

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION
AGENDA PREPARATION SESSION
NOVEMBER 26, 2014**

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)

Agenda Preparation Session
November 26, 2014

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 26th day of November, 2014, an Agenda Preparation Session of the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners was begun and held at the Courthouse, in the City of Chattanooga, in the County Commission Room, when the following proceedings were held, to wit:--

0:07 Present and presiding was the Honorable Jim Fields, 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 Fairbanks, Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Haynes, Commissioner Mackey, and Chairman Fields. Commissioner Smedley was absent. Total present - 8. Total absent – 1.

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

Chairman Fields reported during the Recessed Meeting that Commissioner Smedley was ill and would not be able to attend today's meeting.

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0:22 **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Chairman Fields indicated the upcoming agenda items would be considered as follows:

- The Trustee Excess Fee Report for the month of October 2014 would be submitted as a matter of record.
- The Trustee Monthly Report for the month of October 2014 would be submitted as a matter of record.
- Resolution No. 1214-1 was the usual County Clerk item regarding notaries, etc. This required no committee assignment.
- Resolution No. 1214-2, 1214-3, and 1214-8 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.
- Resolutions No. 1214-4 through 1214-7 were assigned to the Finance Committee, chaired by Commissioner Graham.

Chairman Fields asked that Resolution No. 1214-8 be heard by a Committee of the Whole at this time.

1:05 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1214-8**

Steve Hiatt, with the Chamber of Commerce, spoke regarding this Resolution which would authorize the Mayor to enter into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement with Southern Champion Tray, L.P. and Southland Partners Project. Mr. Hiatt noted that Southern Champion Tray had been located in Chattanooga since 1927 and currently employed approximately 450 workers in the area. This expansion would

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result in an estimated \$18,000,000 of new investment in real and personal property and create 105 new jobs with an estimated average salary of \$45,000 and include employee benefits. The school portion of the tax, which was over \$371,000, would be paid.

Mr. Hiatt welcomed Southern Champion Tray President and CEO John Zeiser, Vice President of Operations Brian Hunt, and Miller & Martin attorney Mark Smith, who were in attendance.

3:56 Mayor Coppinger and members of the Commission expressed their appreciation to Mr. Zeiser and Southern Champion Tray for their longstanding commitment to Hamilton County.

7:52 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1214-2**

Mayor Coppinger spoke concerning this Resolution, which would approve the continued engaging of Will Denami as Lobbyist for Hamilton County before the Tennessee General Assembly. He stated that terms of the agreement, including the \$20,000 payment, had not changed since the previous year.

Upon questioning by Commissioner Graham, Mayor Coppinger responded that he felt that the services provided by Mr. Denami were very valuable to the County. He

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had been very responsive in keeping County officials informed on proposed legislative changes as well as promoting those matters which County officials had requested consideration by the General Assembly.

9:45 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 1214-3**

Commissioner Boyd spoke regarding this Resolution, which would ratify the purchase of a sculpture from artist Andrew Light amounting to \$11,670 from his Commission discretionary funds. He reported that the sculpture was originally displayed in the Riverpark and had been on loan from the artist. Commissioner Boyd was approached by residents of Brainerd Hills neighborhood about the possibility of putting the art on permanent display in a pocket park at the entrance to the neighborhood. This Resolution would allocate a portion of his discretionary funds to do so.

11:18 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Fields asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

11:24 Members of the Commission, Attorney Taylor, and Mayor Coppinger wished everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

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Commissioner Haynes wished his mother a happy birthday. She will be 81 years old on Friday.

13:31 Commissioner Boyd reported that he had attended the Endure for a Cure Alzheimer's Benefit Fundraiser Event at Embassy Suites Waterside last Friday, November 21st. He thanked all those involved for their efforts in making this a successful event. He noted that the benefit had been attended by special guests Senator Bob Corker, former Deputy to Governor Haslam Claude Ramsey, as well Commissioner Boyd's son, Justin who was the keynote speaker.

16:23 Mayor Coppinger announced that a breakfast meeting with the State Legislative Delegation would be held on Tuesday, December 9th at 7:30 AM in the Roosevelt Room at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo.

16:53 Mayor Coppinger announced that Christmas at the Courthouse would be held in the Courthouse beginning Monday, December 1st and ending Friday, December 12th. He noted that he and the Commission would be honored on Friday, December 12th.

17:29 Chairman Fields announced a revised Commission meeting schedule for the month of December. He stated that the Wednesday, December 3rd Regular Meeting would be recessed to December 10th. If there were no business the meeting would

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recess to December 17th, and then to December 24th. If it becomes necessary for Commissioners to attend on any of those dates, each Commissioner will receive notice to appear. If no business needs to be conducted, the Commission would next meet on Wednesday, December 31, 2014. Committees of the Commission would meet prior to that meeting at 8:30 a.m. to discuss items on the agenda. Members of his staff along with the County Attorney would convene each of those sessions and recess to the next scheduled date.

18:03 **DELEGATIONS**

Chairman Fields asked for delegations on matters other than zoning. There were none.

Being no further business, Chairman Fields declared the meeting adjourned until Wednesday, December 3rd at 9:30 AM.

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Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

01-07-15
Date

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Clerk's Initials