter ended June 30, 2019 was submitted as a matter of record.

QUARTERLY FEE OFFICE REPORTS

Fee reports for the following constitutional offices were submitted and made a matter of record:

Clerk and Master – April 2019 through June 2019
Circuit Court Clerk – April 2019 through June 2019
Register of Deeds – April 2019 through June 2019
County Clerk – April 2019 through June 2019

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 August 12, 2019.

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RESOLUTION NO. 819-15 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT AMONG THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA AND HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE (ON BEHALF OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY TRUSTEE) ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF THE CHATTANOOGA DOWNTOWN CENTRAL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT RELATIVE TO BILLING AND COLLECTION OF THE LEVY OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FROM APPLICABLE OWNERS OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE CHATTANOOGA DOWNTOWN CENTRAL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PURSUANT TO T.C.A. § 7-84-521 ET SEQ.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Boyd to deny Resolution No. 819-15. The Motion failed due to lack of a second.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Sharpe, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adopt Resolution No. 819-15.

7:09 In response to Commissioner Martin's question, Attorney Taylor stated the Trustee's Office would receive a 2% (or \$20,000) commission for collecting the business improvement district (BID) fees.

7:58 Hamilton County Trustee Bill Hullander reported this is part one of a package deal with the City of Chattanooga, which would include adding the BID charges to the annual property tax bills and taking over handling delinquent tax cases for the city. The

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package would result in about \$80,000 in new revenue without the necessity of hiring additional personnel. He explained collecting the fee would be no different than collecting sanitation fees and other taxes and fees for multiple municipalities across the county.

In response to Commissioner Martin's question, Attorney Taylor stated the agreement could be terminated at any time.

Attorney Taylor referenced a question asked by Commissioner Boyd at last week's meeting regarding the consequences of a business owner in the BID choosing not to pay the assessed fee. He stated according to state statute an encumbrance could be placed on the property or properties within the BID where the assessment has not been paid. He noted while there is always the possibility of the county being involved in a lawsuit he does not foresee any other additional liability.

In response to Trustee Hullander's question, Attorney Taylor reiterated there is always the possibility of the county being involved in a lawsuit.

15:00 Chairman Smedley referenced an email from Attorney Taylor, which confirmed keeping the county out of the process of collecting BID assessments would be the best way to keep the county out of any controversy.

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In response to Chairman Smedley's question, Administrator of Finance Al Kiser reported the excess fees turned in would become part of the county's budget.

16:27

Commissioner Boyd expressed concern over unforeseen liabilities in collecting the BID fees. He emphasized the county should not be involved in City of Chattanooga business or River City Company business. He referenced an email between River City Company Attorney Allen McCallie and County Attorney Taylor, which noted any liens placed on the property or properties would be a priority lien and would supersede all other liens except those of the state, county, or municipality for taxes. He reminded Commissioners the Chattanooga City Council chose not to collect the BID fees.

Commissioner Sharpe spoke about the benefits of the BID. He asked River City Company President Kim White to come forward to provide additional information.

25:04

Ms. White explained there was a short time frame from the time the City Council approved the BID to when the assessments needed to go on the tax bills. She stated it was written into the ordinance from the start that the Trustee's Office would handle collection of the fees as he does with taxes and fees for other municipalities. She emphasized the Trustee's Office would only be the billing agent and any liens or other enforcements would be handled by the BID board. Ms. White stated the BID would be willing to add an indemnification clause to the county's agreement.

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In response to Commissioner Baker's question, District 4 City Councilman Darrin Ledford, who voted against the BID, stated the council did want the responsibility of collecting BID fees in order to keep it out of the city's budget. He noted the city included an indemnification clause into their ordinance.

34:06

In response to Commissioner Boyd's question, Ms. White reported the BID board would consist of 9-15 members. She added fees would be collected from 196 property owners and the state statute mandates the assessments be billed from a taxing authority. Ms. White explained the plan was always to have the Trustee's Office collect the fee for the BID in the first year because his office was already set up to assess the fee in such a short window of time. She added if the Commission does not approve this agreement; no fees would be able to be assessed or collected by the BID in the first year.

