

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF HAWKINS COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: 14 COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

**MARK DEWITTE, MAYOR
SYBLE VAUGHAN TRENT
JOHN GIBSON
JEFF BARRETT
TOM KERN**

**DANNY ALVIS
CHARLES THACKER
JOSH GILLIAM
CHAD BRITTON
GLENDA DAVIS**

**JASON ROACH
NANCY BARKER
LARRY CLONCE
ROBBIE PALMER
JOEY MADDOX**

COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

- MAYOR DEWITTE RECOGNIZED AARON CHILDERS, DRIVER FROM NET TRANS. HE RECENTLY COMPETED IN A STATE WIDE RODEO FINISHING IN 3RD PLACE
- MAYOR MARK DEWITTE PROCLAIMED THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22-28, 2023 SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION WEEK
- MAYOR DEWITTE RECOGNIZED EAST ROGERSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH FOR PROVIDING A WARMING STATION DURING THE EXTREME COLD WEATHER. A MEETING FOR A MORE PERMANENT PLAN, IF MORE INCLEMENT WEATHER OCCURS, WILL BE HELD AT THE HAWKINS COUNTY GAS BUILDING ON FEBRUARY 9, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.
- MAYOR DEWITTE RECOGNIZED NEW AYSO (AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION) REGIONAL DIRECTOR CHRIS EMERY
- COMMISSIONER MADDOX RECOGNIZED MAYOR DEWITTE FOR HIS COMMUNITY UPDATES IN REGARDS TO THE ROLLING ELECTRICAL BLACKOUTS. HE ALSO RECOGNIZED HOLSTON ELECTRIC EMPLOYEES AND LINEMEN FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION

OFFICE REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN FILED IN THE COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE AND WERE READ INTO THE MINUTES...
- **HAWKINS COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, SESSIONS COURT AND JUVENILE COURT ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
- **RE-APPOINTMENT OF GORDELL ELY AS COMMISSIONER OF THE PERSIA UTILITY DISTRICT OF HAWKINS COUNTY, TN FOR THE TERM COMMENCING MARCH 1, 2023 AND ENDING MIDNIGHT FEBRUARY 28, 2027
- **HAWKINS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION QUARTERLY REVENUE & EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR 2022-2023 SECOND QUARTER, MATT HIXSON, DIRECTOR
- SHERIFF RONNIE LAWSON GAVE REPORT ON HAWKINS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REQUIRED TRAINING. THE HCSD COMPLETED 5046.75 CERTIFIED TRAINING HOURS WITH AN ADDITIONAL 1004 HOURS AS A DEPARMTENT FOR A TOTAL OF 6050.75 HOURS TRAINING.
- **THE ENTIRE SCHOOL SYSTEM RECEIVED ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 19, 2022 COMMISSION MEETING WERE APPROVED... 14 YES
*MOTION BY JOSHUA GILLIAM, SECOND BY CHAD BRITTON

RESOLUTIONS 2023/01:

**2023/01/01 APPROVAL OF DATES, TIMES, AND PLACES FOR THE 2023
REGULAR MONTHLY COMMISSION MEETINGS
*MOTION BY ROBBIE PALMER, SECOND BY NANCY BARKER**

**YES: VAUGHAN-TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM,
BRITTON, DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, MADDOX**

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL

YES 14 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

**2023/01/02 APPOINTMENT OF JIM PHILLIPS TO THE POSITION OF
HAWKINS COUNTY ATTORNEY
*MOTION BY CHARLES THACKER, SECOND BY JOEY MADDOX**

**YES: VAUGHAN-TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM,
BRITTON, DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, MADDOX**

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 14 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

**2023/01/03 RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2022/03/02 EXERCISING THE OPTION TO
DESIGNATE \$10 MILLION AS THE COUNTY'S REVENUE LOSS IN
REGARD TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY NANCY BARKER**

**YES: VAUGHAN-TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM,
BRITTON, DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, MADDOX**

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 14 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

**2023/01/04 EXERCISING THE OPTION TO DESIGNATE \$11,030,015 AS THE
COUNTY'S REVENUE LOSS IN REGARD TO AMERICAN RESCUE
PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY NANCY BARKER**

