

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF HAWKINS COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING
NOVEMBER 27, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: 13
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: 1*

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

DANNY ALVIS
CHARLES THACKER
JOSH GILLIAM
CHAD BRITTON *
GLENDA DAVIS

JASON ROACH
LARRY CLONCE
NANCY BARKER
ROBBIE PALMER
JIM RILEY

PUBLIC COMMENTS – SPEAKER LIST ON FILE

COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS – (PROCLAMATIONS)

--MAYOR, MARK DEWITTE RECOGNIZES DR. GEORGE "MILUM" TESTERMAN, MD, MBA, FACS FOR HIS SERVICE TO HAWKINS COUNTY AND THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY

OFFICE REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS -

--INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT – THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT DRUG TASK FORCE
--INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN HAWKINS COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT AND HAWKINS COUNTY, TN
--HAWKINS COUNTY TRUSTEE'S OFFICE FUND REPORT – FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT – JULY 1, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
--APPROVAL FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT – FINANCE FOR HAWKINS COUNTY SCHOOLS FLEET LEASING FINANCING SERIES 2023
--REPORT ON DEBT OBLIGATION

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2023, COMMISSION MEETING WERE APPROVED – 13 YES, 1 ABSENT
*MOTION BY ROBBIE PALMER, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON

RESOLUTIONS 2023/11:

2023/11/01 APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF HAWKINS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO (21) MEMBERS, WITH (3) THREE COMMISSIONERS FROM EACH OF THE (7) COUNTY DISTRICTS
*MOTION BY CHARLES THACKER, SECOND BY DANNY ALVIS

YES: TRENT, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM

NO: GIBSON, KERN, DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, RILEY

ABSENT: BRITTON

FAILED BY ROLL CALL YES 5 NO 8 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 1

2023/11/02 APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR HAWKINS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY NANCY BARKER

YES: TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM,
DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, RILEY

ABSENT: BRITTON

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

2023/11/03 APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH PERDUE, BRANDON, FIELDER, COLLINS & MOTT, L.L.P. (PERDUE BRANDON) FOR COLLECTION OF COURT FINES AND FEES
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY NANCY BARKER

YES: TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM,
DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, RILEY

ABSENT: BRITTON

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

**2023/10/04 APPROVAL OF A THREE-YEAR EXTENSION OF EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE RIGHTS TO HAWKINS COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) FOR THE OPERATION OF GROUND AMBULANCE SERVICES FOR HAWKINS COUNTY, TENNESSEE, INCLUDING EMERGENCY AND CONVALESCENT SERVICES
*MOTION BY LARRY CLONCE, SECOND BY ROBBIE PALMER**

**YES: TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM,
DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, RILEY**

ABSENT: BRITTON

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

2023/11/05 LEASE OF FIRST COMMUNITY BANK DRIVE THROUGH FOR USE BY THE HAWKINS COUNTY CLERK STAFF

***MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY DANNY ALVIS**

**YES: TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM,
DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, RILEY**

ABSENT: BRITTON

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

2023/11/06 UPDATED RULES OF ORDER FOR THE HAWKINS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

***MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY TOM KERN**

MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2023/11/06 -- IN SECTION X (A) 39-17-306(a)&(b) WHAT IS WRITTEN WILL BE LIFTED AND STATE LAW WILL BE SITED VERBATIM

***MOTION BY ROBBIE PALMER, SECOND BY JOSH GILLIAM**

**YES: GILLIAM, DAVIS, KERN, BARKER, PALMER, BARRETT, ROACH, GIBSON,
RILEY**

NO: TRENT, THACKER, ALVIS

ABSTAIN: CLONCE

ABSENT: BRITTON

APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE YES 9 NO 3 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT 1

MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2023/11/06 (AS AMENDED) -- TO REMOVE IN SECTION IX (C) (b) -- IF SEVERAL CITIZENS APPEAR TO SPEAK ON THE SAME TOPIC OR ISSUE, THE CHAIRMAN WILL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ASK THE GROUP TO APPOINT FROM ONE TO THREE CITIZENS TO SPEAK ON THE ISSUE

***MOTION BY JOSH GILLIAM, SECOND BY DANNY ALVIS**

**YES: PALMER, BARRETT, BARKER, GIBSON, ROACH, KERN, ALVIS, DAVIS,
GILLIAM, RILEY**

NO: THACKER, TRENT, CLONCE

ABSENT: BRITTON

APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE YES 10 NO 3 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 1

**MOTION TO POSTPONE AMENDED RESOLUTION 2023/11/06 (AS AMENDED) -- TO POSTPONE
MOTION BY LARRY CLONCE, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON*

COMMISSIONER PALMER CALLED FOR QUESTION

**YES: THACKER, CLONCE, KERN, RILEY, GIBSON, DAVIS, ALVIS, BARKER
BARRETT, TRENT, PALMER, ROACH, GILLIAM**

ABSENT: BRITTON

APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 1

**2023/11/07 BUDGET AMENDMENT – GENERAL FUND
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY ROBBIE PALMER**

**YES: TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM,
DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, RILEY**

ABSENT: BRITTON

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

**2023/11/08 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT
*MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON**

**YES: TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER,
GILLIAM, DAVIS, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, RILEY**

ABSTAIN: ROACH

ABSENT: BRITTON

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT 1

**2023/11/09 APPROVAL OF NOTARIES PUBLIC
*MOTION BY JOHN GIBSON, SECOND BY JOSHUA GILLIAM**

**COMMISSION ALVIS RECOGNIZED HE MAY HAVE AN INDIRECT CONFLICT WITH
NOTARY APPROVAL**

**YES: TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM,
DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, RILEY**

ABSENT: BRITTON

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

**MOTION TO ADJOURN
*MOTION BY JOHN GIBSON, SECOND BY NANCY BARKER**

VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2023 COMMISSION MEETING

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YES NO ABSTAIN ABSENT**