In response to Commissioner Martin's question, Attorney Taylor stated tax collection would not automatically default to the county should the city choose to eliminate that service.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Sharpe, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to amend Resolution No. 819-15 to add language to indemnify the county from any claims or liabilities to the agreement. *(Commissioner Sharpe and Commissioner Martin later announced their amendment would also include language stating the agreement shall expire on July 1, 2020.)*

At this time, a lengthy discussion took place among Commissioners, Mayor Copping, Attorney Taylor, Trustee Hullander, and Ms. White regarding the risk versus the benefit of the Trustee's Office collecting the BID fee.

Commissioner Mackey called for the question; Commissioner Sharpe properly seconded the Motion.

The foregoing Motion by Commissioner Mackey to Move the Previous Question failed on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Nay", Commissioner Bankston, "Nay", Commissioner Boyd, "Nay", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Nay", Commissioner Geter, "Nay", Commissioner Mackey, "Nay", Commissioner Martin, "Nay", Commissioner Sharpe, "Nay", and Chairman Smedley, "Nay". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 0. Total "Nay" votes – 9.

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Commissioner Boyd requested to see the amendment adding the indemnification clause in writing before proceeding with a vote.

57:35

After some discussion, Commissioner Sharpe requested to add to his amendment language stating the agreement shall expire on July 1, 2020. Commissioner Martin, who seconded the Motion, agreed.

Attorney Taylor stated he would make the requested changes and present the amended Resolution at the end of the meeting.

1:01:09

RESOLUTION NO. 819-1 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS, THE BONDS AND OATHS OF NOTARIES PREVIOUSLY ELECTED, OATHS OF DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND THE BOND OF DEPUTY SHERIFF.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Sharpe, to adopt Resolution No. 819-1. 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 Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "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.

1:01:44

RESOLUTION NO. 819-2 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE JOINT REAPPOINTMENT BY THE COUNTY MAYOR AND THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA OF ROBERT LYNCH TO THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, WITH A TERM ENDING AUGUST 7, 2023.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adopt Resolution No. 819-2. 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 Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "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.

1:02:20

RESOLUTION NO. 819-3 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO REACH ONE TEACH ONE UCA, IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) FROM GENERAL FUND TRAVEL DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT FIVE.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Sharpe, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 819-3. 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 Fairbanks, “Aye”, Commissioner Geter, “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.

1:02:54

**RESOLUTION NO. 819-4 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE HAMILTON COUNTY
MULTIJURISDICTIONAL NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN AND
AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO SUBMIT THE
PLAN TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Geter, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 819-4. 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 Fairbanks, “Aye”, Commissioner Geter, “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. 819-5 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE AN "OFFER TO PURCHASE" RELATIVE TO TRACT 1 OF THE ENTERPRISE SOUTH INDUSTRIAL PARK AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DEED AND OTHER NECESSARY CLOSING DOCUMENTS CONVEYING SAID PROPERTY TO THE PURCHASER LISTED HEREIN BELOW UPON PAYMENT OF THE SALE PRICE BY THE PURCHASER.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Bankston, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 819-5.

1:04:00

Commissioner Boyd thanked Director of Existing Business Development for the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce Steve Hiatt for his dedication to economic development and his years of service to Hamilton County.

In response to Commissioner Martin's question, Director of General Services Lee Norris reported the master plan for Enterprise South Nature Park should be completed by mid-October.

1:06:08

Commissioner Mackey suggested certain items assigned to the Committee of the Whole could be delegated and discussed within other committees for more thorough research.

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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 Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "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.

1:07:05

RESOLUTION NO. 819-6 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN TO ALLOW LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN CITY COURT TO USE AND SHARE INFORMATION WITH HAMILTON COUNTY'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, CJUS, AND TO CHARGE THE CITY OF LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN FOR THE COSTS INCURRED IN PROVIDING THE LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN CITY COURT WITH ACCESS TO CJUS AND TO ADJUST THE GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE BUDGETS BY \$15,000 FOR THIS PROJECT.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Sharpe, seconded by Commissioner Bankston, to adopt Resolution No. 819-6. 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",

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Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "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.

1:08:01

RESOLUTION NO. 819-13 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 AND SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2019 FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Bankston, to adopt Resolution No. 819-13.

