

MADISON COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

September 19, 2016

At a regular meeting of Madison County Board of Commissioners held at the West Tennessee Research and Education Center on Monday September 19, 2016, 8:30 A.M.

Commissioner Bill Ragon gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Jimmy C. Arnold	Arthur D. Johnson, Jr.	Joe A. (Smokey) Roland
Katie Y. Brantley	Barbara Johnson	Larry Sipes
Claudell Brown, Jr.	Larry V. Lowrance	Billy Spain
Scott M. Brown*	William C. Martin	Doug Stephenson
Jay Bush	Luther T. Mercer	Mike Taylor
Traci Carney	Gerry Neese	Bill Walls
Jason Compton	James W. Pearson	Savannah Williamson
Gary D. Deaton	Harold Petty	
Jim Ed Hart	Bill S. Ragon	

Present- 25

*Commissioner Scott Brown present at 8:35 A.M.

ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

Fred W. Birmingham, County Clerk noted that the minutes for August 15, 2016 meeting have not been distributed at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Deaton shared a Thank-You from Ms. Brenda Saddoris for the gift basket she received from the CLB during her recuperating time after surgery.

Chief Turner invited all to join the celebration and thanking of America's Bravest. Madison County Fire Department will hold a celebration on October 1, 2016 from 11:00-3:00 at 2432 Technology Center Dr. There will be food and family fun.

Chairman Deaton introduced Mr. Jeff Wall who gave a presentation concerning the Jackson-Madison County Trunk or Treat. Along with the Trunk or Treat there will also be a Field of Honor to honor Law Enforcement officers and First Responders, this will be partnering with Blue Strong. The event will be held at the Jackson Generals baseball stadium on October 29, 2016 starting at 3:00 P.M.

**REPORTS FROM COUNTY OFFICIALS, STANDING AND SPECIAL
COMMITTEES, ANY OLD BUSINESS AND ACTION THEREON BY THE
BOARD**

Highway Committee: Commissioner Roland reported that the Highway Committee met and have 2 items to bring before the CLB:

1. Approval for the General Maintenance Agreement with Local Agency and State of Tennessee Department of Transportation.

(COPY ON FILE – 5.1A.091916)

Commissioner Sipes made a motion to approve this agreement between Madison County and TDOT, seconded by Commissioner Arnold.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous voice vote

2. The Highway Committee has approved that Commissioner Bush replace Mr. Adrian Eddleman on the Highway Committee.

Beer Committee: Commissioner Arnold reported that the Beer Commission met on September 7, 2016 and had 3 items to discuss:

1. Jackson-Madison Metro Unit filed a citation against 196 Law Road for selling beer to a minor. A \$1,500.00 penalty was assessed.
2. Jackson-Madison Metro Unit filed a citation against 151 Law Road for selling beer to a minor. A \$1,500.00 penalty was assessed.
3. A new application was issued and approved at 151 Law Rd to sell beer Off-Premise.

Financial Management Committee: Commissioner Spain brought forth the following request: The Tennessee Great War Commission is having a symposium of events to be held on October 1- November 15, 2016 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of World War I. The Commission will be commemorating the services and activities of men and women who participated in WWI. A memorial ceremony will be held on Friday, November 4 and a combination of lectures, exhibits, and reenactments on Saturday, November 5 in Jackson. The Commission is asking for a momentary donation of \$1,000.00 from the CLB. The City of Jackson has made a donation \$1,000.00.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous voice vote

Property Committee: Commissioner Spain reported that the Property Committee met and have 2 items to present:

1. Mr. Daniel Smith, a Boy Scout, gave his proposal for his Eagle Scout Project. Mr. Smith would like to place black wrought iron archways on the East, West and South sides of the courthouse with the name - Madison County Court House.

Commissioner Ragon made a motion to approve the request from Mr. Daniel Smith, seconded by Commissioner Petty.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous voice vote

2. Commissioner Spain reported that the Property Committee has taken in consideration the athletic field behind the Finance Dept. located on Hollywood Dr. There are several organizations that are interested in using this facility. The Property Committee declared 4 bleachers as surplus property and put these out for auction.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

MOTION CARRIED: Voice vote

Commissioner Arnold passed

Library Board: Commissioner Johnson gave a brief report on the Library.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Harris asked Ms. Lori Nunnery, Executive Director with Jackson Tourism to give a brief report on tourism in Jackson-Madison County.

