

THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSION
OF
UNICOI COUNTY, TENNESSEE
June 27, 2011

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Unicoi County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at the Unicoi County Court House on Monday, June 27, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. Present and Presiding, the Honorable Sue Jean Wilson, Chairman, the Honorable Greg Lynch, County Mayor, the Honorable Mitzi Bowen, County Clerk, Doug Shults, County Attorney, and the following Commissioners:

ROLL CALL: Esq. Dwight Bennett, "Here", Esq. Doug Bowman, "Here", Esq. Kenneth Garland, "Here", Esq. Mickey Hatcher, "Absent", "Esq. Bill Hensley, "Here", Esq. James Howell, "Here", Esq. Loren Thomas, "Here", Esq. Gene Wilson, "Here", Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, "Here".

8- Present

1- Absent

Esq. Loren Thomas opened the meeting with Prayer and the Pledge to the Flag was led by Esq. Bill Hensley.

Agenda Item #4
Approve Minutes

Motion made by Esq. James Howell, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson that the minutes of May 25, 2011 (Regular) be approved. (Changes Noted)

8- Aye

0- No

1- Absent

Motion approved.

Agenda Item #5
Recognize Visitors and Citizens

None

Agenda Item #6
Consider Inter-Local Agreement-Re: Animal Control Facility

Motion made by Esq. Dwight Bennett, said seconded by Esq. Bill Hensley to consider Inter-Local Agreement-Re: Animal Control Facility. Esq. Dwight Bennett asked County Attorney Doug Shults if he had any problems with the agreement. Mr. Shults stated no. All in favor to adopted the Inter-Local Agreement.

8- Aye

0- No

1- Absent

Motion approved. (Copy in file)

Agenda Item # 7
Recognize Mike Williams from AG Edwards

Tabled

Agenda Item #8
Consider Resolution to Participate in the Three Star Program

Motion made by Esq. Bill Hensley, and motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to approve the Participation in the Three Star Program.

8-Aye

0-No

1-Absent

Motion approved. (Copy in File)

Agenda Item # 9
Consider Resolution to Adopt the Strategic Economic Development Plan (Three Star)

Motion made by Esq. James Howell, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to approve the Resolution to Adopt the Strategic Economic Development Plan (Three Star).

8-Aye

0-No

1-Absent

Motion approved. (Copy in file)

Agenda Item #10
Consider Resolution to Affirm Compliance with the Federal Title VI Regulations

Motion made by Esq. Bill Hensley, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to approve the Resolution to Affirm Compliance with Federal Title VI Regulations.

8-Aye

0-No

1-Absent

Motion approved (Copy in file)

Agenda Item # 11
Consider Resolution to adopt a continuing budget and tax rate for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and to authorize the expenditure of funds by various office and departments

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Bill Hensley to approve the Resolution to adopt a continuing budget and tax rate for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and to authorize the expenditure of funds by various office and departments.

8-Aye

0-No

1-Absent

Motion approved. (Copy in file)

Agenda Item # 12

Consider Resolution thanking the Town of Erwin for the New Parking lot

Motion made by Esq. Dwight Bennett, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to approve the Resolution to thank the Town of Erwin for the New Parking lot.

8-Aye

0-No

1-Absent

Motion approved. (Copy in File)

Agenda Item #13

Consider Resolution to Consider Resolution Concerning The Litter Grant

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland, said motion seconded by Esq. Loren Thomas to Approve the Resolution Concerning The Litter Grant.

8-Aye

0-No

1-Absent

Motion approved. (Copy in File)

Agenda Item #14

Consider Resolution allowing transfers from Debt Service Fund to the County General Fund for operating expenses to be repaid by June 25th, 2012.

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to approve the Resolution allowing transfers from Debt Service Fund to the County General Fund for operating expenses to be repaid by June 25th, 2012.

8-Aye

0-No

1-Absent

Motion approved. (Copy in File)

Agenda Item #15

Consider Resolution allowing transfers from the County General Fund to the County Waste Management Fund for operating expenses to be repaid by the end of the fiscal year.

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland, said motion seconded by Esq. Loren Thomas to approve the Resolution allowing transfers from the County General Fund to the County Waste Management Fund for operating expenses to be repaid by the end of the fiscal year.

8-Aye

0-No

1-Absent

Motion approved. (Copy in File)

Agenda Item #16

Consider Resolution concerning Local Governments Assessment First Tennessee Human Resource Agency.

Motion made by Esq. Bill Hensley, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to approve the Resolution concerning Local Government Assessment First Tennessee Human Resource Agency.

8-Aye
0-No
1-Absent

Motion approved. (Copy in File)

Agenda Item #17

Consider Resolution-Litigation Tax

Motion made by Esq. Loren Thomas, said motion seconded by Esq. Dwight Bennett to approve the Resolution-Litigation Tax.

