

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF HAWKINS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT: 13 COMMISSIONERS PRESENT  
1 ABSENT**

**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 (A)**

**HAWKINS COUNTY CLERK, NANCY DAVIS, OPENED AND PRESIDED OVER THE MEETING WELCOMING OUR NEW COUNTY MAYOR, ALL NEW COMMISSIONERS AND THE RETURNING COMMISSIONERS. THE CLERK CONDUCTED THE MEETING UNTIL THE MAYOR WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE HAWKINS COUNTY COMMISSION IN RESOLUTION 2022/09/01**

**COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

- COUNTY MAYOR DEWITTE READ A RECOGNITION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2022 SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH. HE ALSO RECOGNIZED ASHLEY ARNOLD AND MONICA SCHMIDT WITH TENNESSEE VOICES**
- COMMISSIONER DAVIS READ A RECOGNITION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2 - 8, 2022 AS 4-H WEEK**

**OFFICE REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- HAWKINS COUNTY MAYOR'S OFFICE – BALANCE SHEETS AND SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ALL FUNDS – JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022**
- HAWKINS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION QUARTERLY REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT MATT HIXSON, DIRECTOR 2021-2022 FOURTH QUARTER**
- PAUL LUTZ WITH HAWKINS COUNTY EMS**
- DR. EMILY MORLEY WITH CAMP HOPE OF EAST TENNESSEE**
- JAMIE MILLER, DIRECTOR AT HAWKINS COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY GAVE RADIO SYSTEM UPDATE**
- HEATHER SWIFT, CHILD SAFETY ADVOCATE – REQUESTING TO PROCLAIM NOVEMBER FAMILY AWARENESS MONTH**
- SHERIFF RONNIE LAWSON ANNOUNCED THERE WILL BE A SEIZED VEHICLE SALE OCTOBER 22, 2022 AND ALSO EXTENDED AN INVITATION NEW COMMISSIONERS TO VISIT THE JAIL AT ANYTIME**
- MAYOR DEWITTE PROCLAIM OCTOBER 9, THRU OCTOBER 15, 2022 FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

**MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2022 COMMISSION MEETING WERE APPROVED... 13 YES, 1 ABSENT  
\*MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY JASON ROACH**

**RESOLUTIONS 2022/09:**

**2022/09/01 APPOINTMENT OF MARK DEWITTE AS CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY COMMISSION  
\*MOTION BY CHARLES THACKER, SECOND BY DANNY ALVIS**

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

**ABSENT: MADDOX**

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

**RESOLUTION 2022/09/02 & RESOLUTION 2022/09/03 WILL BE TOGETHER TAKEN BY VOICE ROLL CALL**

**2022/09/02 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN PRO-TEMPORE OF COUNTY COMMISSION  
JEFF BARRETT  
\*MOTION BY CHARLES THACKER**

**2022/09/03 APPOINTMENT OF NANCY BARKER AS CHAIRMAN PRO-TEMPORE OF THE  
HAWKINS COUNTY COMMISSION  
\*MOTION BY TOM KERN**

**\*\*VOTE FOR CHAIRMAN PRO-TEMPORE OF THE COMMISSION TAKEN BY VOICE ROLL CALL**

**BARKER:** ROACH, BRITTON, DAVIS, KERN, CLONCE, BARKER, GIBSON (7)

**BARRETT:** TRENT, THACKER, PALMER, ALVIS, BARRETT, GILLIAM (6)

*FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY VOTE*

**\*\*2<sup>ND</sup> VOTE FOR CHAIRMAN PRO-TEMPORE**

**BARKER:** BARKER, KERN, GIBSON, CLONCE, DAVIS, ROACH, BRITTON (7)

**BARRETT:** TRENT, PALMER, GILLIAM, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER (6)

*FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY VOTE*

**\*\*3<sup>RD</sup> VOTE FOR CHAIRMAN PRO-TEMPORE**

**BARKER:** BARKER, BRITTON, CLONCE, DAVIS, GIBSON, GILLIAM, KERN, ROACH (8)

**BARRETT:** ALVIS, BARRETT, PALMER, THACKER, TRENT (5)

*COMMISSIONER BARKER ELECTED CHAIRPERSON PRO-TEMPORE OF THE HAWKINS COUNTY COMMISSION*

**2022/09/04 APPROVAL TO NAME A BRIDGE ON HOUSEWRIGHT HOLLOW ROAD  
"THE JOHN L. BRICE BRIDGE" AFTER HAWKINS COUNTY LIFETIME RESIDENT  
JOHN L. BRICE**

