

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF HAWKINS COUNTY COMMISSION  
MEETING  
APRIL 22, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: 14

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)**

--JOHN HORLLMAN FOR CARENET – LOCAL CHAPTER OF SIERRA CLUB SPOKE ABOUT EARTH DAY CELEBRATION SATURDAY APRIL 27, 2024 FROM 1 P.M. TO 5 P.M. AT CROCKETT SPRINGS PARK

**OFFICE REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS – (FILED IN THE COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE)**

--HAWKINS COUNTY MAYOR'S OFFICE SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023  
--HAWKINS COUNTY CIRCUIT, SESSIONS AND JUVENILE COURTS ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024  
--HAWKINS COUNTY TRUSTEE'S OFFICE FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT JANUARY 1, 2024 TO MARCH 31, 2024

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2024 COMMISSION MEETING WERE APPROVED – 14 YES  
\*MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY CHAD BRITTON

**RESOLUTIONS 2024/04:**

**2024/04/01 APPOINTMENT OF EQUALIZATION BOARD FOR HAWKINS COUNTY FOR THE 2024-2025 TERM  
\*MOTION BY JOSH GILLIAM, SECOND BY NANCY BARKER**

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

NO: TRENT, BARRETT

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 12 NO 2 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

**2024/04/02 APPOINTMENT OF CHARLES JOHNSON TO THE HAWKINS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL BOARD  
\*MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON**

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

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

**2024/04/03 ESTABLISHING AN ADDITIONAL DEPUTY CLERK POSITION IN THE HAWKINS COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE  
\*MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY ROBBIE PALMER**

YES: GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, BRITTON, DAVIS, ROACH,  
CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, RILEY

NO: THACKER, GILLIAM

ABSTAIN: TRENT

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 11 NO 2 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT 0

**2024/04/04 APPROVAL TO SURPLUS TWO (2) SOLID WASTE ROLL-OFF TRASH TRUCKS AND ACCEPT AN AGREEMENT WITH JM WOOD AUCTION COMPANY TO AUCTION SAID TRUCKS WITH PROCEEDS USED TO PURCHASE TWO (2) NEW ROLL-OFF TRUCKS**

**\*MOTION BY ROBBIE PALMER, SECOND BY LARRY CLONCE**

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

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

**2024/04/05 APPROVAL TO LEASE KYOCERA TASKALFA 5053ci MULTIFUNCTION COPIER AT THE HAWKINS COUNTY MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR 36 MONTHS**

**\*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY ROBBIE PALMER**

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

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

**2024/04/06 APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A LITTER GRANT FOR THE FY 2024-2025 FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND APPROVAL OF ATTACHED PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

**\*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY LARRY CLONCE**

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

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

**2024/04/07 APPROVAL OF GRANT APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE FOR FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,000 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WITH A SELF-FUNDED LOCAL MATCH OF \$3,750 FOR HAWKINS COUNTY AIRPORT**

**\*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON**

**MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2024/04/07 TO ADD IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH – WHEREAS THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HAS OFFERED HAWKINS COUNTY A GRANT TO CONDUCT A DRAINAGE EASEMENT REVIEW, “BY AN ENGINEERING COMPANY THAT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED THROUGH THE BID PROCESS BY THE COUNTY MAYOR’S OFFICE”, THOUGH A LAND ACQUISITION STUDY**

**\*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY ROBBIE PALMER**

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

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

**VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2024/04/07 AS AMENDED**

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

**NO: ALVIS, BRITTON**

**APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 12 NO 2 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0**

**2024/04/08 APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A TENNESSEE ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 TO REFURBISH THE EXTERIOR AND FIRST FLOOR INTERIOR OF THE CLAY KENNER HOUSE IN ROGERSVILLE. THE GRANT REQUIRES A MATCHING AMOUNT OF \$128,571.43 WHICH WILL BE EQUALLY SHARED BY HAWKINS COUNTY AND THE CITY OF ROGERSVILLE AT \$64,285.72 EACH. TOTAL PROJECT COST WILL BE \$428,571.43**  
**\*MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY LARRY CLONCE**

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

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

**2024/04/09 REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE RESTATED DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY FOR HAWKINS COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

**\*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY CHAD BRITTON**

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

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

**2024/04/10 APPROVAL TO RENEW THE TENNESSEE CONSOLIDATED RETIREMENT SYSTEM EMPLOYER RATE OF 7% FOR FY 2024-2025**

**\*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY CHARLES THACKER**

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

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

**2024/04/11 THE BRIDGE LOCATED ON CANEY VALLEY LOOP BE NAMED THE VETERAN CHARLES M. THACKER BRIDGE**

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

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

**ABSTAIN: THACKER**

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

**2024/04/12 BUDGET AMENDMENT – GENERAL FUND**

**\*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON**

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

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

**2024/04/13 BUDGET AMENDMENT – HIGHWAY FUND**

**\*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON**

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

**ABSTAIN: CLONCE**

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

**2024/04/14 APPROVAL OF NOTARIES PUBLIC**  
**\*MOTION BY JOHN GIBSON, SECOND BY CHAD BRITTON**

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

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

**MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR OUT OF ORDER RESOLUTION 2024/04/01**  
**\*MOTION BY ROBBIE PALMER, SECOND BY CHAD BRITTON**

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

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

**OUT OF ORDER RESOLUTION 2024/04/01 – APPROVAL TO SURPLUS THREE HAWKINS COUNTY  
CONVENIENCE CENTER BUILDINGS**  
**\*MOTON BY ROBBIE PALMER, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON**

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

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

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**  
**\*MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY CHAD BRITTON**

**VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 2024 COMMISSION MEETING**

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