

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018**

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)

Regular Meeting
September 5, 2018

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 5th day of September, 2018, 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:--

0:20 County Attorney Taylor stated in accordance with the Rules of Order established governing the first Regular Meeting of the term; County Clerk Bill Knowles would convene the meeting for the purpose of electing a Chairman and Chairman Pro Tempore for the ensuing year.

1:37 Present and presiding was Bill Knowles, County Clerk. Chief Deputy County Clerk Brooke Weaver 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 Commissioner Smedley. Total present – 9. Total absent -0.

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018**

Also in attendance were County Mayor Jim Coppinger, members of his 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.

1:57

Commissioner Mackey introduced Pastor James P. Rushing, Temple Baptist Church, who gave the invocation. Commissioner Mackey led in the pledge to the flag.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE OF THE HAMILTON
COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Clerk Knowles stated the floor was open for nominations to elect a Chairman for the ensuing year.

Commissioner Bankston nominated Sabrena Smedley to serve as Chairman.

Clerk Knowles asked if there were any other nominations. There were none.

Chief Deputy Clerk Weaver called the roll on the nomination of Sabrena Smedley to serve as Commission Chairman. Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018**

Baker, "Sabrena Smedley", Commissioner Bankston, "Sabrena Smedley",
Commissioner Boyd, "Pass", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Sabrena Smedley",
Commissioner Geter, "Sabrena Smedley", Commissioner Mackey, "Sabrena Smedley",
Commissioner Martin, "Sabrena Smedley", Commissioner Sharpe, "Sabrena Smedley",
and Commissioner Smedley, "Sabrena Smedley". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0.
Total votes for Sabrena Smedley – 8. Total "Pass" votes – 1.

Per the Commission's Rules of Order (*Resolution No. 717-28*) any member of
the Commission having announced "Pass" at the first call of the vote should
subsequently be called on by the Clerk to vote a second time.

Chief Deputy Clerk Weaver called the roll of the member having previously
announced "Pass". Commissioner Boyd announced "Abstain" on the second call of the
vote. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total votes for Sabrena Smedley – 8. Total
Abstentions – 1.

Clerk Knowles announced Commissioner Smedley was elected Chairman.

Clerk Knowles opened the floor for nominations for Chairman Pro Tempore.

Commissioner Bankston nominated Chester Bankston to serve as Chairman Pro
Tempore.

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018**

Commissioner Boyd nominated Greg Martin to serve as Chairman Pro Tempore.

Commissioner Sharpe nominated Randy Fairbanks to serve as Chairman Pro Tempore.

Chief Deputy Clerk Weaver called the roll on the nomination of Chester Bankston, Greg Martin, and Randy Fairbanks to serve as Commission Chairman Pro Tempore. Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Chester Bankston", Commissioner Bankston, "Chester Bankston", Commissioner Boyd, "Greg Martin", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Randy Fairbanks", Commissioner Geter, "Randy Fairbanks", Commissioner Mackey, "Greg Martin", Commissioner Martin, "Greg Martin", Commissioner Sharpe, "Randy Fairbanks", and Commissioner Smedley, "Pass". Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total votes for Chester Bankston – 2. Total votes for Greg Martin – 3. Total votes for Randy Fairbanks – 3. Total "Pass" votes – 1.

Per the Commission's Rules of Order (*Resolution No. 717-28*) any member of the Commission having announced "Pass" at the first call of the vote should subsequently be called on by the Clerk to vote a second time.

Chief Deputy Clerk Weaver called the roll of the member having previously announced "Pass". Commissioner Smedley announced "Abstain" on the second call of

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018**

the vote. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total votes for Chester Bankston – 2. Total votes for Greg Martin – 3. Total votes for Randy Fairbanks – 3. Total Abstentions – 1.

Attorney Taylor stated that in the past the person receiving the lowest votes is dropped from the ballot. There was no objection.

Clerk Knowles asked for a second roll call with the names of Greg Martin and Randy Fairbanks in consideration to serve as Chairman Pro Tempore.

Chief Deputy Clerk Weaver called the roll on the nomination of Greg Martin and Randy Fairbanks to serve as Commission Chairman Pro Tempore. Commissioners voted as follows: Commissioner Baker, “Randy Fairbanks”, Commissioner Bankston, “Randy Fairbanks”, Commissioner Boyd, “Greg Martin”, Commissioner Fairbanks, “Randy Fairbanks”, Commissioner Geter, “Randy Fairbanks”, Commissioner Mackey, “Randy Fairbanks”, Commissioner Martin, “Greg Martin”, Commissioner Sharpe, “Randy Fairbanks”, and Commissioner Smedley, “Randy Fairbanks”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total votes for Greg Martin – 2. Total votes for Randy Fairbanks – 7.

