

**THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSION**  
**OF**  
**UNICOI COUNTY, TENNESSEE**  
**April 24, 2017**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Unicoi County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at the Unicoi County Court House on Monday, April 24, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. Present and Presiding, the Honorable Marie Rice, Chairman, the Honorable Greg Lynch, County Mayor, Mitzi Bowen, County Clerk, Doug Shults, County Attorney, and the following Commissioners:

**ROLL CALL:** Esq. Bridget Peters “Present”, Esq. Marie Rice, “Present”, Esq. Kenneth Garland, “Absent”, Esq. Glenn White, “Present”, Esq. John Mosley, “Present”, Esq. Todd Wilcox, “Present”, Esq. Loren Thomas, “Present”, Esq. Gene Wilson, “Present”, Esq. Jason Harris, “Present”.

8- Present  
1- Absent (Kenneth Garland)

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Esq. Gene Wilson opened the meeting with Prayer and the Pledge to the Flag was led by Glenn White.

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**Agenda Item #4**  
**Approve the Minutes of Prior Session**

Motion made by Esq. Jason Harris, said motion seconded by Esq. Todd Wilcox to approve the Minutes from the Unicoi County Commission Meeting, March 27, 2017

Motion unanimously approved  
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**Agenda Item #5**  
**Recognize Visitors and Citizens**

Karen Lance, from Lower Stone Mountain in Unicoi, thanked the commissioners on how much they have done on getting a cell tower in the Limestone Cove area. She also asked that the County Mayor give her a list of all of the commissioner contact information. Esq. Chairman Marie Rice stated that she had spoken to Allen Hill from AT&T and at this point they are not going to extend any more cell towers in Unicoi County. Esq. Gene Wilson stated that in the Limestone Cove area there are approximately 1800 roof tops. Ms. Lance stated she realized it would take time but thanked the commissioners for all they have done at this point. County Mayor Greg Lynch said that Rusty Crowe, U.S. Senator Bob Corker and U.S. Representative Phil Roe have been contacted and agreed to join in the efforts to secure a service provider for the community. Esq. Todd Wilcox state he had spoken to American Towers and they wanted a list of all of the properties in the area. Esq. Todd Wilcox has sent that information to them. Also, I have gotten in touch with TDOT and the last vehicle survey they did in 2015 was 4710 vehicle in a 24hr period.

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**Agenda Item #6**  
**Quarterly Reports**

Motion made by Esq. Jason Harris, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to accept the Quarterly Reports: Unicoi County Mayor, Unicoi County Trustee, County Highway Department, Health Department and Unicoi County Schools.

Motion unanimously approved  
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**Agenda Item #7**  
**Old Business/New Business**

New Business: Esq. Chairman Marie Rice stated that Travis Chandler, Director of 911 wanted to address the commission on the problem on Tilson Mnt. Rd.

Travis Chandler stated the discrepancy they have on Tilson Mnt Rd. We have two options: readdress the whole road starting from the Asheville Hwy or the best thing to do is start at the top of Tilson Mnt. Rd. and call it North Tilson Mn. Rd and the bottom South. This way no numbers would change. Mr. Chandler stated we would send out certified letters to the phone company, Erwin Utilities, Post Office, French Broad and all the land owners, giving those 30 days to dispute the change.

Esq. Bridget Peters asked that the County Mayor to inform all the commissioners on meetings that are about to take place.

Old Business: Esq. Gene Wilson spoke on behalf of the Building and Grounds committee, and asked the County Mayor on the progress of the projects. County Mayor stated that the inmates had landscaped the court yard but the hand rails and visitation at the jail are not complete. The lights will be more of a project that an electrician will need to look at.

Esq. Gene Wilson asked Terry about the situation on Stamper Rd... Terry Haynes stated that he has a letter typed up for the property owner to sign. We did check and it has been maintained by the county in the past. Esq. Marie Rice asked about the property of Mr. Broyles. Esq. Jason Harris stated that he has not spoken to him but the culvert is stopped up. Esq. Chairman Marie Rice stated that a bigger culvert would solve the problem. Terry Haynes stated that he wants the county to furnish all of the materials. Terry stated the cost for materials would be around \$1800. Esq. Gene Wilson stated that Mr. Broyles has not come to any of the meetings.

Esq. Chairman Marie Rice set a budget work session on May 2, at 1:00 to meet with the office holders.

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**Agenda Item #8**

**Recognize Reneau Dubberly regarding Tri Cities Road Club to consider giving permission to limit access on Temple Hill Road**

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Glenn White to approve giving permission to the Tri Cities Club to limit access on Temple Hill Road.

Motion unanimously approved

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**Agenda Item #9**

**Update on Unicoi County Economic Development Update-Tyler Engle**

Tyler Engle addresses five items to the commissioners:

First is the investment for the Demo of the Morgan Installation building which we hope to have clearance to proceed at the end of this month.

