

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2015**

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)

Regular Meeting
November 18, 2015

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 18th day of November, 2015, 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:--

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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 Fairbanks, Commissioner Fields, Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Haynes, Commissioner Mackey, Commissioner Smedley, and Chairman Bankston. The Chairman announced that Commissioner Boyd would be absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1.

Also in attendance were County Mayor Jim Coppinger, members of his administrative staff, County Attorney Rheubin Taylor, and County Auditor Bill McGriff.

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 Beck introduced Reverend Jonathan Schwartz, Brainerd Presbyterian Church, who gave the invocation. Reverend Schwartz spoke briefly about the importance of gratitude. Commissioner Beck led in the pledge to the flag.

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**PRESENTATION – CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION – CHIEF PETTY OFFICER
JOSEPH D. CAPOZZI AND LIEUTENANT COMMANDER TIM WHITE**

Commissioner Smedley presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Chief Petty Officer Joseph D. Capozzi and Navy Lieutenant Commander Tim White. She noted that both men reside in District 7. Chief Petty Officer Capozzi was honored for his years of service in the United States Navy. He participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and earned multiple Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals and Achievement Medals.

Lieutenant Commander White is currently the Commanding Officer of the Naval Operational Support Center on Amnicola Highway, and was honored for his service and courage during the July 16, 2015 attack and murders at the Center. It was noted he was a key speaker at the Memorial Service at the McKenzie Arena, which honored the five service members who lost their lives during the horrific terrorist assault at the Naval Operational Support Center. Lieutenant Commander White thanked members of the Commission for their support and for the honor. He spoke briefly about how appreciative he is to have the support of the community. He noted that less than 3% of the

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population has ever served in the military and less than 1% of the population is currently serving.

Commissioner Smedley thanked Chief Petty Officer Capozzi and Lieutenant Commander White for their service and sacrifices. She also thanked Legislative Administrator Patricia Moore for her assistance in preparing the certificates.

10:46

Commission members gave their thanks to Chief Petty Officer Capozzi and Lieutenant Commander White for their service and dedication. Commissioner Graham distributed a County pin to each of the men.

Commissioner Smedley also introduced Lieutenant Tay Brymer, Public Affairs Officer, and Mass Communications Specialist 1st Class America Henry who were present at today's meeting.

Chief Petty Officer Capozzi and Lieutenant Commander White were personally greeted and congratulated by each Commissioner, Mayor Coppinger, and County Attorney Taylor. They shook hands with each of the officials.

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15:13 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Fields, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of October 28, 2015, the Agenda Preparation Session of October 28, 2015, and the Regular Meeting of November 4, 2015, 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 Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Haynes was not present for the Roll Call. Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 7. Total absent – 2. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT

The quarterly investment report of Hamilton County government, for the quarter ending September 30, 2015 was submitted as a matter of record.

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ORDER OF DESIGNATION

An order was submitted for the record designating Todd Leamon to sit as the County Mayor's representative on the Planning Commission for the meeting November 9, 2015.

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS

Unaudited financial reports for the following constitutional officers were submitted as a matter of record:

Circuit Court Clerk – year ending June 30, 2015
Clerk & Master – year ending June 30, 2015
County Clerk – year ending June 30, 2015
Register of Deeds – year ending June 30, 2015

RESOLUTION NO. 1115-16 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARY PUBLIC POSITIONS, THE BONDS AND OATHS OF NOTARIES PREVIOUSLY ELECTED, THE OATHS OF JUDICIAL COMMISSIONERS, AND THE BOND OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HAMILTON COUNTY 911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fields, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 1115-16.

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Chairman Bankston asked if there were any questions. There were none.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows:

Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye".

Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 1115-20 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT FOUR, TO ASSIST WITH RENOVATIONS AT SOUTH CHATTANOOGA YOUTH AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTER.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 1115-20.

Chairman Bankston asked if there were any questions. There were none.

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The foregoing Resolution was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows:

Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye".

Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 1115-21 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE TIDES FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT FOUR.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Haynes, to adopt Resolution No. 1115-21.

Chairman Bankston asked if there were any questions. There were none.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows:

Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner

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Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Graham was not present for the Roll Call. Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 7. Total absent – 2. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 1115-22 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE TIDES FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT FIVE.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 1115-22.

Chairman Bankston asked if there were any questions. There were none.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows:

Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Graham was not present for the Roll Call. Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 7. Total absent – 2. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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RESOLUTION NO. 1115-23 A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND EXTENDING THE CONTRACT WITH TENNESSEE VALLEY RAILROAD MUSEUM, INC. (“TVRM”) FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE RAIL YARD AND TRACKS AT THE ENTERPRISE SOUTH INDUSTRIAL PARK AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Fields, to adopt Resolution No. 1115-23.

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Commissioner Haynes stated for the record that the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum is a customer of his at Porter Warner Industries.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows:

Commissioner Beck, “Aye”, Commissioner Fairbanks, “Aye”, Commissioner Fields, “Aye”, Commissioner Graham, “Aye”, Commissioner Haynes, “Aye”, Commissioner Mackey, “Aye”, Commissioner Smedley, “Aye”, and Chairman Bankston, “Aye”.

Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 8. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 1115-34 A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO
HIGHWAY 58 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO
THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FROM GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY
MONIES, AS ALLOTTED TO DISTRICT NINE.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Haynes, seconded by Commissioner Mackey, to adopt Resolution No. 1115-34.

Chairman Bankston asked if there were any questions. There were none.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows:

Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Graham was not present for the Roll Call. Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 7. Total absent – 2. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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LATE ITEM: RESOLUTION NO. 1115-35 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRANSFERRING OF \$34,000.00 IN DISCRETIONARY BOND FUNDS AS ALLOTTED TO COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT FIVE, AND THE TRANSFERRING OF A LIKE AMOUNT IN GENERAL FUND DISCRETIONARY FUNDS AS ALLOTTED TO COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT SEVEN TO COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT FIVE.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smedley, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 1115-35.

Commissioner Smedley spoke about East Hamilton Middle/High School. She explained that the school was built in 2009 with the help of community fundraisers, and an athletic facility has been constructed with the help of discretionary funds from former Commissioner Larry Henry. She added that the school is currently in need of permanent public restrooms within the athletic facility. It was noted Commissioner Beck would be transferring \$34,000.00 in discretionary bond funds for District 5 to assist in construction of the restrooms, and in exchange will receive \$34,000.00 from District 7 general fund discretionary funds to allocate toward community projects. The Clerk's office received a copy of the floor plan for the restroom facility.

Commissioner Beck explained that the United Community Action Alliance supported the transfer of funds, and asked that the Commission support the transaction.

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25:31 In response to Commissioner Smedley's question, Al Kiser, Administrator of Finance, clarified that the State Comptroller will not allow the Commission to use general fund discretionary funds for projects related to the Department of Education.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows:

Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Graham was not present for the Roll Call. Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 7. Total absent – 2. Total "Aye" votes – 7. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

26:37 Chairman Bankston asked that Resolution Nos. 1115-17A, 1115-17B, 1115-18, and 1115-24 be considered together at this time.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1115-17A A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM A-1
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT,
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8237 ROY LANE.**

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON RESOLUTION NO. 1115-17A.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 1115-17B A RESOLUTION TO REZONE FROM A-1
AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT,
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8237 ROY LANE.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1115-18 A RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS
PERMIT FOR A RESIDENTIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT FOR PROPERTY
LOCATED AT 8237 ROY LANE.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1115-24 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR THE
ACQUISITION OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF
THE OOLTEWAH-GEORGETOWN ROAD, MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD AND BLANCHE
ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,900 OF WHICH
80 PERCENT OF THE COST WILL BE REIMBURSED TO HAMILTON COUNTY BY
THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND 20 PERCENT
MATCH TO BE PAID BY HAMILTON COUNTY.**

Commissioner Haynes, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 1115-17A and 1115-17B, and stated that the Zoning Committee reviewed and recommended approval of Resolution No. 1115-17B.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Haynes, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 1115-17B.

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In response to Commissioner Fields question, Commissioner Haynes clarified that Resolution No. 1115-17A was the applicant's initial request to the Regional Planning Agency, and Resolution No. 1115-17B was the Regional Planning Commission's response, which includes certain conditions.

Chairman Bankston asked if there was any further discussion. There was none.

The foregoing Resolution No. 1115-17B was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye". Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Haynes, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 1115-18.

Chairman Bankston asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

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The foregoing Resolution was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows:

Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye".

Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Haynes, seconded by Commissioner Fields, to adopt Resolution No. 1115-24.

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Commissioner Haynes explained that the total cost of the intersection improvements would be \$23,900. Eighty percent of the cost will be reimbursed by the Tennessee Department of Transportation, and twenty percent to be paid by Hamilton County totaling \$4,780.00.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows:

Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye".

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Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 8. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

31:32 Chairman Bankston asked that Resolution Nos. 1115-19 and 1115-25 through 1115-33 be considered together at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 1115-19 A RESOLUTION TO DECREASE THE EXPENDITURE BUDGET FOR THE JUVENILE COURT JUDGE BY \$55,461.59 AND INCREASE THE EXPENDITURE BUDGET FOR THE SHERIFF BY \$55,461.59.

RESOLUTION NO. 1115-25 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ACCEPT A \$460,000 LOCAL PARKS AND RECREATION FUND GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION TO DEVELOP HORSE TRAILS AT ENTERPRISE SOUTH NATURE PARK AND TO SIGN ANY AND ALL GRANT-RELATED CONTRACTS AND DOCUMENTS.