8-Yes
0-No
1-Absent

Motion approved. (Copy in File)

Addendum to the Agenda Item #1

Consider Insurance for the County Employee-Jon Manfull

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Loren Thomas to approve insurance for county employees. Mr. Manfull stated that the renewal from BCBST came in at 12.36% increase this year. After discussing the on going large claims within the group, claimants that came off the group plan during the year and the potential of implementing wellness screenings, we were able to negotiate the increase down to 6.92%. The county paid \$682,482 in premiums to BCBST while BCBST paid out \$875,913 in claims. Jon Manfull stated by accepting this renewal allows employees to keep the same co-pays for office visits and prescriptions drugs as the same deductible and total out of pocket. Annual cost to the county would be \$643,864.80 with increase of \$38,678.40. Esq. Sue Jean Wilson asked when the wellness program would begin. Jon Manfull stated that it is totally up to the commissioner when to implement the program. The Unicoi County Memorial Hospital has sent a proposal of the Wellness Program.

8-Aye
0-No
1-Absent

Motion approved. (Copy in File)

Addendum to the Agenda Item #2

Authorize the annual renewal of street maintenance contract with the Town of Unicoi.

Motion made by Esq. James Howell, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to authorize the annual renewal of street maintenance contract with the Town of Unicoi.

8-Aye
0-No
1-Absent

Motion approved.

Addendum to the Agenda Item #3
Appoint the redistricting committee

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Dwight Bennett to appoint the redistricting committee as follows: Greg Lynch, Sarah Bailey, Ed Herndon, Paul Monk (or an Election Commission Representative), Bill Hensley, Patsy Ledford (or a 911 representative), Lee Bennett and Monika McCarthy as GIS Advisor to this committee.

8-Aye
0-No
1-Absent

Motion approved. (Copy in File)

Addendum to the Agenda Item #4
Consider Hospital Board Appointment

Motion made by Esq. Dwight Bennett, said seconded by Esq. James Howell to nominated Sue Jean Wilson to the hospital board for a one year term.

8-Aye
0-No
1-Absent

Motion approved

Agenda Item #18
Budget Amendments

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, seconded by Dwight Bennett to approve all budget amendments. Budget Amendments include: County Mayor (\$319.38), Election Commission (\$775.11), Register of Deeds (\$1373.47), County Building (\$10,091.38), Preservation of Records (\$10,000.00), Property Assessor (\$202.37), Trustee (\$404.25), County Clerk (\$14,098.86), Circuit Court (\$1,315.16), Chancery Court (\$565.82), Juvenile (\$2380.86), Sheriff Department (\$11,986.00), Sheriff Department (\$133,404.16), Civil Defense (\$1,183.97), Health Department (\$311.75), Rabies and Animal Control (\$31,637.55), Agricultural Extension (\$66.97), Industrial Development (\$1,320.60), Sanitation Management (\$20,654.27), Sheriff Department Drug Fund (\$1,618.28), General Debt Service (\$29,899.15).

Esq. Doug Bowman wanted an explanation on the salaries in the Sheriff Department budget. Three months in a row you have moved money into salaries and wages in the sheriff department budget which is significant money. Esq. Doug Bowman stated he did not understand why we are so far away from the beginning level in funding salaries and wages. Ronnie Adkins from the sheriff department explained that a dispatcher was hired that was not budgeted for and state money came in for in service. Esq. Sue Jean Wilson asked Ronnie Adkins how many employees you have at the jail work house. Ronnie Adkins replied they are 7 employees. Esq. Sue Jean Wilson questioned is that sufficient. Ronnie Adkins stated one more employee is needed. Esq. Doug Bowman asked what happened to the two people in the original proposal. George Berry from the sheriff department answered that the deputy that is out there is not classified as a jail house supervisor.

ROLL CALL: Esq. Dwight Bennett, "Yes", Esq. Doug Bowman, "No", Esq. Kenneth Garland, "Yes", Esq. Mickey Hatcher, "Absent", Esq. Bill Hensley, "Yes", Esq. James Howell, "Yes", Esq. Loren Thomas, "Yes", Esq. Gene Wilson "Absent", Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, "Yes"

6-Aye
1-No
2-Absent

Motion approved. (Copies in file)

Agenda Item #19
Committee Reports

None

Agenda Item #20
Elect Notaries

Motion made by Esq. Bill Hensley, said seconded by Dwight Bennett that the following notaries be approved: Larry Kent Roller (Bank of Tennessee), Rega D Perry (Erwin Health Care Center)

7-Aye
2-Absent
(Copies in file)

Motion made by Esq. Dwight Bennett, said motion seconded by Esq. Kenneth Garland to adjourn the meeting of June 27, 2011.

7-Yes
2-Absent

GREG LYNCH, COUNTY MAYOR

MITZI BOWEN, COUNTY CLERK

SUE JEAN WILSON, CHAIRMAN