

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
AGENDA PREPARATION SESSION
AUGUST 29, 2018**

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)

Agenda Preparation Session
August 29, 2018

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 29th day of August, 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:--

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:

- The Trustee's Monthly and Excess Fee Reports for July 2018 would be submitted for the record.
- The Trustee's Revised Monthly and Excess Fee Reports for June 2018 would be submitted for the record.
- Resolution No. 918-1 was the usual County Clerk item regarding notaries, etc. This required no committee assignment.
- Resolution Nos. 918-8 through 918-10 were assigned to the Finance Committee, chaired by Commissioner Smedley.
- Resolution No. 918-11 was assigned to the Zoning Committee, chaired by Commissioner Bankston.
- Resolution Nos. 918-2 through 918-7 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

0:54

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 918-2

This Resolution reappoints G. Michael Luhowiak as Public Administrator to serve regarding Clerk and Master office functions for a term of four years ending August 6, 2022. This item also establishes bond therefore.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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1:14 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 918-3**

This Resolution confirms the reappointment by the County Mayor of Annie Hall to the Hamilton County Industrial Development Board for a term ending August 16, 2024.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

1:34 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 918-4**

Chairman Fairbanks spoke regarding this item, which makes an appropriation to Harrison Recreational Booster Club in the amount of \$1,000.00 from general fund travel discretionary monies, as allotted to District 1. He noted the funds would go to support youth sports in Soddy Daisy.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

2:25 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 918-5**

Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Hammond spoke regarding this item, which authorizes the County Mayor to submit an application for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security 2018 Port Security Grant. He stated his office was just notified the

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grant has already been awarded to them, although official notice has not been sent out. He reported the grant will require a 25% county match.

In response to Commissioner Fields' question, Director of Support Services for the Sheriff's Department Geno Bennett reported the total county match is \$51,317.00. He added the total project cost is \$202,255.00 and will be used to purchase equipment, supplies, and training for the Sheriff's Office Dive Team.

In response to Commissioner Boyd's question, Director Bennett noted the \$51,317.00 would come from the county general fund and would require a budget amendment. He added that amount will be broken up over a three year period.

9:19

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 918-6

Juvenile Court Administrator Sam Mairs spoke regarding this item, which approves the purchase of an in-building distributed antenna system from Motorola Solutions, Inc. from the statewide contract SWC-418 for \$68,128.00 for use in the Hamilton County Juvenile Court Detention Facility. He noted this would improve coverage to 95%, which will provide more safety and security for the children and staff of the court.

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There were no questions from Commissioners.

10:47 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 918-7**

Juvenile Court Administrator Sam Mairs spoke regarding this item, which authorizes the County Mayor to enter into and execute a contract with the State of Tennessee, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth, to receive \$20,000.00 to be used for the Court Appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA) within Hamilton County Juvenile Court. He noted it was a budget neutral request and would offset the salary cost.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Fairbanks asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

Members of the Commission, Attorney Taylor, and Mayor Coppinger spoke about their time serving in their respective positions with Commissioner Fields, Commissioner Graham, and Commissioner Beck. They each wished all three of them luck in their future endeavors and thanked them for their years of public service and all they have done to move Hamilton County forward.

12:11 Commissioner Fields thanked the voters in District 2 for allowing him to serve for the past eight years. He thanked Mayor Coppinger and his staff, Commission Office staff Patricia Moore and Melinda Volker, and fellow Commissioners. He also thanked his wife for her support in allowing him to serve.

15:00 Commissioner Graham spoke about how he entered public service and thanked those who honored him during today's Recessed Meeting. He thanked fellow Commissioners, Mayor Coppinger and his staff, County Clerk Bill Knowles, and all those who help to make Hamilton County a great place to live and work. Commissioner

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Graham stated his time in public service is not over and he will still be involved in community meetings.

30:05 Commissioner Beck reflected on his time on the Commission, which began in 2005. He spoke about the importance of public service and thanked those who helped him over the years. He thanked Mayor Coppinger and his staff, Commission Office staff Patricia Moore and Melinda Volker, County Clerk Bill Knowles, and fellow Commissioners.

38:36 Mayor Coppinger announced the Inaugural Ceremony for Hamilton County Officials will take place Tuesday, August 4th at 9:00 AM at the Chattanooga Convention Center. He noted the event is open to the public.

DELEGATIONS

Chairman Fairbanks asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

46:30 Christopher Dahl, residing at 2020 East 12th Street Chattanooga, TN 37404, addressed the Commission regarding Opportunity Zone boundaries, former Chief Judicial Randy Russell, and outside contractors using fire hydrants to fill their trucks.

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Being no further business, Chairman Fairbanks declared the meeting adjourned.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, September 5th at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

09-19-18
Date

W.F.K
Clerk's Initials