

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF HAWKINS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT: 21 COMMISSIONERS**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>GEORGE BRIDWELL</b>	<b>CHARLES HOUSEWRIGHT</b>	<b>JOHN METZ</b>
	<b>RAYMOND JESSEE</b>	<b>CHARLES THACKER</b>	<b>NANCY BARKER</b>
	<b>SYBLE VAUGHAN TRENT</b>	<b>DAWSON FIELDS</b>	<b>LARRY CLONCE</b>
	<b>JEFF BARRETT</b>	<b>VALERIE GOINS</b>	<b>RICK BREWER</b>
	<b>KEITH GIBSON</b>	<b>HANNAH SPEAKS</b>	<b>BOB EDENS</b>
	<b>TOM KERN</b>	<b>GLENDA DAVIS</b>	<b>MICHAEL HERRELL</b>
	<b>DANNY ALVIS</b>	<b>MARK DEWITTE</b>	<b>DONNIE TALLEY</b>

- **COMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**
  - DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL DAN ARMSTRONG GAVE UPDATE ON THE OPIOID LAWSUIT
  - ATTORNEY CRYSTAL JESSE, (JESSE AND JESSE LAW FIRM) UPDATE ON OPIOID LAWSUIT AND UPCOMING MEETINGS WITH COMMISSION
  - DR. BLAINE JONES – UPDATE FROM EMS EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE WITH FULL RECOMMENDATION NEXT MONTH
  
- **OFFICE REPORTS READ INTO MINUTES AND FILED IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE**
  - COMMISSIONER NANCY BARKER – THE FISCAL STRENGTH AND EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT FISCAL CONFIRMATION LETTER FOR THREE STAR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
  - HAWKINS COUNTY MAYOR'S OFFICE – BALANCE SHEETS & SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ALL FUNDS JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019
  - HAWKINS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION QUARTERLY REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT MATT HISXON, DIRECTOR 2018-2019 FOURTH QUARTER
  
- **COMMISSIONER MICHAEL HERRELL – COMMENTS ON APPROVAL OF E911 FUNDS**

MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHEDULED AUGUST 2019 COMMISSION MEETING WERE APPROVED...

**RESOLUTIONS 2019/09:**

**2019/09/01 APPOINTMENT OF RICK BREWER AS CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY COMMISSION**  
\*MOTION BY MICHAEL HERRELL, SECOND BY CHARLES THACKER

**CORRECTION MADE ON RESOLUTION – CHANGED COMMISSIONER BREWER'S DISTRICT FROM 7<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT TO 6<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

**2019/09/02 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF HAWKINS COUNTY COMMISSION KEITH GIBSON**  
\*MOTION BY MARK DEWITTE, SECOND BY DAWSON FIELDS

***NOMINATIONS WERE OPENED UP TO THE FLOOR, AFTER NO NOMINATIONS COMMISSIONER FIELDS MADE MOTION THAT NOMINATIONS CEASE. BOTH CANDIDATES WERE GIVEN 5 MINUTES TO SPEAK***

**RESOLUTION 2019-09-01 & 2019-09-02 VOTED BY VOICE ROLL CALL**

**VOTES FOR EACH CANDIDATE AS FOLLOWS:**

**BREWER: THACKER, TRENT, TALLEY, BREWER, JESSEE, FIELDS, HERRELL, BARRETT, SPEAKS, ALVIS, DAVIS (11)**

**GIBSON: CLONCE, BRIDWELL, GOINS, KERN, EDENS, DEWITTE, BARKER, GIBSON, HOUSEWRIGHT, METZ (10)**

**COMMISSIONER BREWER WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE HAWKINS COUNTY COMMISSION**

2019/09/03 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR PRO-TEMPORE OF HAWKINS COUNTY COMMISSION JOHN C. METZ  
\*MOTION BY MARK DEWITTE, SECOND BY TOM KERN

2019/09/04 APPOINTMENT OF JEFF BARRETT, CHAIRMAN PRO-TEMPORE OF COUNTY COMMISSION  
\*MOTION BY MICHAEL HERRELL

*NOMINATIONS WERE OPENED UP TO THE FLOOR. CANDIDATES WERE GIVEN TIME TO SPEAK...  
COMMISSIONER METZ WITHDREW HIS NOMINATION AND NOMINATED COMMISSIONER HANNAH SPEAKS, WHICH  
SHE ACCEPTED*