1:08:29

Commissioner Mackey spoke about the necessity of providing enough funding in order to give Hamilton County teachers a 5% pay increase. He referred to the 10-year Facilities Master Plan by MGT Consulting Group, released on July 23, 2019, which stated the county schools have in excess of \$1.3 billion in facilities upgrade and repair needs and stated years of underfunding have contributed to that figure. Commissioner Mackey stated an overwhelming number of parents, teachers, and members of the business community including the Realtor's Association, Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce spoke in favor of a tax increase to provide additional funding for the Department of Education when the budget was originally considered on June 26, 2019 (*Resolution No. 619-14*). It was noted no action was taken on the budget at that time

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after an amendment was approved removing the 34-cent property tax increase for the Department of Education. Commissioner Mackey stated it would require a 12.5-cent property tax increase to fully fund a 5% pay increase for teachers. Commissioner Smedley noted that it was an endorsement by the Homebuilder's Association and not the Realtor's Association. Dr. Mackey agreed.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Geter, to amend the budget to increase property taxes by 12.5-cents in order to provide a 5% pay increase for Hamilton County teachers.

In response to Chairman Smedley's question, Attorney Taylor reported Commissioners do not have the authority to tell the Department of Education how to spend the funds allocated to them in the budget.

Commissioner Mackey noted senior administration for Hamilton County Schools has confirmed any additional funds would go directly to teacher raises.

Commissioner Boyd stated an overwhelming majority of his constituents disagreed with a property tax increase of any kind. He read a statement into the record regarding the Department of Education's budget. He strongly disagreed with the prospect of raising property taxes for provide additional funds to the Department of Education. A copy of Commissioner Boyd's comments was filed in the Clerk's Office.

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1:26:40 Commissioner Martin expressed his excitement for the 2018-2019 test results, which will be revealed at the August 15th School Board meeting. He also commended Mayor Coppinger for the growth in the Hamilton County and stated his disappointment the School Board was not able to provide a raise for teachers out of state and local funds provided to them.

Commissioner Mackey stated the state funds provided to the Department of Education were used for salary step increases for personnel. He stated the need to appropriately compensate teachers or risk losing them to neighboring school districts.

1:35:23 In response to Commissioner Baker's question, District 2 School Board Member Kathy Lennon explained the collaborative conferencing process, which resulted in the decision to give teachers a one-time \$1500 bonus rather than a pay increase. She stated that throughout this process the consensus was adding additional support staff for teachers was more important than the raise in order to improve working conditions.

1:39:16 Chief Business Officer for Hamilton County Schools Brent Goldberg provided additional information regarding the state's BEP funding formula and its impact on teacher compensation.

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At this time, a lengthy discussion took place between Commissioners, Mayor Coppinger, Mr. Goldberg, and Ms. Lennon regarding teacher compensation; other topics included BEP funds, priority based budgeting, the Department of Education's strategic plan, infrastructure needs, and working collaboratively. Several Commissioners spoke in favor of Commissioner Mackey's amendment and several noted they could not vote in favor of a property tax increase two years after the last one.

Chairman Smedley asked the Clerk's Office to note for the record the five Commissioners who voted in favor of a tax increase in 2017 (*Resolution No. 917-12*), which included Commissioner Bankston, Commissioner Fairbanks, Commissioner Mackey, Commissioner Martin, and Chairman Smedley.

2:10:46 In response to Commissioner Baker's question, Mr. Goldberg stated an additional \$3 million combined with the \$1500 one-time bonuses would achieve close to a 5% raise for teachers for this fiscal year only. Mr. Goldberg stated any additional funding provided would be presented to the School Board to go directly to teacher compensation.

Attorney Taylor clarified the current Motion on the floor is Commissioner Mackey's Motion to amend the budget to increase property taxes by 12.5-cents in order to provide a 5% pay increase for Hamilton County teachers.

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The foregoing Motion to amend the budget to increase property taxes by 12.5-cents in order to provide a 5% pay increase for Hamilton County teachers was rejected on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Nay", Commissioner Bankston, "Nay", Commissioner Boyd, "Nay", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Nay", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Nay", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Nay". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 3. Total "Nay" votes – 6.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Sharpe, to increase property taxes by 4-cents in order to achieve a 5% raise for Hamilton County teachers.

2:18:50

Commissioner Boyd offered an amendment to Commissioner Baker's Motion. He stated while he would not vote for a tax increase he would support taking the \$4 million from the county's fund balance. Mayor Coppinger strongly discouraged using the county's fund balance for recurring expenses. Commissioner Boyd's Motion to amend the amendment died for lack of a second.