Clerk Knowles announced Commissioner Fairbanks was elected Chairman Pro Tempore.

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018**

**OATH OF OFFICE FOR CHAIRMAN AND CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE OF THE
HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Clerk Knowles administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Sabrena Smedley who was elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Clerk Knowles administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Randy Fairbanks who was elected Chairman Pro Tempore for the ensuing year.

Chairman Smedley took the seat as Chairman at this time. She called for a brief recess.

Chairman Smedley reconvened today's Regular Meeting.

14:29

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of August 8, 2018, the Agenda Preparation Session of August 8, 2018, and the Regular Meeting of August 15, 2018, be approved, treat same as read, made a matter of record and filed. 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",

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018**

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 July 2018 were submitted and made a matter of record.

REVISED TRUSTEE REPORTS

The Trustee’s Revised Monthly and Excess Fee reports for June 2018 were submitted and made a matter of record.

15:14

RESOLUTION NO. 918-1 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS, THE BONDS AND OATHS OF NOTARIES PREVIOUSLY ELECTED, AND THE OATH OF DEPUTY SHERIFF.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 918-1. The foregoing Motion was unanimously adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018**

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.

15:51

RESOLUTION NO. 918-2 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF G. MICHAEL LUHOWIAK AS PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR, FOR A TERM OF FOUR (4) YEARS, COMMENCING THIS DATE, AND ENDING AUGUST 6, 2022 AND TO ESTABLISH BOND THEREFORE.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks, to adopt Resolution No. 918-2. 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.

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018**

16:32 **RESOLUTION NO. 918-3 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT BY THE COUNTY MAYOR OF ONE MEMBER TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR A TERM ENDING AUGUST 16, 2024.**

This Resolution reappoints Annie Hall.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Sharpe, to adopt Resolution No. 918-3. 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.

17:12 **RESOLUTION NO. 918-4 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO HARRISON RECREATIONAL BOOSTER CLUB IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1 ,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND TRAVEL DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT ONE.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 918-4. The foregoing Motion was unanimously adopted on a

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018**

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.

17:54

RESOLUTION NO. 918-5 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY 2018 PORT SECURITY GRANT.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 918-5.

Commissioner Boyd pointed out the county's match on this grant will be \$51,317.00 spread out over three years, which amounts to roughly \$17,105.00 per year. He voiced his support for this item.

Mayor Coppinger noted the first year's balance will come from the county's reserve fund, but will be budgeted going forward.

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018**

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.

19:03

RESOLUTION NO. 918-6 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF AN IN-BUILDING DISTRIBUTED ANTENNA SYSTEM FROM MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. FROM THE STATEWIDE CONTRACT SWC-418, FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$68,128.00, FOR USE IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT DETENTION FACILITY, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 918-6. 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", Commissioner Boyd, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Geter, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Martin, "Aye", Commissioner

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018**

Sharpe, Aye”, and Chairman Smedley, “Aye”. Total present – 9. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

20:24

RESOLUTION NO. 918-7 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE 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 THE HAMILTON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Sharpe, to adopt Resolution No. 918-7. 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.

21:24

Chairman Smedley asked that Resolution Nos. 918-8 through 918-10 be heard at this time.

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018**

RESOLUTION NO. 918-8 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF CUSTOM TRUCK & BODY WORKS, INC. FOR TWO (2) TYPE I MEDIUM DUTY AMBULANCES AMOUNTING TO \$425,966.00 FOR THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 918-9 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 \$230, 130.00 TO PROVIDE CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION SERVICES IN HAMILTON COUNTY, FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 918-10 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF LEE COMPANY TO PROVIDE CHILLER PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR HAMILTON COUNTY BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 5, 2018 FOR A CONTRACT PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS, WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR ONE (1) ADDITIONAL THREE (3) YEAR TERM AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018**

Commissioner Smedley, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 919-8 through 918-10 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to adopt Resolution No. 918-8. 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", 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. 918-9. 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.

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to adopt Resolution No. 918-10. 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.

24:45

RESOLUTION NO. 918-11 A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND R-2A RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-3 GENERAL BUSINESS COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8044 STANDIFER GAP ROAD.

