

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF HAWKINS COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING
APRIL 24, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: 12
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: 2*

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*

COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

- COMMISSIONER VAUGHAN TRENT AND COMMISSIONER GIBSON PRESENTED A COMMENDATION TO VOLUNTEER HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND AWARDS DURING THE 2022-2023 SEASON.
- MARK DEWITTE, MAYOR, HAS PROCLAIMED MAY 5, 2023 AS NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH ACCEPTANCE DAY IN HAWKINS COUNTY. ASHLEY ARNOLD WITH TENNESSEE VOICES SURVIVOR CONNECTION PROGRAM SPOKE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF ACKNOWLEDGING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH.
- BERNADETTE PAJERS INFORMED COMMISSION ON SENATE BILL (SB 1111) - HOUSE BILL (HB 1380); MATURE MINOR DOCTRINE CLARIFICATION ACT
- JOHN MOORE, A CONCERNED BULLS GAP RESIDENT, ADDRESSED THE COMMISSION REGARDING ISSUES WITH ROAD REPAIRS AND HEAVY DRUG TRAFFIC.

OFFICE REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hawkins County Mayor's Office *Audit Committee Report*

*Balance Sheets & Summary Financial Statements, All Funds

July 1, 2022 - September 30, 2022 AND October 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

Hawkins County Juvenile Court, Hawkins County Circuit Court,

& Hawkins County General Sessions Court -

Annual Financial Reports For the Year Ended March 31, 2023

Hawkins County Department of Education *Quarterly Revenue and Expenditure Report*

2022-2023 THIRD QUARTER

MINUTES OF MARCH 27, 2023 COMMISSION MEETING WERE APPROVED... 12 YES, 2 ABSENT
*MOTION BY TOM KERN, SECOND BY JOSH GILLIAM

RESOLUTIONS 2023/04:

2023/04/01 APPROVAL OF COUNTY ROAD NAME LIST FOR HAWKINS COUNTY, TENNESSEE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022
*MOTION BY CHARLES THACKER, SECOND BY CHAD BRITTON

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

ABSENT: BARRETT, MADDOX

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

**2023/04/02 APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) NOT TO EXCEED SIX HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$630,000) FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE HAWKINS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO BRING THE PROPERTY INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE STORMWATER PERMANENT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE MS4 PERMIT
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY ROBBIE PALMER**

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

ABSENT: BARRETT, MADDOX

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

**2023/04/03 APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A LITTER GRANT FOR THE FY 2023-2024 FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND APPROVAL OF ATTACHED PROGRAM DESCRIPTION.
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY CHARLES THACKER**

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

ABSENT: BARRETT, MADDOX

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

**2023/04/04 APPROVAL TO ACCEPT \$36,308.00 IN NEW STATE OF TENNESSEE LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES GRANT FUNDING FOR SALARY AND BENEFIT INCREASES TO HAWKINS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES WHOM RECEIVED THE 9% PAY RAISE FOR FY 2022-2023
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON**

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

ABSENT: BARRETT, MADDOX

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

**2023/04/05 APPROVAL TO ACCEPT \$265,000.00 IN NEW CARES ACT FUNDING TO BE UTILIZED FOR RENOVATIONS, CONSTRUCTION, AND INSTALLATION OF AWNING, DRUG ROOM, AND GENERATOR FOR HAWKINS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY JOSHUA GILLIAM**

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

ABSENT: BARRETT, MADDOX

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

**2023/04/06 APPROVAL TO RENEW THE TENNESSEE CONSOLIDATED RETIREMENT SYSTEM EMPLOYER RATE OF 7% FOR FY 2023-2024
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY SYBLE VAUGHAN TRENT**

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

ABSENT: BARRETT, MADDOX

ABSTAIN: BRITTON

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

**2023/04/07 CONTRIBUTION OF \$20,000.00 TO THE VETERANS CENTER OF EAST TENNESSEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE ABATEMENT PROGRAMMING AND MATERIALS.
*PULLED BY COMMISSIONER JASON ROACH***

**2023/04/08 BUDGET AMENDMENT – GENERAL FUND
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY CHARLES THACKER**

****COMMISSIONER JASON ROACH RECOGNIZED TIM COUP, CHIEF OF CHURCH HILL RESCUE SQUAD, CONCERNING A REQUEST FOR THE CHURCH HILL RESCUE SQUAD FROM ARPA FUNDING.***

MOTION TO AMEND 2023/04/08 – TO SEND BACK TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE AND EXCLUDE LINE ITEM 54420-316 (RESCUE SQUAD)

****MOTION BY JOHN GIBSON, SECOND BY CHAD BRITTON***

YES: VAUGHAN TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, THACKER, BRITTON

NO: ALVIS, GILLIAM, DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER

ABSENT: BARRETT, MADDOX

FAILED BY ROLL CALL YES 5 NO 7 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2

VOTE ON ORIGINAL RESOLUTION 2023/04/08

YES: VAUGHAN TRENT, KERN, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM, DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER

NO: GIBSON, BRITTON

ABSENT: BARRETT, MADDOX

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 10 NO 2 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2

**2023/04/09 BUDGET AMENDMENT – DRUG FUND
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON**

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

ABSENT: BARRETT, MADDOX

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

**2023/04/10 BUDGET AMENDMENT – OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE (ARPA) FUND 128
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY JOSH GILLIAM**

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

ABSENT: BARRETT, MADDOX

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

2023/04/11 BUDGET AMENDMENT – HIGHWAY FUND

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

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

ABSENT: BARRETT, MADDOX

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

2023/04/12 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT

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

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

ABSENT: BARRETT, MADDOX

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

2023/04/13 SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT

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

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

ABSENT: BARRETT, MADDOX

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

2023/04/14 APPROVAL OF NOTARIES PUBLIC

***MOTION JOSH GILLIAM, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON**

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

ABSENT: BARRETT, MADDOX

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

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***MOTION BY JOHN GIBSON, SECOND BY CHAD BRITTON**

VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 2023 COMMISSION MEETING

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YES NO ABSTAIN ABSENT**