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0:32 Commissioner Helton invited Attorney Rheubin Taylor to offer the invocation.

Commissioner Helton led in the pledge to the flag.

PRESENTATION – RECOVERY DRUG COURT

2:00 Recovery Court Program Director Shannon Morgan provided an overview of the Hamilton County Recovery Court, which is a court-supervised program for high-risk/high-need individuals diagnosed with Substance Use Disorder who are Justice-Involved in Hamilton County. She stated the program is a minimum of 16 months, including treatment participation, case management services, supervision requirements, and the involvement of a multidisciplinary team consisting of the Judiciary, Assistant District Attorney, Public Defenders, Private Defense Attorney, Probation Officers, Alternative Sentencing, Police Officers, Treatment Providers, and Case Managers. A copy of the presentation has been filed with the Clerk's Office.

12:48 Commissioner Highlander thanked everyone for their excellent work with this program.

13:41 Criminal Court Judge Amanda Dunn thanked Commissioners for their continued support of the Recovery Court program. She stated taxpayer dollars are being well spent.

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14:08 General Sessions Court Judge Alexander McVeagh commended Ms. Morgan and her staff for the success of today's recovery court and thanked the Commission for allowing them to present.

16:00 Commissioner Sharpe thanked everyone who is part of the Recovery Court. He noted the numbers show that this is a growing need in our community and nationwide. He stated the impact of recovery on family members has implications well beyond the here and now. He noted helping individuals get to a place where they can contribute to a healthier environment is God's work. He commended the Commission for stepping up and funding these programs to provide these services to the community. He also spoke about Judge McVeagh and the champion he has been in sessions court. He noted there will be big shoes to fill if he wins his upcoming election.

18:45 Chairman Eversole asked all supporting staff with Recovery Court in the audience to stand. A round of applause was given.

Chairman Eversole stated the 90% success rate in Recovery Court is due to the staff and their actions. He noted how proud he is of everything they are doing. He noted we need more people in society who are trying to help people and save lives.

21:31 Judge Dunn extended an open invitation to commissioners. She noted Drug Court is held every Monday in Felony Court at 12:15 PM and Misdemeanor Court at

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3:00 PM. She noted Mondays are one of the most uplifting days they have in the criminal justice system.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

22:10

ON MOTION of Commissioner Chauncey, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, that the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of April 10, 2024, the Agenda Preparation Session of April 10, 2024, and the Regular Meeting of April 17, 2024, be approved, treated the 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," Commissioner Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," Commissioner Smith, "Aye," and Chairman Eversole, "Aye." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

TRUSTEE REPORT

22:49

The Trustee's Monthly and Excess Fee Report for March 2024 was submitted and made a matter of record.

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22:56

RESOLUTION NO. 524-1 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 Graham, seconded by Commissioner Shipley, to adopt Resolution No. 524-1.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

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 Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," Commissioner Smith, "Aye," and Chairman Eversole, "Aye." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 524-2 RESOLUTION NUMBER NOT USED

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LATE ITEM

**RESOLUTION NO. 524-9 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR
SATELLITE COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT OFFICES AND RE-ESTABLISHING
THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION.**

No action was taken.

LATE ITEM

23:44

**RESOLUTION NO. 524-9A A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR
SATELLITE COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT OFFICES AND RE-ESTABLISHING
THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION.**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Sharpe, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to
adopt Resolution No. 524-9A.

25:14

Commissioner Mackey stated he had a document he wanted to pass out. At this
time, Commissioner Mackey read his statement into the record. A copy of the
statement has been filed in the Clerk's Office.

33:11

In response to Commissioner Graham's question, Chairman Eversole stated he
believes this resolution is setting guidelines.

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37:07 In response to Commissioner Beck’s question, Chairman Eversole stated the Comptroller’s Office never contacted him. He noted Chief Financial Officer Lee Brouner has no authority to say “Yes” or “No” to the Commission.

39:38 In response to Commissioner Beck’s question, Chief of Staff to the Mayor, Claire McVay, stated former Hamilton County Auditor Jenneth Randall informed the Mayor’s Office she had findings that she was required by law to turn over to the State Comptroller’s Office.

41:36 Mrs. Randall stated while conducting an audit of funds paid by commissioners to other entities, an irregularity was discovered in a check endorsement by Commissioner Mackey rather than the organization to which the check was made payable. She noted she was not involved with any investigation into Mackey’s office expenses. She stated anyone could have sent an anonymous tip to the Comptroller’s Office about Mackey’s office.