*MOTION THAT NOMINATIONS CEASE BY DAWSON FIELDS, SECOND BY NANCY BARKER -- PASSED BY VOICE*

RESOLUTION 2019-09-03 & 2019-09-04 VOTED BY VOICE ROLL CALL

VOTES FOR EACH CANDIDATE AS FOLLOWS:

BARRETT: TALLEY, CLONCE, JESSEE, THACKER, BREWER, TRENT, DAVIS, ALVIS, BARRETT,  
HOUSEWRIGHT, BRIDWELL, HERRELL (12)

SPEAKS: FIELDS, DEWITTE, SPEAKS, GIBSON, METZ, KERN, EDENS, GOINS, BARKER (9)

COMMISSIONER BARRETT ELECTED CHAIRMAN PRO-TEMPORE OF HAWKINS COUNTY COMMISSION

2019/09/05 TO RESCIND RESOLUTION 2018-10-01; 02; 03; 04; AND 05, THAT CONFIRMED 4-YEAR COMMITTEE  
TERM APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED OR MADE OPTIONAL, BY GENERAL  
LAW OR PRIVATE ACTS  
\*MOTION BY JOHN METZ, SECOND BY NANCY BARKER

MOTION MADE TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2019-09-05 IN THE LAST PARAGRAPH – TO STRIKE “UNTIL WHICH TIME  
NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE PRESENTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE BODY FOR CONFIRMATION” AND  
REPLACE WITH “UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING IN OCTOBER” \*MOTION BY JEFF BARRETT,  
SECOND BY JOHN METZ

YES: HERRELL, BRIDWELL, JESSEE, TRENT, BARRETT, GIBSON, KERN, ALVIS, HOUSEWRIGHT,  
FIELDS GOINS, SPEAKS, DAVIS, DEWITTE, METZ, BARKER, CLONCE, BREWER, EDENS, TALLEY

NO: THACKER

APPROVED BY VOICE ROLL CALL YES 20 NO 1 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

VOTE OF RESOLUTION 2019-09-05 AS AMENDED

YES: HERRELL, BRIDWELL, JESSEE, TRENT, BARRETT, GIBSON, KERN, HOUSEWRIGHT, FIELDS  
GOINS, SPEAKS, DAVIS, DEWITTE, METZ, BARKER, BREWER, EDENS, TALLEY

NO: ALVIS, THACKER, CLONCE

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 18 NO 3 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

COMMISSIONER THACKER CALLED FOR QUESTION

MOTION TO AMEND AMENDED RESOLUTION 2019-09-05 – TO PUT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS BACK TO FULL  
RESPONSIBILITY OF CHAIRMAN & PRO-TEMPORE \*MOTION BY MICHAEL HERRELL, SECOND BY DANNY ALVIS

YES: ALVIS, HERRELL, TRENT, SPEAKS, JESSIE, TALLEY

NO: EDENS, DAVIS, GOINS, KERN, BARKER, GIBSON, METZ, BRIDWELL, HOUSEWRIGHT, CLONCE,  
FIELDS, THACKER, DEWITTE

ABSTAIN: BARRETT, BREWER

FAILED BY VOICE ROLL CALL YES 6 NO 13 ABSTAIN 2 ABSENT 0

**2019/09/06 TO RESCIND RESOLUTION 2018-10-08 APPOINTING 4-YEAR COMMITTEE TERM APPOINTMENTS FOR INTERNAL COMMITTEES**

**\*MOTION BY JOHN METZ, SECOND BY KEITH GIBSON**

**MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2019-09-06 – THAT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS BE PRESENTED BACK TO THE FULL COUNTY COMMISSION AT THE NEXT MEETING IN OCTOBER \*MOTION BY JEFF BARRETT, SECOND BY JOHN METZ**

**YES: HERRELL, BRIDWELL, JESSEE, TRENT, BARRETT, GIBSON, KERN, ALVIS, HOUSEWRIGHT, THACKER  
FIELDS GOINS, SPEAKS, DAVIS, DEWITTE, METZ, BARKER, CLONCE, BREWER, EDENS, TALLEY**

**APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 21 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0**

**MOTION TO AMEND AMENDED RESOLUTION 2019-09-06 – THAT COMMITTEE OF APPOINTMENTS HAS ONE (1) PERSON PER DISTRICT \*MOTION BY MICHAEL HERRELL, SECOND BY CHARLES THACKER**