The foregoing Motion to amend the budget to increase property taxes by 4-cents in order to achieve a 5% raise for Hamilton County teachers. was rejected on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting

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as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye", Commissioner Bankston, "Nay", Commissioner Boyd, "Nay", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Nay", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Nay", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Nay". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 4. Total "Nay" votes – 5.

Chairman Smedley asked Clerk Knowles to call the roll on the Motion to adopt Resolution No. 819-13 made by Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Bankston.

The foregoing Motion to adopt Resolution No. 819-13 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 Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Nay", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Aye". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 1.

2:21:49

Mayor Coppinger thanked Commissioners and the Department of Education as well as the Finance Department for their hard work on the budget. He spoke about the misinformation circulated throughout the lengthy budgeting process and reminded everyone there has been no property tax increase for county general government since

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2007. He emphasized that additional resources are going to be required to elevate public education in Hamilton County to the next level.

In response to Clerk Knowles' question, Chairman Smedley confirmed the 2019-2020 budget would be effective on July 1, 2019.

2:35:23

**RESOLUTION NO. 819-14 A RESOLUTION MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO
NONPROFIT CHARITABLE AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS OF HAMILTON COUNTY,
TENNESSEE, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019 AND ENDING
JUNE 30, 2020.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Bankston, to adopt Resolution No. 819-14. 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 Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Aye". Commissioner Baker was not present for the Roll Call. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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2:36:05

RESOLUTION NO. 819-16 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTINUING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR FUNDS TO BE RECEIVED AND DIVIDED BETWEEN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT ("JAG").

ON MOTION of Commissioner Bankston, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, to adopt Resolution No. 819-16. 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 Bankston, "Aye", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Aye". Commissioner Baker was not present for the Roll Call. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

As requested earlier in the meeting, Attorney Taylor distributed an amended version of Resolution No. 819-15, which was renumbered to 819-15A. Chairman Smedley asked that the caption of Resolution No. 819-15A be read into the record.

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2:37:14

**RESOLUTION NO. 819-15A A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT
AMONG THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA AND HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE
(ON BEHALF OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY TRUSTEE) ON BEHALF OF THE
BOARD OF THE CHATTANOOGA DOWNTOWN CENTRAL BUSINESS
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT RELATIVE TO BILLING AND COLLECTION OF THE
LEVY OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FROM APPLICABLE OWNERS OF PROPERTY
WITHIN THE CHATTANOOGA DOWNTOWN CENTRAL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT PURSUANT TO T.C.A. § 7-84-521 ET SEQ.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Sharpe, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to
adopt Resolution No. 819-15A.

In response to Commissioner Boyd's question, Attorney Taylor stated the
indemnification clause would be part of the agreement.

2:41:30

In response to Commissioner Baker's question, Commissioner Sharpe clarified
having the Trustee collect the BID fees would allow to process to begin this year.

The foregoing Motion resulted in no action being taken on a Roll Call vote, with
the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows:
Commissioner Baker, "Nay", Commissioner Bankston, "Nay", Commissioner Boyd,
"Nay", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner

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Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and Chairman Smedley, "Nay".

Commissioner Mackey was not present for the Roll Call. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 4. Total "Nay" votes – 4.

Chairman Smedley announced that since Commissioner Mackey rejoined the group, without objection she would allow Commissioners to re-vote on Resolution No. 819-15A. Commissioner Boyd objected.

Attorney Taylor clarified it would require six votes to override the Chairman's ruling.

The foregoing Motion to override the Chairman's ruling to re-vote on Resolution No. 819-15A failed 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 Fairbanks, "Nay", Commissioner Geter, "Nay", Commissioner Mackey, "Nay", Commissioner Martin, "Nay", Commissioner Sharpe, "Nay", and Chairman Smedley, "Nay". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 3. Total "Nay" votes – 6.

Chairman Smedley asked Clerk Knowles to call the roll a second time on the Motion by Commissioner Sharpe, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adopt Resolution No. 819-15A. The foregoing Motion was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the

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following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows:
Commissioner Baker, "Nay", Commissioner Bankston, "Nay", Commissioner Boyd,
"Nay", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner
Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye", and
Chairman Smedley, "Nay". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 5.
Total "Nay" votes – 4.