48:18 Mr. Brouner stated any indication of a fraudulent act has to go to the Comptroller by state law. He noted on April 18, 2024, he informed Commissioner Mackey he had met the previous day with representatives of the state comptroller who questioned him about Commissioner Mackey’s satellite office expense. He stated the representative expressed concern that the office was unoccupied and not in acceptable conditions for

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hosting meetings with constituents because the office did not appear to have electricity. He noted he advised Mayor Wamp and Chairman Eversole of the call from the Comptroller and his decision not to pay the four months of rent based on the rules of office expenses established by the commission (Resolution No. 1118-14).

51:01

Commissioner Smith stated the commission does not vote on those payments; the finance department determines if expenses are reimbursable based on the legislative body's policies.

1:01:27

In response to Commissioner Baker's question, Attorney Taylor stated the legislative body can authorize and de-authorize a payment.

1:03:32

Mrs. McVay stated after the Comptroller's Office spoke to Mr. Brouner, he briefed Mayor Wamp and Chairman Eversole on the conversation. She noted Mr. Brouner does not have the authority to deny the payments; it has to come from the chair, and that is where the legislative body got involved.

1:04:40

Mr. Brouner stated he has no authority to refuse to pay something he is told to pay. He noted that, in his opinion, it is his job to pay what the commission tells him to pay. He stated when looking at the expense policy that is in effect today, the policy states, "Commissioners choosing to maintain additional office space in such

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commissioner's district are authorized to rent or use space appropriate for hosting meetings with constituents or other parties relevant to County matters.” He noted there is nothing in the policy that allows reimbursement for the rental of space for storage or any space that is not appropriate for hosting meetings with constituents.

1:08:26 Commissioner Highlander stated he would like to amend Resolution No. 524-9A to include storage of materials.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Highlander, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to amend Resolution No. 524-9A to allow satellite offices to include storage of materials and/or meeting with constituents.

1:12:10 In response to Commissioner Sharpe’s question, Mr. Brouner stated the Comptroller’s Office works on TIPs and complaints. He noted they audit 92 of the 95 counties in Tennessee, and Hamilton County is one they do not, but they contract out for an external audit.

Commissioner Sharpe stated several months ago, the Comptroller reached out asking who the Ethics Committee Chair was, and it was concluded that Commissioner Sharpe was the Chair. Commissioner Sharpe noted the Comptroller has never contacted him.

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1:14:30 In response to Commissioner Sharpe's question, Mr. Brouner stated after the conversation with the Comptroller's Office, he briefed Mayor Wamp, Chairman Eversole, and Commissioner Mackey. He noted he did not contact the County Attorney.

1:15:10 In response to Commissioner Sharpe's question, Attorney Taylor stated it is within the commission's purview to establish an internal policy for Hamilton County Government.

Commissioner Graham congratulated Mrs Randall on her recent marriage.

1:19:45 Commissioner Graham stated the audit department is required by law to report any findings of fraud to the comptroller. The State Comptroller then decides if they need to go further with the issue and start an investigation. He noted county staff has not done anything wrong. He thanked everyone for doing their job.

1:28:43 In response to Commissioner Baker's question, Hamilton County Auditor Chris McCollough stated in 2021 the audit department did an audit of discretionary funds and found the irregularity of a check Commissioner Mackey had made to an organization and was endorsed by him. The organization had no recollection of the check, so it had to be turned over by state law to the Comptroller's Office. He noted his office did not contact them about his office or furniture. That was the Comptroller's investigation.

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1:34:44

Commissioner Beck called for the question. Seconded by Commissioner Graham.

The foregoing Motion to call for the question passed on a Roll Call vote, with the following members of the County Commission being present and voting as follows: Commissioner Baker, "Aye," Commissioner Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," Commissioner Smith, "Aye," and Chairman Eversole, "Aye." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

The foregoing Motion to amend Resolution 524-9A 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 Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Nay," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," Commissioner Smith, "Aye," and Chairman Eversole, "Aye." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 10. Total "Nay" votes – 1.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Highlander, seconded by Commissioner Beck, to adopt Resolution No. 524-9A as amended. 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 Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Nay," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," Commissioner Smith, "Aye," and Chairman Eversole, "Aye." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 10. Total "Nay" votes – 1.

1:38:58 Chief Deputy Clerk Brooke Weaver requested a revised resolution be submitted to the Clerk's Office.

LATE ITEM

1:42:14 **RESOLUTION NO. 524-10 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE PROCESS AS ESTABLISHED BY THE PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION 424-29 REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR AND TO ACCEPT AN APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION (ARC) GRANT IN AN AMOUNT OF \$697,340 REQUIRING A MATCH OF \$697,340 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.**

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Shipley, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adopt Resolution No. 524-10.