Commissioner Bankston, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 918-11 and stated the Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Bankston, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adopt Resolution No. 918-11. 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”,

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018**

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.

25:38

LATE ITEM

RESOLUTION NO. 918-12 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY TRUSTEE TO ADVANCE TO THE NEWLY-ELECTED REGISTER OF DEEDS THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000 DEEMED NECESSARY TO BEGIN A NEW TERM OF OFFICE.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 918-12.

County Auditor Jenneth Randall reported former Register of Deeds Pam Hurst was required upon the August 31st expiration of her term to turn over all excess fees to the county general fund. This left newly elected Register of Deeds Marc Gravitt with insufficient funds to properly conduct the business of his office. Tennessee Code Annotated 8-22-108 authorizes the County Trustee to advance newly elected officers of the County the necessary funds to begin a new term until sufficient excess fees are collected to repay all advanced funds. She noted \$656,114.55 was turned in at the expiration of former Register Hurst's term.

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018**

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Smedley asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

Members of the Commission, Mayor Coppinger, and Attorney Taylor congratulated and welcomed newly elected Commissioners Chip Baker, District 2, Katherlyn Geter, District 5, and David Sharpe, District 6. They each stated they looked forward to the new term and moving Hamilton County forward.

28:47 Commissioner Sharpe thanked Commissioners for welcoming him and stated he looks forward to the next four years. He announced the Moon River Festival will take place September 8th and 9th in Coolidge Park.

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018**

29:35 Commissioner Baker congratulated Chairman Smedley and Chairman Pro Tempore Fairbanks. He stated he was excited to see the Commission working more closely with the School Board.

30:01 Commissioner Boyd congratulated Chairman Smedley. He recognized County Trustee Bill Hullander, Tennessee Coalition for Open Government (TCOG) member Helen Burns Sharp, and Executive Director of UnifiEd Jonas Barriere in the audience at today's meeting.

Commissioner Boyd distributed a report summarizing his findings and recommendations for the Hamilton County Judicial Magistrate program. A copy of the report was filed in the Clerk's Office.

32:36 Commissioner Geter stated her excitement to serve the citizens of District 5 and all of Hamilton County. She thanked Commissioners for welcoming her.

33:22 Mayor Coppinger congratulated Chairman Smedley and Chairman Pro Tempore Fairbanks.

34:01 Chairman Smedley recognized Chattanooga Convention and Visitor's Bureau President and CEO Barry White at today's meeting. She thanked Commissioners for their confidence in electing her Chairman for the ensuing term.

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018**

DELEGATIONS

Chairman Smedley asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

35:07

Helen Burns Sharp, residing at 129 Walnut Street Chattanooga, TN 37403, addressed Commissioners on behalf of the public interest advocacy group Accountability for Taxpayer Money (ATM). She spoke about the Opportunity Zone program created by the federal government, which creates a federal tax incentive for investors to reinvest their capital gains in low-income neighborhoods, as defined by poverty rate and median family income from the 2010 census. She questioned the zone boundaries and expressed ATM's disappointment that Hamilton County's Opportunity Zones were in already developing areas rather than low-income neighborhoods. She encouraged a selection committee for programs of this type that would include representation from neighborhoods that would or could be impacted.

39:05

Commissioner Fairbanks requested a copy of Ms. Sharp's presentation. A copy of the presentation was filed in the Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Martin questioned if the Commission had a committee to address these types of issues.

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018**

40:05 Chairman Smedley thanked Commissioner Fairbanks for his leadership as Chairman the past year. She recognized her husband and mother in the audience and stated her mother made cupcakes for Commissioners.

40:34 Commissioner Boyd responded to Ms. Sharp's comments and stated the Mayor's Office had the responsibility of choosing census tracts and submitting them to the Governor's Office for approval. He noted the Commission had no active role in the process. He thanked Mayor Coppinger for choosing and submitting the tracts under a tight timeframe.

42:54 Mayor Coppinger stated his office had less than a month to assemble the list and submit it to the Governor's Office. He noted all 10 municipalities were contacted and the City of Chattanooga played an integral role in the selection process. Mayor Coppinger reported 17 census tracts were submitted and only seven were awarded Opportunity Zone status. He added Shelby County and Davidson County were awarded the majority. He thanked those who were involved in the process.

49:58 Commissioner Mackey asked that more voices be brought to the table when deciding on incentives.

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018**

There being no further business, Chairman Smedley declared the meeting in recess until Wednesday, September 12th, 2018 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

09-19-18 WJK
Date Clerk's Initials