Chairman Smedley asked that Resolution Nos. 819-7 through 819-12 be
considered at this time.

**RESOLUTION NO. 819-7 A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE PURCHASE OF
GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 1, 2019, THROUGH
JUNE 30, 2019, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY
CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 819-8 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF
OFFENDER ALCOHOL AND GPS MONITORING PRODUCTS AND SERVICES
FROM ALCOHOL MONITORING SYSTEMS, INC., FROM THE GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION (GSA) CONTRACT GS-07F-0003Y FOR THE CORRECTIONS
DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY
CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

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RESOLUTION NO. 819-9 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE QUOTE FROM BI INCORPORATED FOR ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT UNIT PRICING, WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR TERMS, BEGINNING AUGUST 21, 2019 THROUGH AUGUST 20, 2020, FOR OFFENDER FIELD MONITORING PRODUCTS AND SERVICES FOR THE CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 819-10 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 GRANT-IN-AID CONTRACT FOR \$593,928.00 WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO SUPPORT THE DELIVERY OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2019- JUNE 30, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 819-11 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR ON BEHALF OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,800.00 TO CONDUCT CHILD CARE AGENCY IMMUNIZATION AUDITS IN HAMILTON COUNTY FOR A TIME PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2020.

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RESOLUTION NO. 819-12 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTINUATION CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, THE HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION, OPERATING AS THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, FOR THE TIME PERIOD APRIL 1, 2019 - MARCH 31, 2020 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$209,900.00 TO SUPPORT THE MEDICAL CASE MANAGEMENT OF PERSONS INFECTED WITH HIV/AIDS IN HAMILTON COUNTY.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 819-7. 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 Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "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. 819-8. 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",

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Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "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. 819-9. 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 Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "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 Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 819-10. 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 Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "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 Geter, to adopt Resolution No. 819-11. 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 Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "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. 819-12. 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 Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Smedley asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

Commissioner Boyd stated he asked Superintendent of Schools Dr. Bryan Johnson to attend today's meeting to address a teacher in-service training that recently took place at Bayside Baptist Church. He requested someone from the Department of Education provide more details regarding the purpose of the training.

2:54:26 Chairman Smedley reported Dr. Johnson called to let her know he could not attend today's meeting, as it is the first day back to school for Hamilton County Schools.

2:55:14 Commissioner Geter thanked Mayor Coppinger for his comments following the budget vote regarding public education and providing adequate resources to the school system.

Commissioner Geter addressed the conversation surrounding the in-service training for opportunity zone teachers. She spoke about the culturally mixed community we live in and applauded the Department of Education for being engaged in conversations about race, equity, diversity, and inclusion.

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2:58:33 Mayor Coppinger followed up his earlier comments by clarifying that special interest groups do not influence decisions regarding the budget.

Chairman Smedley invited Commissioners to join Snack Pack Ministry Founder Janice Robertson at East Brainerd Church of Christ at 6:30 PM to help pack food for children to take home over the weekend. She stated the last event 4,000 bags were packed for students. She noted Ms. Robertson would be providing an update on the ministry to Commissioners on August 14th.

DELEGATIONS

Chairman Smedley asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

3:02:34 Jeanette Omarkhail, residing at 6731 Flagstone Drive Ooltewah, TN 37363, thanked Commissioners for the discussion regarding the school system and the budget. She spoke about working collaboratively with the Commission and School Board to address issues in the public education system.

3:03:54 Charles Wysong, residing at 6872 Robin Drive Chattanooga, TN 37421, addressed Commissioners regarding the teacher in-service training that recently took place at Bayside Baptist Church. He called the training divisive and expressed his disappointment in the school system for allowing the training to take place.

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In response to Commissioner Mackey's question, Mr. Wysong provided some details about the training and its references to racism and white privilege.

3:08:52

Commissioner Geter stated the portion of the presentation released seems to be taken out of context. She asked that a representative from the school system come and provide additional information about the purpose of the presentation.

Chairman Smedley stated she would like to see the presentation in its entirety.

There being no further business, Chairman Smedley declared the meeting in recess until Wednesday, August 14th, 2019 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

08-21-19
Date

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Clerk's Initials