

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF HAWKINS COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING
JULY 24, 2023 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
NANCY BARKER
LARRY CLONCE
ROBBIE PALMER
JOEY MADDOX**

SPEAKERS

--CRYSTAL FIFRICK REGARDING ROADS IN BULLS GAP

COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

**--COMMISSIONER ROACH RECOGNIZED THE ROGERSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK TEAM
--COMMISSIONERS TRENT AND GIBSON RECOGNIZED VOLUNTEER BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK TEAM, COACHES AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**

OFFICE REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS (FILED IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE)

**--HAWKINS COUNTY CHANCERY COURT ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
--HAWKINS COUNTY CLERK GENERAL LEDGER – FINANCIAL REPORT – FISCAL YEAR 2023 – ENDING 6/30/2023
--HAWKINS COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, GENERAL SESSIONS AND JUVENILE COURT ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
--HAWKINS COUNTY, TENNESSEE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
--HAWKINS COUNTY, TENNESSEE OFFICE FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT – JULY 1, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2023
--HAWKINS COUNTY, TENNESSEE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF 07/01/2022 – 06/30/2023
--CHAIRMAN DEWITTE HANDED OUT AN EMERGENCY PURCHASE JUSTIFICATION FOR WATER PUMPS AT THE JUSTICE CENTER**

**MINUTES OF JUNE 26, 2023 COMMISSION MEETING WERE APPROVED – 14 YES
*MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY JOSH GILLIAM**

RESOLUTIONS 2023/07:

**2023/07/01 CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE HAWKINS COUNTY E-911 BOARD APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR
*MOTION BY LARRY CLONCE (READ BY ROBBIE PALMER), SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON**

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

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

**2023/07/02 NAMING THE COMMISSION ROOM AT THE HAWKINS COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN HONOR OF FORMER COUNTY ATTORNEY JAMES O. PHILLIPS
*MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY CHAD BRITTON**

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

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

2023/07/03 APPROVAL TO SURPLUS ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FROM COUNTY OFFICES
*MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY TOM KERN

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

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

2023/07/04 APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER GRANT IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$1,275,000.00 FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND
HOMELAND SECURITY/OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO HAWKINS COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY ROBBIE PALMER

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

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

RESOLUTION 2023/07/05, RESOLUTION 2023/07/06 & RESOLUTION 2023/07/07 VOTES WILL BE
TAKEN TOGETHER AFTER THEY ARE INTRODUCED - THESE RESOLUTIONS DO NOT REQUIRE
A SECOND.

2023/07/05 APPOINTMENT OF ALLEN J. COUP TO THE POSITION OF HAWKINS COUNTY
ATTORNEY
*MOTION BY JOHN GIBSON, SECOND BY CHAD BRITTON

2023/07/06 APPOINTMENT OF JEFFERSON B. FAIRCHILD TO THE POSITION OF HAWKINS
COUNTY ATTORNEY
*MOTION BY JOEY MADDOX, NO SECOND REQUIRED

2023/07/07 APPOINTMENT OF CRYSTAL JESSEE TO THE POSITION OF HAWKINS COUNTY
ATTORNEY
*MOTION BY ROBBIE PALMER, SECOND BY CHARLIE THACKER

1ST VOTE - CANDIDATE MUST RECEIVE 8 VOTES TO RECEIVE THE APPOINTMENT

COUP - BARKER, BARRETT, BRITTON, CLONCE, GIBSON, KERN, ROACH (7)

FAIRCHILD - DAVIS, MADDOX (2)

JESSEE - ALVIS, GILLIAM, PALMER, THACKER, TRENT (5)

2ND VOTE - COUP - GIBSON, BARRETT, KERN, BRITTON, DAVIS, ROACH, BARKER, CLONCE (8)

JESSEE - TRENT, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM, PALMER, MADDOX (6)

ATTORNEY ALLEN J. COUP RECEIVED THE APPOINTMENT AS HAWKINS COUNTY ATTORNEY WITH A
VOTE OF 8 TO 6

2023/07/08 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO NON-PROFIT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS OF
HAWKINS COUNTY, TENNESSEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023
AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY NANCY BARKER

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

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

2023/07/09 APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 2023 – 2024 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY NANCY BARKER

YES: KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM, BRITTON
DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER

NO: TRENT, GIBSON, PALMER, MADDOX

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 10 NO 4 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

2023/07/10 FIXING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE 2023 – 2024 FISCAL YEAR
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY CHAD BRITTON

MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2023/07/10 – TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND AMOUNT
FROM THE CURRENT PURPOSED .9303 TO .9233 BRINGING THE TAX RATE DOWN TO THE OLD
RATE OF 2.3177

*MOTION BY CHARLIE THACKER, SECOND BY DANNY ALVIS

YES: TRENT, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER

NO: GIBSON, GILLIAM, BRITTON, DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER,
PALMER, MADDOX

FAILED BY ROLL CALL YES 5 NO 9 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2023/07/10 – AS PRESENTED

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

NO: TRENT, GIBSON, THACKER, MADDOX

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 10 NO 4 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

2023/07/11 APPROVAL OF NOTARIES PUBLIC
*MOTION BY JOHN GIBSON, SECOND BY DANNY ALVIS

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

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN

*MOTION BY CHAD BRITTON, SECOND BY NANCY BARKER

VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 2023 COMMISSION MEETING

YES

NO

ABSTAIN

ABSENT