**YES: VAUGHAN-TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM,
BRITTON, DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, MADDOX**

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 14 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

**2023/01/05 PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE IN CHURCH HILL, TENNESSEE
USING ARPA GRANT FUNDS
*MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY TOM KERN**

**MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2023/01/05 – SEND BACK TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE TO
RE-NEGOTIATE PRICE ON BUILDING OWNED BY THREAD BANK
*MOTION BY JOEY MADDOX, SECOND BY SYBLE VAUGHAN-TRENT**

****MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2023/01/05 WITHDRAWN BY COMMISSIONER MADDOX****

VOTE OF RESOLUTION 2023/01/05 – AS PRESENTED

YES: GIBSON, KERN, ALVIS, THACKER, BRITTON, DAVIS, ROACH, BARKER, PALMER

NO: VAUGHAN-TRENT, BARRETT, GILLIAM, MADDOX

ABSTAIN: CLONCE

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 9 NO 4 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT 0

**2023/01/06 APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE THRESHOLD OVER WHICH PUBLIC
ADVERTISEMENT AND SEALED COMPETITIVE BIDS OR PROPOSALS
ARE REQUIRED TO \$25,000.00
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON**

**YES: VAUGHAN-TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM,
BRITTON, DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, MADDOX**

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 14 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

**2023/01/07 APPROVAL TO ACCEPT AN AGREEMENT WITH JIM WOOD AUCTION COMPANY FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUCTIONING TWO (2) SURPLUS SOLID WASTE ROLL-OFF TRASH TRUCKS
*MOTION BY ROBBIE PALMER, SECOND BY DANNY ALVIS**

YES: VAUGHAN-TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM, BRITTON, DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, MADDOX

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 14 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

**2023/01/08 APPROVAL TO SURPLUS TWO (2) SOLID WASTE ROLL-OFF TRASH TRUCKS AND SELL AT AUCTION WITH PROCEEDS USED TO PURCHASE TWO (2) NEW ROLL-OFF TRUCKS
*MOTION BY ROBBIE PALMER, SECOND BY JOSHUA GILLIAM**

YES: VAUGHAN-TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM, BRITTON, DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, MADDOX

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 14 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

**2023/01/09 APPROPRIATION OF BABY DOE FUNDS, \$300,000.00 TO HAWKINS COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY ROBBIE PALMER**

YES: VAUGHAN-TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM, BRITTON, DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, MADDOX

ABSTAIN: BARRETT

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT 0

**2023/01/10 BUDGET AMENDMENT – GENERAL FUND
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY JOSHUA GILLIAM**

YES: VAUGHAN-TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM, BRITTON, DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, MADDOX

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 14 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

**2023/01/11 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT
*MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY DANNY ALVIS**

YES: VAUGHAN-TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM, BRITTON, DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, MADDOX

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 14 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

**2023/01/12 SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT
*MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON**

YES: VAUGHAN-TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM, BRITTON, DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, MADDOX

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 14 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

**2023/01/13 AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE FOOD INSECURITY CV COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY JOEY MADDOX**

**YES: GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM,
BRITTON, DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, MADDOX**

NO: VAUGHAN-TRENT

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 13 NO 1 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

**2023/01/14 APPROVAL OF NOTARIES PUBLIC
*MOTION BY JOHN GIBSON, SECOND BY CHAD BRITTON**

**YES: VAUGHAN-TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM,
BRITTON, DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, MADDOX**

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 14 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

**MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR OUT OF ORDER 2023/01/01
*MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON**

**YES: VAUGHAN-TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM,
BRITTON, DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, MADDOX**

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 14 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

**OUT OF ORDER RESOLUTION 2023/01/01 – AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR REWORKING AND RESURFACING OF PHIPPS BEND ROAD
*MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON**

**YES: VAUGHAN-TRENT, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM,
BRITTON, DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, MADDOX**

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 14 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

**MOTION TO ADJOURN
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY JOSHUA GILLIAM**

VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 2023 COMMISSION MEETING

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YES NO ABSTAIN ABSENT**