

THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSION
OF
UNICOI COUNTY, TENNESSEE
OCTOBER 24, 2011

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Unicoi County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at the Unicoi County Court House on Monday, October 24, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. Present and Presiding, 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, "Yes", Esq. Doug Bowman, "Yes", Esq. Kenneth Garland, "Yes", Esq. Mickey Hatcher "Yes", , Esq. Bill Hensley, "Yes", Esq. James Howell, "Yes", Esq. Loren Thomas, "Yes", Esq. Gene Wilson, "Yes", Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, "Yes".

9- Present

0- Absent

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

Agenda Item #4
Approve Minutes

Motion made by Esq. James Howell, said motion seconded by Esq. Doug Bowman that the minutes of September 26, 2011 be approved once corrections are made.

Addendum to the Agenda Item #1
Discuss Sheriff's Indictment- Recognize Doug Shults

Doug Shults addressed the commission regarding the situation with the Sheriff's indictment. Mr. Shults stated that in the last month the Unicoi County Grand Jury did return an indictment on Sheriff David Kent Harris, charging him with several felonies. The county is required to investigate and look into the situation and the charges. Mr. Shults has met with the District Attorney General, Tony Clark, to get some preliminary background information. Mr. Clark advised Mr. Shults that he had met with representatives of the State Attorney Generals Office concerning the civil aspect of the charges. Mr. Clark believes it is probably premature for his office or the county office to take any action until some decision is reached by the State Attorney Generals Office. Mr. Shults stated that at this time he can not take questions and it is too early to make any contemplated litigation on the county's behalf. If any of the commissioners have any questions pertaining to the law, not pertaining to any factual circumstances, Mr. Shults can quote the law and answer those general questions. Esq. Sue Jean Wilson asked if any of the commissioners had any questions, there were none.

Agenda Item #5
Recognize Visitors and Citizens

None

Agenda Item #6
Quarterly Reports

Motion made by Esq. Doug Bowman, said motion seconded by Esq. Dwight Bennett to approve quarterly reports received. Both the County Mayors Office and the Highway Department are waiting on more information before submitting quarterly reports.

9- Aye

0- No

Motion approved.

Agenda Item # 7
Recognize Ty Petty- UT Extension Service

Mr. Ty Petty addressed the commission regarding the 4H-GPS project that they have been working on for the past nine months. Mr. Petty believes that it is a very worth while resource development project for Unicoi County. Also in attendance are two local high school 4H members, Stephen Moughon and Dara Carney Nedelman, to give the presentation to the commission. A video presentation was given as well as a brochure on the project. The project began in 2009 when Unicoi County was named one of the first Appalachian Trail communities. They put together a 4H GIS (Geographic Information System) after hiking the 53 miles of trail, which is a GPS for mapping of Appalachian Trail. A \$5,000.00 grant was received to do the mapping, which began in January 2011. The commissioners commended the group on their hard work and leadership shown on the project.

Agenda Item #8
Recognize- Lester Orsburn

Mr. Lester Orsburn was unable to attend the meeting due to illness and will be on next months agenda.

Agenda Item # 9
Committee Reports

None

Agenda Item #10
Budget Amendments

Motion made by Esq. Doug Bowman, said motion seconded by Esq. Kenneth Garland to approve Budget Amendments for Register of Deeds (\$6,907.47) and County Clerk (\$6,828.00) with no new monies.

9- Aye

0- No

Motion approved.

Agenda Item # 11
Elect Notaries

None

Agenda Item #12
Motion for adjournment

Motion made by Esq. Dwight Bennett, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to adjourn the meeting of October 24, 2011.

9- Aye

0- No

Motion approved.

GREG LYNCH, COUNTY MAYOR

MITZI BOWEN, COUNTY CLERK

SUE JEAN WILSON, CHAIRMAN