RESOLUTION NO. 1115-26 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF PRATER FORD, INC. FOR MID-SIZE AND SMALL UTILITY VEHICLES FOR HAMILTON COUNTY AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

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RESOLUTION NO. 1115-27 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE TURF, INC. AND SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY FOR ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT PRICING, BEGINNING DECEMBER 4, 2015, THROUGH DECEMBER 3, 2016, FOR SOD FOR THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 1115-28 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF RAINES BROTHERS, INC. FOR THE COURTHOUSE SOUTH ENTRANCE MARBLE STEP LANDING RENOVATION AMOUNTING TO \$58,890.00 FOR THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 1115-29 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF Z-BAND, INC. FOR CONTRACT UNIT PRICING, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 18, 2015, THROUGH NOVEMBER 17, 2016, FOR VIDEO DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT FOR THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

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RESOLUTION NO. 1115-30 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF EPB FIBER OPTICS FOR INTERNET CONNECTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 1, 2015, THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2018, WITH THE OPTION TO RENEW FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE YEARS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION NO. 1115-31 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 CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$416,700.00 TO PROVIDE SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE AND HIV EDUCATION, PREVENTION AND CONTROL SERVICES IN HAMILTON COUNTY, FOR A TIME PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 1115-32 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF YOUNG ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. FOR AN EMERGENCY GENERATOR ADDITION FOR THE SEQUOYAH HEALTH CENTER AMOUNTING TO \$91,617.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

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RESOLUTION NO. 1115-33 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 ACCEPT A GRANT SUPPLEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$255,012.00 FROM THE HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (HRSA) AND TO INCREASE THE EXPENSE AND REVENUE BUDGETS BY \$255,012.00.

Commissioner Fairbanks provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 1115-19 and 1115-25 through 1115-33 and stated that the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Fairbanks, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution Nos. 1115-19 and 1115-25 through 1115-33.

In response to Commissioner Fields question regarding Resolution No. 1115-31, Commissioner Fairbanks confirmed that the Tennessee Department of Health will provide federal cost reimbursement grant funds to the Health Department for sexually transmitted disease and HIV education, prevention and control services in Hamilton County.

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Commissioner Graham spoke about Resolution No. 1115-25 regarding the horse trails at Enterprise South Nature Park. It was noted that Commissioner Graham was part of the Commission that initially approved that application for the grant (Resolution No. 414-15) on an 8-1 vote. He thanked Development Director Dan Saieed for working diligently to obtain the grant. He added that the horse trails would add value to Hamilton County as a whole.

The foregoing Resolutions were adopted on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows:

Commissioner Beck, "Aye", Commissioner Fairbanks, "Aye", Commissioner Fields, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye", Commissioner Haynes, "Aye", Commissioner Mackey, "Aye", Commissioner Smedley, "Aye", and Chairman Bankston, "Aye".

Commissioner Boyd was absent. Total present – 8. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 8. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Bankston asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

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41:42 Commissioner Mackey announced his support for a recent decision by the City Council to approve the construction of a seven-story apartment building on Cowart Street on the Southside of downtown Chattanooga. He added that he maintains an effort to support development and job creation in Hamilton County.

Commissioner Graham also voiced his support for the City Council's decision to approve the construction of the apartment building. He spoke about a community meeting he held with District 6 City Councilman Chris Anderson in which the Southside Neighborhood Association voted unanimously to raise the height of the building from five stories to seven. He noted the importance of supporting development in Chattanooga. Commissioner Graham thanked Commissioner Smedley for organizing the dinner at TechTown with School Board members.

44:59 Commissioner Fairbanks also thanked Commissioner Smedley for bringing School Board members and County Commissioners together for the dinner at TechTown to discuss education. It was noted that Mayor Copping and Superintendent Rick Smith were also present at the meeting.

Commissioner Smedley announced that today was Commissioner Fields birthday. She wished him a happy birthday. She also thanked members of the Commission for attending the dinner at TechTown. She encouraged everyone to find common ground in order to support education in Hamilton County.

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Commissioner Beck also thanked Commissioner Smedley for organizing the dinner at TechTown.

47:10 Mayor Coppinger spoke about the Bridge Retirement Plan (BRP) for the Sheriff's Department. He explained that an actuarial firm is currently examining the plan, and he intends to meet with members of the Finance Department and the Sheriff's Department to develop a proposal to bring before the Commission.

Commissioner Bankston thanked Commissioner Smedley for organizing the dinner at TechTown. He also wished Commissioner Fields a happy birthday.

48:19 **DELEGATIONS**

Chairman Bankston asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

51:10 Adam Presley, residing at 9715 Smith Morgan Road in Soddy Daisy, TN, and Bob Mitchell, residing at 570 Sunny Side Road in Sweetwater, TN, addressed the Commission regarding the horse trails at Enterprise South Nature Park. They each thanked Commissioners on behalf of horse owners in Hamilton County for supporting the project and noted the positive impact that the trails will have on the community.

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Commissioner Haynes added that Tennessee is the 6th largest state in horse population, and 2nd largest in mules and donkeys.

There being no further business, Chairman Bankston declared the meeting in recess until Wednesday, November 25, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

<u>12-02-15</u>	<u>WJK</u>
Date	Clerk's Initials