**YES: HERRELL, BRIDWELL, JESSEE, TRENT, BARRETT, KERN, ALVIS, HOUSEWRIGHT, THACKER  
FIELDS GOINS, SPEAKS, DAVIS, METZ, BARKER, CLONCE, BREWER, TALLEY**

**NO: GIBSON, DEWITTE**

**ABSTAIN: EDENS**

**APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 18 NO 2 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT 0**

**VOTE ON AMENDED AS AMENDED RESOLUTION 2019-09-06**

**YES: HERRELL, BRIDWELL, JESSEE, TRENT, BARRETT, GIBSON, KERN, ALVIS, HOUSEWRIGHT,  
FIELDS GOINS, SPEAKS, DAVIS, METZ, BARKER, CLONCE, BREWER, EDENS, TALLEY**

**NO: THACKER, DEWITTE**

**APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 19 NO 2 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0**

**2019/09/07 APPROVAL TO REDUCE THE WHEEL TAX BY (\$10) TEN DOLLARS FROM THE \$30 DOLLARS GOING TO THE UNDESIGNATED GENERAL FUND BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2020**

**\*MOTION BY RICK BREWER, SECOND BY CHARLIE THACKER**

**RESOLUTION PULLED BY COMMISSIONER RICK BREWER**

**2019/09/08 TO INCREASE CONTRIBUTION FUNDING FOR ALL FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN HAWKINS COUNTY THAT ARE CURRENTLY RECEIVING CONTRIBUTION FUNDING FROM THE GENERAL FUND**

**\*MOTION BY MICHAEL HERRELL, SECOND BY DANNY ALVIS**

**MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2019-09-08 TO ADD TO THE 6<sup>TH</sup> PARAGRAPH- FUNDS TO BE DISBURSED UPON CONFIRMATION THAT ALL TCA MANDATED FILINGS ARE COMPLETED**

**\*MOTION BY JOHN METZ, SECOND BY MICHAEL HERRELL**

**YES: HERRELL, BRIDWELL, JESSEE, TRENT, BARRETT, GIBSON, KERN, ALVIS, HOUSEWRIGHT,  
THACKER, FIELDS, GOINS, SPEAKS, DAVIS, METZ, BARKER, CLONCE, BREWER, EDENS, TALLEY**

**NO: DEWITTE**

**APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 20 NO 1 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0**

**MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2019-09-08 AS AMENDED STRIKE WORDING OF “ETC” IN 1<sup>ST</sup> PARAGRAPH AND ADD “OTHER CAPITAL EXPENDITURES”**

**\*MOTION BY JOHN METZ, SECOND BY MICHAEL HERRELL**

**YES: HERRELL, BRIDWELL, JESSEE, TRENT, BARRETT, GIBSON, KERN, ALVIS, HOUSEWRIGHT, THACKER  
FIELDS GOINS, SPEAKS, DAVIS, DEWITTE, METZ, BARKER, CLONCE, BREWER, EDENS, TALLEY**

**APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 21 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0**

**COMMISSIONER ALVIS CALLED FOR QUESTION**

**VOTE ON AMENDED AS AMENDED RESOLUTION 2019-09-08**

YES: HERRELL, BRIDWELL, JESSEE, TRENT, BARRETT, GIBSON, KERN, ALVIS, HOUSEWRIGHT, THACKER, FIELDS, GOINS, SPEAKS, DAVIS, DEWITTE, METZ, BARKER, CLONCE, BREWER, EDENS, TALLEY

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 21 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

**2019/09/09** APPROVAL TO DECLARE THE K-9 OF HAWKINS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SURPLUS PROPERTY AND DONATE TO HANDLER WESLEY SEALS  
\*MOTION BY GLENDA DAVIS, SECOND BY NANCY BARKER

**RESOLUTION PULLED BY COMMISSIONER GLENDA DAVIS**

**2019/09/10** APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF STATUTORY BOND FOR SEVENTH DISTRICT CONSTABLE FOR TERM OF OFFICE BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2022  
\*MOTION BY BOB EDENS, SECOND BY MICHAEL HERRELL

