

THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSION
OF
UNICOI COUNTY, TENNESSEE
August 22, 2016

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Unicoi County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at the Unicoi County Court House on Monday, August 22th, 2016, 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, Attorney, and the following Commissioners:

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

8- Present
1- Absent (Glenn White)

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

Agenda Item #4
Approve the Minutes of Prior Session

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland, said motion seconded by Esq. Jason Harris to approve the Minutes from the Unicoi County Commission Meetings, July 25, 2016 and Special Call Session August 8, 2016.

Motion unanimously approved
(Copy in file)

Agenda Item #5
Recognize Visitors and Citizens

Bob Sahli, who lives in the Town of Unicoi limits, wanted to compliment Road Superintendent Terry Haynes for the bridge work done below their house. The Town of Unicoi reimburses Terry for the work he does, “so where does our tax dollars go besides that”, Mr. Sahli asked.

Esq. Kenneth Garland stated that they get the gasoline tax and we have nothing to do with that. Esq. Gene Wilson stated that the county furnishes Ambulance Service & Sheriff department to the city. “You are blessed”.

County Mayor Greg Lynch stated to Mr. Sahli if he wanted to drop by his office he would supply him with the documents needed to explain the services they get.

Agenda Item #6
Approve Unicoi County Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to approve as is, Unicoi County Operating Budget for fiscal year 2016-2017

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

6- Yes
2-No
1-Absent (Glenn White)
Motion Approved (Copy in File)

Chairman Esq. Marie Rice stated that she would like to thank the office holders that stayed within their budget. They also returned unused funds at the end of the year, and this year, with their help, we were able to balance our budget and build up our fund balance. This was accomplished even with office holders including the sheriff giving most of their employee’s raises. The Sheriff Department also received in the budget funding to purchase one new vehicle, with the Commission previously agreeing that the department could purchase additional vehicles with funds obtained from the sale of surplus equipment. The county also was able to designate 2 cents roughly \$60,000.00 of county property tax rate to the Unicoi County Highway Department. This amount will be matched by the state. Esq. Marie Rice also stated that passing of the budget will allow the Unicoi County School system to receive state BEP on schedule. I would also further commend officeholders, most of whom receive increased budget from the prior year, for using reserve funding to help the county. I do appreciate all the commissioners working together to balance our budget.

Agenda Item #7
Set and approve County Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Motion made by Esq. Jason Harris, said motion seconded by Esq. Kenneth Garland to approve the tax rate at 2.6838 for the fiscal year 2016-2017. Tax Rate 2.6838 Break Down:

General 1.1913
Waste/Sanitation .1194
Highway/Public Works .0736
General Purpose Schools .7827
General Debt Service .5168
Total 2.6838

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

8- Yes
0-No
1-Absent (Glenn White)
Motion Approved (Copy in File)

Agenda Item #8

Vote to Allow County Mayor to take Quotes/or Bids on Replacing Metal Roof on Garage at Union and Tucker with Membrane Roof

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland, said motion seconded by Esq. Jason Harris to allow County Mayor to take quotes/or bids on replacing metal roof on garage at Union and Tucker with membrane roof.

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

8- Yes
0-No
1- Absent (Glenn White)
Motion Approved

Agenda Item #9

Vote to Allow County Mayor to Receive Sealed Bids on Surplus 02/06/16 Metal Studs from Jail/Workhouse Renovations Minimum Bid \$3.00 Per Piece (Approximately 900 Pieces)

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland, said motion seconded by Esq. Todd Wilcox to allow County Mayor the option to accept sealed bids or sale on Govsdeals.com, surplus 02/06/16 metal studs from Jail/Workhouse renovations minimum bid \$3.00 per piece (Approximately 900 Pieces).

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

8- Yes
0-No
1- Absent (Glenn White)
Motion Approved

Agenda Item #10

Present Inter Fund Loan Documents, including Report on Debt Obligation (No Vote Needed)

So Noted

Agenda Item #11

Budget Amendments: County Clerk \$23,536.75, Register of Deeds \$5,000.00 and Circuit Court \$ \$7,000.00

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Jason Harris to approve the following budget amendments: **County Clerk:** \$23,536.75(Debit Reserve Account \$23,536.75 and Credit 52500 line items 106 /\$1560.00, 162/\$1560.00, 189/\$1560.00, 201/\$290.16,

204/398.73, 212/\$67.86, 307/\$8,600.00, 335/\$1,800.00, 399/\$800.00, 435/\$1,200.00, 452/\$1,500.00, 524/\$200.00, 709/\$3,000.00, 719/\$1,000.00 **Total \$23,536.75**

Register of Deeds: Debit 34510 Restricted \$5,000.00 and credit 51600 line items 719/\$4,300.00 and 435/\$700.00. **Total \$5,000.00**

Circuit Court: Debit 43520 Restricted and credit 53100 line item 719/\$7,000.00. **Total \$7,000.00**

Motion unanimously approved
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Agenda Item #12
Accept Financial Report (Vote Needed)

Motion made by Esq. Jason Harris, said motion seconded by Esq. Kenneth Garland to accept the Sheriff Department financial report.

Motion unanimously approved
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Agenda #13
Elect Notaries

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to approve the following Notaries: Timothy Shelton

Motion unanimously approved
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Agenda #14
Motion for Adjournment

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland said motion seconded by Jason Harris to adjourn the August 22, 2016 County Commission Meeting.

MARIE RICE, CHAIRMAN

GREG LYNCH, COUNTY MAYOR

MITZI BOWEN, COUNTY CLERK