1:43:52

In response to Commissioner Baker's question, Director of Development Services Nathan Janeway stated this is to correct a clerical error from when Resolution No. 424-29 was passed two weeks ago to add the dollar amount to the resolution.

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 Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," Commissioner Smith, "Aye," and Chairman Eversole, "Aye." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

LATE ITEM

1:45:10

RESOLUTION NO. 524-11 A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING LORRIE MILLER AND BLAKE F. MURCHINSON AS JUDICIAL COMMISSIONERS FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM COMMENCING MAY 1, 2024, AND EXPIRING APRIL 30, 2026; AND ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION TO BE RECEIVED, RESPECTIVELY.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Baker, to adopt Resolution No. 524-11.

1:45:51

Commissioner Shipley stated Chief Lorrie Miller is doing a great job.

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 Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," Commissioner Smith, "Aye," and Chairman Eversole, "Aye." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

LATE ITEM

1:46:17

RESOLUTION NO. 524-12 A RESOLUTION RE-DESIGNATING LORRIE MILLER AS CHIEF JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER FOR A TERM BEGINNING MAY 1, 2024, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2025; AND ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION TO BE RECEIVED.

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ON MOTION of Commissioner Beck, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to adopt Resolution No. 524-12.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

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 Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," Commissioner Smith, "Aye," and Chairman Eversole, "Aye." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

1:47:23

RESOLUTION NO. 524-3 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, MARITIME ADMINISTRATION, FOR A PORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (PIDP) GRANT ON BEHALF OF CENTRE SOUTH RIVERPORT TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF CARGO HANDLING EQUIPMENT TO INCLUDE AN UNPLUGGED CRAWLER LIFT CRANE AND A 92,500 LBS. BATTERY ELECTRIC LIFT TRUCK, CHARGING STATIONS AND ACCESSORIES TO BENEFIT THE PORTS AND TERMINALS MANAGED BY PARKER TOWING COMPANY INC. FOR

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NO MORE THAN \$7 MILLION AND REQUIRING A 20% MATCH TO BE PROVIDED BY PARKER TOWING COMPANY INC., AND IF AWARDED, TO SIGN ANY AND ALL GRANT-RELATED CONTRACTS AND DOCUMENTS.

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 524-3 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Helton, to adopt Resolution No. 524-3.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

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 Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye," Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," Commissioner Smith, "Aye," and Chairman Eversole, "Aye." Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total "Aye" votes – 11. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

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1:50:14

RESOLUTION NO. 524-4 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A CARBON REDUCTION TIP ALLOCATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,182,984.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$2,073,193.00 PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 2024, FOR INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AND THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES FROM TENNESSEE STATEWIDE CONTRACT, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 524-4 and stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to adopt Resolution No. 524-4.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

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 Beck, "Aye," Commissioner Chauncey, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye,"

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Commissioner Shipley, “Aye,” Commissioner Smith, “Aye,” and Chairman Eversole, “Aye.” Total present – 11. Total absent – 0. Total “Aye” votes – 11. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

1:51:23 **RESOLUTION NO. 524-5 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE HIGHEST AND BEST BID FOR CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY HAMILTON COUNTY THROUGH PREVIOUS DELINQUENT TAX SALES AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE DEEDS CONVEYING SAID PARCELS TO INDIVIDUALS LISTED HEREIN BELOW.**

Commissioner Mackey, Chairman of the Delinquent Tax Property Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 524-5 and stated the Delinquent Tax Property Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Mackey, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to adopt Resolution No. 524-5.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

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 Chauncey, “Aye”, Commissioner Graham,

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“Aye,” Commissioner Helton, “Aye,” Commissioner Highlander, “Aye,” Commissioner Mackey, “Aye,” Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye,” Commissioner Shipley, “Aye,” Commissioner Smith, “Aye,” and Chairman Eversole, “Aye.” Commissioner Baker stepped away during the vote. Total present – 10. Total absent – 1. Total “Aye” votes – 10. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

1:52:35 **RESOLUTION NO. 524-6 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO EXECUTE A SECOND AGREEMENT TO EXERCISE AN OPTION TO RENEW OF THE ORIGINAL LEASE AGREEMENT AS PREVIOUSLY EXECUTED BY HAMILTON COUNTY, THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, AND OPERATORS OF THE BESSIE SMITH CULTURAL CENTER FOR THE CONTINUED OCCUPANCY LOCATED AT 200 E MARTIN LUTHER KING BOULEVARD, CHATTANOOGA, TN.**