Mayor Harris reported that the State of Tennessee recognizes First Responders from Madison County who received 3 Star Awards. Sheriff Mehr and Chief Turner reported on the following awards presented to Madison County:

- 3 Star Award was given in memory of Deputy Rosemary Vela who was killed in the Line of Duty.
- Deputy Andrew Pollock who was off-duty at the time a call came concerning a suicide attempt. Deputy Pollock was able to talk the person out of this situation.
- Fire Marshall Chief Don Friddle, with the Madison County Fire Department for coordinating the search for Noah Chamberlin.

Mayor Harris reported on the Jail Project Screening Committee (Sub-Committee of the CCPC), which met on September 7, 2016 (meeting Phase I & II). The architects were informed as to the need for program space and the possibility of incorporating a City Court facility in these plans. The architects have taken this information back to start formalizing recommendations. The architects will be back on September 26 and 27, 2016 for meetings to define and look at issues, then move forward.

Mayor Harris reported that on August 22, 2016 TDEC proposed changing some recycling goals. Some of the proposed changes will have an impact on Madison County, not only operationally but financially as well. A meeting was organized with legislators and county representatives who explained the counties' concern with the proposed changes. TDEC has postponed any changes for 2 years.

Mayor Harris asked Commissioner Jason Compton, General Manager of the Jackson Generals, to give an update on the accomplishments of the ball team for the 2016 season. Commissioner Compton reported the Jackson Generals brought home their 2nd Southern League Championship.

Mayor Harris reported that Gerdau Ameristeel celebrated 35 years at Jackson. They have put in a new process of recycling cars to retrieve the metal only.

Mayor Harris reported that Aldelano/Pringles Packing has developed a new process: taking a container truck bed, insulating them, adding a solar panel, hooking up processes to the container, and taking them to a 3rd World Country to produce 30 to a 100 gallons of water per day. The units can also be used for cold storage.

Mayor Harris also reported that the Federal Government has approved \$6,000,000.00 to move forward with the Veterans Cemetery to be located in Henderson County.

**CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE STATE OF
TENNESSEE, COUNTY OF MADISON, OFFICIAL STATUTORY BOND FOR
COUNTY PUBLIC OFFICIALS, FOR FRANCES K. HUNLEY, ASSESSOR OF
PROPERTY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1,
2016, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 2020, SURETY'S BOND NO. 6746102
(COPY ON FILE)**

Commissioner Lowrance made a motion to approve the bond for Assessor of Property Frances K. Hunley, seconded by Commissioner Arthur Johnson.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous voice vote

**CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE STATE OF
TENNESSEE, COUNTY OF MADISON, OFFICIAL STATUTORY BOND FOR
COUNTY PUBLIC OFFICIALS, FOR ANJANETTE M. BYERS, REGISTER OF
DEEDS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000.00, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2016
AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 2018
(COPY ON FILE)**

Commissioner Barbara Johnson made a motion to approve the bond for Register of Deeds Anjanette M. Byers, seconded by Commissioner Sipes.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous voice vote

APPOINTMENT OF MADISON COUNTY HISTORIAN

Commissioner Spain made a motion to appoint Mr. Harbert Alexander Sr., seconded by Commissioner Arthur Johnson.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous voice vote

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON PRO TEM BY CLB, ONE-YEAR TERM
(ARTHUR JOHNSON, JR., INCUMBENT)**

SUSPEND THE RULES

Commissioner Stephenson made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Commissioner Sipes.

MOTION CARRIED: Voice vote

Commissioner Arthur Johnson passed

Commissioner Stephenson made a motion to re-appoint Commissioner Arthur Johnson, Jr. as Chairperson Pro Tem, seconded by Commissioner Spain.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous voice vote

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON BY CLB, ONE-YEAR TERM (GARY D. DEATON, INCUMBENT)

Chairman Deaton relinquished the chair to Commissioner Arthur Johnson, Chairperson Pro Tem.

Chairperson Pro Tem Arthur Johnson opened nominations for Chairperson of County Commission.

Commissioner Stephenson made a motion to re-appoint Commissioner Gary D. Deaton as Chairperson for County Commission, seconded by Commissioner Spain.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous voice vote

Chairperson Pro Tem relinquished chair back to Chairman Deaton.