**\*MOTION BY DANNY ALVIS, SECOND BY LARRY CLONCE**

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

**ABSENT:** MADDOX

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

**2022/09/05 APPROVAL TO RELEASE/CLOSE A PORTION OF MOUNTAIN COVE ROAD AS A  
COUNTY ROAD AND WILL BECOME A PRIVATE DRIVE TO BE MAINTAINED BY  
SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE COUNTY**

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

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

**NO:** BARRETT

**ABSENT:** MADDOX

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

**2022/09/06 UPDATED RULES OF ORDER FOR THE HAWKINS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
\*MOTION BY LARRY CLONCE, SECOND BY CHARLES THACKER**

*WORDING WAS ADDED IN SECTION VI "COMMITTEES", NUMBER VII - TO READ "2/3 MEMBERS PRESENT"*

**MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2022/09/06 IN THE FIRST SECTION - TO INCLUDE THE "CURRENTLY  
UPDATE VERSION OF ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER"**

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

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

**ABSENT:** MADDOX

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

**VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2022/09/06 - AS AMENDED**

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

**ABSENT: MADDOX**

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

**2022/09/07 TO UTILIZE (ARPA FUNDING) COVID RELIEF FUNDS AND TENNESSEE COVID  
FUNDS TO EXPAND THE LAKEVIEW WATER LINES FOR TWO MILES ON  
NEW SALEM ROAD IN HAWKINS COUNTY  
\*MOTION BY LARRY CLONCE, SECOND BY DANNY ALVIS**

***CORRECTION TO THE LAST PARAGRAPH - MONEY TOTAL SHOULD REFLECT \$862,120.00***

**MOTION WAS MADE TO REFER RESOLUTION 2022/09/07 TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE  
\*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY GLENDA DAVIS**

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

**ABSENT: MADDOX**

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

**2022/09/08 APPROVAL TO TRANSFER (\$1,500,000) ONE MILLION-FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND  
DOLLARS OF HAWKINS COUNTY'S STATE ALLOCATED FUND FROM THE  
FEDERAL AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARP) THAT IS DESIGNATED FOR  
ELIGIBLE DRINK WATER, WASTEWATER OR STORMWATER AND BEING  
ADMINISTERED BY TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND  
CONSERVATION, TO THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ROGERSVILLE, SURGOINSVILLE,  
CHURCH HILL AND MOUNT CARMEL  
\*MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY TOM KERN**

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

**ABSENT: MADDOX**

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

**2022/09/09 APPROVAL FOR HAWKINS COUNTY TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL ON BEHALF OF SIX  
UTILITY DISTRICTS THAT OPERATE IN THE COUNTY, TO (TDEC) TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION, ALLOCATING  
(4,865,481.30) FOUR MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND,  
FOUR-HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE DOLLARS AND THIRTY CENTS OF THE STATE  
ALLOCATED FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARP)  
THAT IS DESIGNATED FOR ELIGIBLE DRINK WATER, WASTEWATER, OR  
STORMWATER AND BEING ADMINISTERED BY TDEC  
\*MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY TOM KERN**

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

**ABSENT: MADDOX**

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

**2022/09/10 APPROVAL OF STATUTORY BOND FOR THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT CONSTABLE  
TONY ROBINSON FOR TERM OF OFFICE BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 ENDING  
AUGUST 31, 2026**

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

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

**ABSENT: MADDOX**

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

**2022/09/11 BUDGET AMENDMENT – OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE (ARPA) FUND 128**

**\*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY GLENDA DAVIS**

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

**ABSENT: MADDOX**

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

**2022/09/12 BUDGET AMENDMENT – GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**

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

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

**ABSENT: MADDOX**

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

**2022/09/13 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**\*MOTION BY GLENDA DAVIS, SECOND BY JEFF BARRETT**

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

**ABSENT: MADDOX**

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

**2022/09/14 APPROVAL OF NOTARIES PUBLIC**

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

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

**ABSENT: MADDOX**

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

**MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES**

**\*MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY ROBBIE PALMER**

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

**ABSENT: MADDOX**

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

**OUT OF ORDER RESOLUTION 2022/09/01 – CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT AND REAPPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE HAWKINS COUNTY E-911 BOARD APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY MAYOR**

**\*MOTION BY TOM KERN, SECOND BY JASON ROACH**

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

**ABSENT: MADDOX**

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

**OUT OF ORDER RESOLUTION 2022/09/02 – APPROVAL OF COMMITTEES FOR HAWKINS COUNTY TN AS PER TCA CODE**

**\*MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY CHARLIE THACKER**

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

**ABSENT: MADDOX**

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

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**\*JASON ROACH, SECOND BY JOSHUA GILLIAM- 13 YES, 1 ABSENT**

**VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2022 COMMISSION MEETING**

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