

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF HAWKINS COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT: 21 COMMISSIONERS
1 COMMISSIONERS ATTENDED BY ZOOM***

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

DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 COMMISSION MEETING WAS HELD IN THE COMMISSION MEETING ROOM, ALSO BY ZOOM AND LIVE STREAMED BY THE MEDIA.

GOVERNOR BILL LEE'S EXECUTIVE ORDER #60 ALLOWING GOVERNING BODIES TO MEET ELECTRONICALLY TO CONDUCT ESSENTIAL BUSINESS IN LIGHT OF CORONAVIRUS WAS ADDRESSED. THE COMMISSION MADE A DETERMINATION AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING THAT CONDUCTING THE MEETING BY ELECTRONIC MEANS WAS NECESSARY TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND THE WELFARE OF TENNESSEANS IN LIGHT OF THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK.

***MOTION BY DAWSON FIELDS, SECOND BY CHARLES THACKER... 20 YES, 1 ABSENT**

- OFFICE REPORTS READ INTO THE MINUTES AND FILED IN THE HAWKINS COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE**
 - HAWKINS COUNTY, TENNESSEE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020**
 - HAWKINS COUNTY JUVENILE, CIRCUIT AND GENERAL SESSIONS ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2020**
 - HAWKINS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION QUARTERLY REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES REPORT, MATT HIXSON, DIRECTOR, FOR 2019-2020 FOURTH QUARTER**
 - HAWKINS COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 21, 2020**
 - HAWKINS COUNTY INFORMATIONAL MEETING FROM JULY 27, 2020**

COMMISSIONER BARKER ANNOUNCED THE UNITED WAY WILL PAY THE COST OF THE FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATIONS WORKMAN'S COMP POLICY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,501.00

*****COMMISSIONER SPEAKS AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 2020/08/12 NEEDS TO INCLUDE...
"FOR EMPLOYEES THAT WERE EMPLOYED FROM MARCH 1, 2020 THRU JULY 31, 2020"**

**MINUTES OF AUGUST 2020 COMMISSION MEETING WERE APPROVED... 21 YES
*MOTION BY CHARLES THACKER, SECOND BY DAWSON FIELDS**

RESOLUTIONS 2020/09:

**2020/09/01 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR PRO-TEMPORE OF HAWKINS COUNTY COMMISSION
JEFF BARRETT
*MOTION BY RAYMOND JESSEE, SECOND BY MICHAEL HERRELL**

THE FLOOR WAS OPENED UP FOR ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS...

**COMMISSIONER BARKER NOMINATED COMMISSIONER HANNAH SPEAKS WHICH SHE DECLINED
COMMISSIONER DAVIS NOMINATED COMMISSIONER KEITH GIBSON WHICH HE DECLINED**

MOTION NOMINATIONS CEASE BY DAWSON FIELDS, SECOND BY MICHAEL HERRELL - PASSED BY VOICE

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

ABSTAIN: BARRETT

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL

YES 20 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT 0

COMMISSIONER BREWER RELINQUISHED HIS CHAIRMANSHIP TO COMMISSIONER BARRETT FOR RESOLUTION 2020/09/02

**2020/09/02 RE-APPOINTMENT OF RICK BREWER AS CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY COMMISSION
*MOTION BY DANNY ALVIS, SECOND BY GLENDA DAVIS**

CORRECTION IN THE RESOLUTION WAS MADE FROM SEVENTH (7) DISTRICT TO SIXTH (6) DISTRICT

***THE FLOOR WAS OPENED UP FOR ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS...
COMMISSIONER DEWITTE NOMINATED COMMISSIONER KEITH GIBSON***

MOTION NOMINATIONS CEASE BY DAWSON FIELDS, SECOND BY CHARLES THACKER – PASSED BY VOICE

RESOLUTION 2020/09/02 VOTED BY VOICE ROLL CALL – VOTES FOR EACH CANDIDATE AS FOLLOWS...

**BREWER: THACKER, CLONCE, TRENT, TALLEY, BREWER, BRIDWELL, JESSEE, FIELDS, HERRELL,
SPEAKS, HOUSEWRIGHT, ALVIS (12)**

GIBSON: GOINS, KERN, EDENS, DEWITTE, BARKER, GIBSON, METZ, DAVIS (8)

ABSTAIN: BARRETT

COMMISSIONER BREWER WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE HAWKINS COUNTY COMMISSION

COMMISSIONER BARRETT RELINQUISHED HIS CHAIRMANSHIP BACK TO COMMISSIONER BREWER

**2020/09/03 APPROVAL OF ONE-TIME HAZARD PAY DUE TO COVID-19, FOR ALL EMPLOYEES
OF THE HAWKINS COUNTY GENERAL FUND, SOLID WASTE AND HIGHWAY
DEPARTMENT
*MOTION BY TOM KERN, SECOND BY NANCY BARKER**

RESOLUTION 2020/09/03 WAS PULLED BY COMMISSIONER KERN

**2020/09/04 AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 2014-02-01 ESTABLISHING AN AUDIT COMMITTEE
FOR HAWKINS COUNTY
*MOTION BY JEFF BARRETT, SECOND BY MICHAEL HERRELL**

RESOLUTION 2020/09/04 PULLED BY COMMISSIONER BARRETT

**2020/09/05 APPROVAL FOR CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY COMMISSION TO APPOINT COMMITTEES
OF COUNTY COMMISSION
*MOTION BY MICHAEL HERRELL, SECOND BY DONNIE TALLEY**

**MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2020/09/05
*MOTION BY CHARLES HOUSEWRIGHT, SECOND BY MICHAEL HERRELL**

**YES: BREWER, BRIDWELL, TRENT, BARRETT, ALVIS, HOUSEWRIGHT, THACKER, FIELDS,
GOINS, SPEAKS, DAVIS, CLONCE, HERRELL, EDENS, TALLEY**

NO: JESSEE, GIBSON, KERN, DEWITTE, METZ, BARKER

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 15 NO 6 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2020/09/05 – AS AMENDED

**YES: BREWER, BRIDWELL, TRENT, BARRETT, ALVIS, HOUSEWRIGHT, THACKER,
FIELDS, SPEAKS, CLONCE, HERRELL, TALLEY**

NO JESSEE, GIBSON, KERN, GOINS, DAVIS, DEWITTE, METZ, BARKER, EDENS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 12 NO 9 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

2020/09/06 TO REQUIRE TWO (2) SIGNATURES OF APPROVAL ON ALL CHECKS WRITTEN BY NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING COUNTY CONTRIBUTIONS
*MOTION BY JEFF BARRETT, SECOND BY MICHAEL HERRELL

YES: BREWER, JESSEE, TRENT, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER, FIELDS, METZ, CLONCE, HERRELL, TALLEY

NO: BRIDWELL, GIBSON, KERN, HOUSEWRIGHT, GOINS, SPEAKS, DAVIS, DEWITTE, BARKER, EDENS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 11 NO 10 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

2020/09/07 APPROVAL TO UPGRADE AND RE-NEW THE LEASE FOR A POSTAGE METER AND SCALES FROM PITNEY BOWES FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT CHURCH HILL
*MOTION BY KEITH GIBSON, SECOND BY MICHAEL HERRELL

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

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

2020/09/08 APPROVAL OF STATUTORY BONDS FOR ASSESSOR OF PROPERTY BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2024
*MOTION BY KEITH GIBSON, SECOND BY CHARLES THACKER

A CORRECTION WAS MADE TO DATE OF COMMISSION MEETING FROM SEPTEMBER 28, 2016 TO SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

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

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

2020/09/09 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

A CORRECTION WAS MADE TO DATE OF COMMISSION MEETING FROM SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

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

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

2020/09/10 ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL OF THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONSTRUCT A PROJECT DESIGNATED AS FEDERAL PROJECT NO.: STP-70(29)
STATE PROJECT NO.: 37012-4229-04
COUNTY OF HAWKINS PIN NO.: 128725.00
NEAR LM 16.8 (SLOPE STABILIZATION) FEBRUARY 2019 FLOOD) ROUTE SR70
*MOTION BY CHARLIE THACKER, SECOND BY MICHAEL HERRELL

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

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

**2020/09/11 ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL OF THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION TO CONSTRUCT A PROJECT DESIGNATED AS
FEDERAL PROJECT NO.: STP-66(54)
STATE PROJECT NO.: 37006-4241-04
COUNTY OF HAWKINS PIN NO.: 128645.00
M19R1-C375SR-ER-SLIDE-REPAIR-HAWKINS-SR66-LM24 ROUTE: SR-66
(SLOPE STABILIZATION)
*MOTION BY CHARLES THACKER, SECOND BY MICHAEL HERRELL**

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

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

**2020/09/12 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS OF
HAWKINS COUTY, TENNESSEE IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT
TO EXCEED \$9,600,000, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES; MAKING PROVISION FOR THE
ISSUANCE , SALE AND PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; ESTABLISHING THE TERMS
THEREOF AND THE DISPOSOTION OF PROCEEDS THEREFROM; PROVIDING FOR
THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY,
AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS**

*****RESOLUTION PULLED BY COMMISSIONER GIBSON**

**2020/09/13 BUDGET AMENDMENT – GENERAL FUND
*MOTION BY KEITH GIBSON, SECOND BY BOB EDENS**

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

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

MINUTES WILL REFLECT (1) ABSENT AFTER COMMISSIONER TRENT LEFT MEETING

**2020/09/14 BUDGET AMENDMENT – GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
*MOTION BY DAWSON FIELDS, SECOND BY BOB EDENS**

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

NO: TALLEY

ABSENT: TRENT

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 19 NO 1 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 1

**2020/09/15 APPROVAL OF NOTARIES PUBLIC
*MOTION BY DAWSON FIELDS, SECOND BY JOHN METZ**

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

ABSENT TRENT

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

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR OUT OF ORDER 2020/09/01 – A RESOLUTION OF THE HAWKINS COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR, ALONG WITH THE HAWKINS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH COUNTY DIRECTOR, TO MAKE AND SIGN AN APPLICATION FOR STATE OF TENNESSEE – SPECIAL NEEDS PROJECT FUNDS FOR HAWKINS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT CHURCH HILL LOCATION

***MOTION BY JEFF BARRETT, SECOND BY MIKE HERRELL**

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

ABSENT TRENT

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

VOTE ON OUT OF ORDER RESOLUTION 2020/09/01

***MOTION BY JEFF BARRETT, SECOND BY NANCY BARKER**

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

NO: TALLEY

ABSENT: TRENT

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 19 NO 1 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 1

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY CHARLES THACKER, SECOND BY DANNY ALVIS... 20 YES

VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2020 COMMISSION MEETING

YES

NO

ABSTAIN

ABSENT