**APPOINTMENT OF SEVEN (7) MEMBERS TO THE FINANCIAL
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE BY CLB, ONE-YEAR TERMS (GARY
DEATON, JIMMY HARRIS, ARTHUR JOHNSON, JR, LUTHER MERCER,
VERNA D. RUFFIN, BILLY SPAIN, AND BART WALLS, INCUMBENTS)**

Commissioner Arnold made a motion to re-appoint incumbents, seconded by Commissioner Petty.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous voice vote

APPOINTMENT OF SEVEN (7) MEMBERS TO THE HIGHWAY COMMITTEE BY CLB, ONE-YEAR TERMS (ADRIAN EDDLEMAN, MIKE TAYLOR, BARBARA JOHNSON, GERRY NEESE, SMOKEY ROLAND, LARRY SIPES AND SAVANNAH WILLIAMSON, INCUMBENTS)

Commissioner Roland made a motion to re-appoint the incumbents replacing Adrian Eddleman with Jay Bush, seconded by Commissioner Petty.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous voice vote

APPOINTMENT OF THREE (3) MEMBERS TO THE PUBLIC RECORDS COMMISSION BY THE CLB, ONE-YEAR TERMS (KEITH DONALDSON (RESIGNED), STEVE MARONEY, AND CORNELIA TILLER, (INCUMBENTS)

Commissioner Roland made a motion to re-appoint Steve Maroney and Cornelia Tiller and replace Keith Donaldson with Mr. Jack Woods, seconded by Commissioner Petty.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous voice vote

APPOINTMENT OF ONE (1) MEMBERS TO THE ETHICS COMMITTEE BY THE CLB, ONE-YEAR TERM

These appointments were tabled until October meeting.

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACCEPTANCE OF MADISON COUNTY OFFICIALS' ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS

Commissioner Neese made a motion to accept the Official's Annual Financial Reports as submitted by Mr. Fred W. Birmingham, County Clerk, seconded by Commissioner Arnold.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous voice vote

ANY AMENDMENTS OR TRANSFERS TO THE GENERAL FUND, SCHOOL DEPT., CAPITAL PROJECTS, HIGHWAY DEPT., DEBT SERVICES, AND JUVENILE COURT SERVICES BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

General Purpose Schools Fund #141	\$325.00
Insurance recovery – damages SSHS	Unanimous voice vote
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	

General Purpose Schools Fund #141	\$25,000.00
Counseling services	Unanimous voice vote
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	

General Purpose Schools Fund #141	\$25,681.00
Transition School to Work Grant	Unanimous voice vote
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	

General Purpose Schools Fund #141	\$1,402.00
Montessori Fund	Unanimous voice vote
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	

General Purpose Schools Fund #141	\$5,000.00
Read to Be Ready Grant	Unanimous voice vote
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	

In-house amendments:

General Fund - Sheriff's Dept.	\$25,000.00
Sheriff's Department –General Fund	\$1,467.99 (new money)
Sheriff's Department – Capital Fund	\$6,610.00 (new money)
County Buildings – General Fund	\$8,000.00
Fire Department – Capital Fund	\$3,775.00 (new money)
Highway Department – Highway Fund	\$80,000.00 (new money)
Miscellaneous – General Fund	\$1,000.00 (new money)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Amendments approved – Unanimous voice vote

NOTARIES PUBLIC

B. Rex Baker
 Ashley Barnes
 Tina M. Bartlett
 Katelynn Bates
 Paula D. Combs
 Sara Dunlap
 David H Eblen II
 Leanne Ferguson

Cynthia H Garside
 George Morton Googe
 Amy Hart
 Shiela Hutchinson
 Jennifer Ivy
 Marianna Lewis
 Jentri Nelson
 Kristine Phillips

Grover Dale Scott
 Vincent K Seiler
 Kellee M Smith
 Brandon R Tummins
 Cyndee S Tyson
 Clint Weaver
 Tammy M Welch

Commissioner Claudell Brown made a motion to approve the Notaries Public as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Brantley.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous voice vote

Chairman Deaton called for adjournment Roll Call

ROLL CALL

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 Mike Taylor
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 Savannah Williamson

ADJOURNED AT 9:48 A.M.