Commissioner Helton, Chairman of the Building and Economic Committee, provided details regarding Resolution No. 524-6 and stated the Delinquent Tax Property Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Helton, seconded by Commissioner Chauncey, to adopt Resolution No. 524-6.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

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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 Chauncey, "Aye", Commissioner Graham, "Aye," Commissioner Helton, "Aye," Commissioner Highlander, "Aye," Commissioner Mackey, "Aye," Commissioner Sharpe, "Aye," Commissioner Shipley, "Aye," Commissioner Smith, "Aye," and Chairman Eversole, "Aye." Commissioner Baker stepped away during the vote. Total present – 10. Total absent – 1. Total "Aye" votes – 10. Total "Nay" votes – 0.

Without objection, Commissioner Helton asked for Resolution Nos. 524-7 and 524-8 be read together.

1:53:49

RESOLUTION NO. 524-7 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND TO ACCEPT AN EPB COMMERCIAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE SERVICE EQUIPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM AWARD FOR AN AMOUNT UP TO TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) AND TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

RESOLUTION NO. 524-8 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO AMEND RESOLUTION 224-29 AND TO ACCEPT THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND

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CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (“EECBG PROGRAM”) FUNDING ALLOCATION FROM THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT (BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW), FOR AN AMOUNT UP TO EIGHTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY DOLLARS (\$80,940) AND TO AMEND TO FISCAL YEAR 2025 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

Commissioner Helton, Chairman of the Building and Economic Committee, provided details regarding Resolution Nos. 524-7 and 524-8 and stated the Delinquent Tax Property Committee reviewed and recommended approval.

ON MOTION of Commissioner Helton, seconded by Commissioner Highlander, to adopt Resolution Nos. 524-7 and 524-8.

There were no questions from the Commissioners or the audience.

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 Chauncey, “Aye”, Commissioner Graham, “Aye,” Commissioner Helton, “Aye,” Commissioner Highlander, “Aye,” Commissioner Mackey, “Aye,” Commissioner Sharpe, “Aye,” Commissioner Shipley, “Aye,” Commissioner Smith, “Aye,” and Chairman Eversole, “Aye.” Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Beck stepped

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away during the vote. Total present – 9. Total absent – 2. Total “Aye” votes – 9. Total “Nay” votes – 0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Eversole asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

1:55:24 Commissioner Shipley announced an STVR meeting will occur after next week’s Agenda Preparation Session.

1:56:32 Commissioner Smith announced Finance Committee hearings (*FY25 Budget Hearings*) will occur following next week’s STVR meeting.

1:57:23 Commissioner Mackey stated he brought Resolution No. 524-9A forward to be transparent. He noted he would not do anything to impugn his name or reputation. He thanked the Commission for being open and voicing their opinions and thoughts about the propriety of this office matter.

1:59:01 Commissioner Helton announced on May 11, 2024, at Heritage Park they will have a kick-off for a playground project called the Harvest Inclusive Playground in District 7. He stated they will have food trucks, music, door prizes, and brick sales as part of a capital campaign. He encouraged all Commissioners to participate. He also

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stated Harvest Inclusive Playgrounds would like to be put on an upcoming agenda to do a presentation.

2:00:00 Commissioner Highlander stated he is thankful for Chief Financial Officer Lee Brouner and County Auditor Chris McCullough's integrity and honesty.

2:00:59 Commissioner Graham commended the county staff for everything they do and for keeping everyone honest. He also commended them for looking after taxpayer dollars. He encouraged everyone to get out and volunteer at recreational centers.

2:02:29 Attorney Taylor announced there will be a brief Legal Meeting following the adjournment of today's Regular Meeting.

2:02:46 Mayor Wamp announced the county will receive \$1.4 million from the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development to improve the newly renovated Harrison Center. He stated the facility was opened as a hub of civic life in the Harrison community earlier this year, offering a broad range of amenities.

2:04:44 Chairman Eversole announced on May 9, 2024, from 4:00 to 5:00 PM, the Commission and Mayor's Office will hold a joint meeting to discuss the county's future at the McDaniel Building.

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DELEGATIONS

Chairman Eversole asked for delegations on matters other than zoning.

2:06:27

Monty Bell, the homeless journalist for the Grey-Haired Foxx, stated he resides at 625 Georgia Ave and 1000 Lindsey Street. He spoke about contacting the State Comptroller's Office over delayed access to public records. He also spoke about court cases and how he is in the collection part of the process.

There being no further business, Chairman Eversole declared the meeting in recess until Wednesday, May 8th, 2024, at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

05-15-24

WJK

Date

Clerk's Initials