Secondly cool and collectively is the downtown project that lasted a couple of days. We had people from private entities, Environmental Projections Agency and Appalachian Regional Commission on how we can better utilize our Erwin Fiber network in this area.

Thirdly our web site redevelopment has come in 66% under budget. The Web site should be online by the end of quarter three.

Forth is the strategic plan that will end by the end of quarter two

Fifth Sales tax was up 4% county wide

Memorandum on file

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**Agenda Item #10**

**Approve 2017-2018 Liter Grant Resolution**

Motion made by Esq. Jason Harris, said motion seconded by Esq. Bridget Peters to approve the 2017-2018 Liter Grant Resolution

Motion unanimously approved

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**Agenda Item #11**

**Work Ready Community Resolution-Lottie Ryans**

Ms. Lottie Ryans gave a power point presentation on the Work force development in this area

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. John Mosley to approve the Work Ready Community Resolution.

Motion unanimously approved

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**Item #12**

**Approve sale of Surplus Equipment-Sheriff Mike Hensley**

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. John Mosley to approve the sale of Surplus Equipment to be sold on GovDeals.com.

Motion unanimously approved  
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**Agenda Item #13**

Motion made by Esq. John Mosley, said motion seconded by Esq. Loren Thomas to waive the agenda to approve the Highway Department sell on GovDeals.com

Motion unanimously approved

Motion made by Esq. Glenn White, said motion seconded by Esq. John Mosley to approve the Highway Department sell the following on GovDeals.com

Motion unanimously approved  
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**Agenda Item #14**

Motion made by Esq. Glenn White, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to waive the agenda to approve the Rabies and Animal Control Budget amendment \$1000.00 from the general fund

Motion unanimously approved

Motion made by Esq. Jason Harris, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to approve the Rabies and Animal Control Budget amendment \$1,000.00. Debit the general fund 39000 and credit 55120-316 contribution \$1,000.00. **Total \$1,000.00**

**ROLL CALL:** Esq. Bridget Peters “Yes”, Esq. Marie Rice, “No”, Esq. Kenneth Garland, “Absent”, Esq. Glenn White, “Yes”, Esq. John Mosley, “Yes”, Esq. Todd Wilcox, “Yes”, Esq. Loren Thomas, “Yes”, Esq. Gene Wilson, “No”, Esq. Jason Harris, “Yes”.

8- Yes  
0-No  
1-Absent (Kenneth Garland)  
Motion Approved (Copy in file)

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**Agenda Item #15**

**Budget Amendments: Assessor of Property \$1,000.00, Trustee \$ 475.00, Chancery Court \$ 1,500.00, Health Department \$700.00 and Sheriff Department \$4,000.00**

Motion made by Esq. John Mosley, said motion seconded by Esq. Loren Thomas to approve the resolution to amend the 2016-2017 fiscal year general fund budget for miscellaneous adjustments:

**Assessor of Property: Debit** 52300-348 Postal Chargers \$ 1, 0000.00 and **Credit** 52300-317 Data Processing Services \$1,000.00, **Total Assessor of Property \$1,000.00**

**Trustee: Debit 52400-168** Temporary Personnel \$ 475.00 and **Credit 52400-355** travel \$475.00. **Total Trustee \$475.00**

**Chancery Court: Debit** 34520 Restricted for Administration of Justice \$ 1,300.00 and **Credit** 53400-169 Part-Time Personnel \$1,200.00, 53400-201 Social Security \$75.00, 53400-210 \$ Unemployment \$5.00, 53400-212 Medicare \$20.00. **Total Chancery Court \$1,300.00**

**Health Department: Debit** 46310 Health Department Program \$700.00 and **Credit 55110-499** Other Supplies and Material \$700.00. **Total Health Department \$700.00**

**Sheriff Department: Debit** 49700 Insurance Recovery \$2,000.00 and **Credit** 54210-335 Maintenance (Building) \$2,000.00 and **Debit** 54110-425 Gasoline \$2,000.00 and **Credit** 54220-335 Maintenance (Building) \$2,000.00. **Total Sheriff Department \$4,000.00**

Motion unanimously approved  
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**Agenda #16**  
**Elect Notaries**

Motion made by Esq. Jason Harris, said motion seconded by Esq. John Mosley to approve the following Notaries: Rene' Bailey and Heather Honeycutt

Motion unanimously approved  
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**Agenda #17**  
**Motion for Adjournment**

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson said motion seconded by Jason Harris to adjourn the April 24, 2017 County Commission Meeting

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**GREG LYNCH, COUNTY MAYOR**

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**MARIE RICE, CHAIRMAN**

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**MITZI BOWEN, COUNTY CLERK**