YES: HERRELL, BRIDWELL, JESSEE, TRENT, BARRETT, GIBSON, KERN, ALVIS, HOUSEWRIGHT, THACKER, FIELDS, GOINS, SPEAKS, DAVIS, DEWITTE, METZ, BARKER, CLONCE, BREWER, EDENS, TALLEY

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 21 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

**2019/09/11** GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT  
\*MOTION BY JOHN METZ, SECOND BY MICHAEL HERRELL

YES: HERRELL, BRIDWELL, JESSEE, TRENT, BARRETT, GIBSON, KERN, ALVIS, HOUSEWRIGHT, THACKER, FIELDS, GOINS, SPEAKS, DAVIS, DEWITTE, METZ, BARKER, CLONCE, BREWER, EDENS, TALLEY

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 21 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

**2019/09/12** SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT  
\*MOTION BY JOHN METZ, SECOND BY MICHAEL HERRELL

YES: HERRELL, BRIDWELL, JESSEE, TRENT, BARRETT, GIBSON, KERN, ALVIS, HOUSEWRIGHT, THACKER, FIELDS, GOINS, SPEAKS, DAVIS, DEWITTE, METZ, BARKER, CLONCE, BREWER, EDENS, TALLEY

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 21 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

**2019/09/13** EDUCATION CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT  
\*MOTION BY JOHN METZ, SECOND BY MICHAEL HERRELL

YES: HERRELL, BRIDWELL, JESSEE, TRENT, BARRETT, GIBSON, KERN, ALVIS, HOUSEWRIGHT, THACKER, FIELDS, GOINS, SPEAKS, DAVIS, DEWITTE, METZ, BARKER, CLONCE, BREWER, EDENS, TALLEY

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 21 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

**2019/09/14** APPROVAL OF NOTARIES PUBLIC  
\*MOTION BY DAWSON FIELDS, SECOND BY MICHAEL HERRELL

YES: HERRELL, BRIDWELL, JESSEE, TRENT, BARRETT, GIBSON, KERN, ALVIS, HOUSEWRIGHT, THACKER, FIELDS, GOINS, SPEAKS, DAVIS, DEWITTE, METZ, BARKER, CLONCE, BREWER, EDENS, TALLEY

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 21 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR OUT OF ORDER 2019-09-01 & 2019-09-02

*\*MOTION BY JOHN METZ, SECOND BY DAWSON FIELDS*

YES: HERRELL, BRIDWELL, JESSEE, TRENT, BARRETT, GIBSON, KERN, ALVIS, HOUSEWRIGHT, THACKER, FIELDS, GOINS, SPEAKS, DAVIS, DEWITTE, METZ, BARKER, CLONCE, BREWER, EDENS, TALLEY

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 21 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

OUT OF ORDER 2019-09-01 – EXTENSION OF EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE RIGHTS FOR THE OPERATION OF GROUND AND CONVALESCENT AMBULANCE SERVICES FOR HAWKINS COUNTY, TENNESSEE

*\*MOTION BY JOHN METZ, SECOND BY DAWSON FIELDS*

YES: HERRELL, BRIDWELL, JESSEE, TRENT, BARRETT, GIBSON, KERN, ALVIS, HOUSEWRIGHT, THACKER, FIELDS, GOINS, SPEAKS, DAVIS, DEWITTE, METZ, BARKER, CLONCE, BREWER, EDENS, TALLEY

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 21 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

OUT OF ORDER 2019-09-02 – APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY OF A FULL TIME EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR FOR HAWKINS COUNTY

*\*MOTION BY JOHN METZ, SECOND BY DANNY ALVIS*

YES: HERRELL, BRIDWELL, JESSEE, TRENT, BARRETT, GIBSON, KERN, ALVIS, HOUSEWRIGHT, THACKER, FIELDS, GOINS, SPEAKS, DAVIS, DEWITTE, METZ, BARKER, CLONCE, EDENS, TALLEY

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 21 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY CHARLES THACKER, SECOND BY DAWSON FIELDS

YES: HERRELL, BRIDWELL, JESSEE, TRENT, BARRETT, GIBSON, KERN, ALVIS, HOUSEWRIGHT, THACKER, FIELDS, GOINS, SPEAKS, DAVIS, DEWITTE, METZ, BARKER, CLONCE, BREWER, EDENS, TALLEY

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 21 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2019 COMMISSION MEETING

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YES                      NO                      ABSTAIN                      ABSENT