

THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSION
OF
UNICOI COUNTY, TENNESSEE
August 28, 2017

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Unicoi County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at the Unicoi County Court House on Monday, August 28, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. Present and Presiding, 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, “Present”, Esq. John Mosley, “Present”, Esq. Todd Wilcox, “Present”, Esq. Loren Thomas, “Present”, Esq. Gene Wilson, “Present”, Esq. Jason Harris, “Present”.

9- Present
0- Absent

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

Agenda Item #4
Approve Minutes of Prior Session

Motion made by Esq. Glenn White, said motion seconded by Esq. Jason Harris to approve the Minutes of Prior Session (July 24th & August 7th, 2017).

Motion unanimously approved
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Agenda Item #5
Recognize Visitors and Citizens

None

Agenda Item #6
Old Business/New Business

Chairman Marie Rice asked Ms. Lance if she had heard anything new on the cell towers in the Limestone Cove area. Ms. Lance stated she has not. Esq. Todd Wilcox stated that TDOT did their traffic count from Harmon Grindstaff Rd. to Scotts Rd. the count was 4096. Esq. Bridget Peters stated she has been checking on the County building a cell tower and then the carriers would use them. “I just don’t know what the cost would be, stated Esq. Bridget Peters”.

Chairman Marie Rice reminded the commissioner that the County Commissioners Association meeting, will be held in Jonesborough on October 10th. If you plan on attending, please let us know.

Esq. Gene Wilson stated that the Hoover site is a mess and we need to do something about the problem. Esq. Jason Harris agreed. Esq. Marie Rice stated that we need to have a committee meeting and have the mayor look into the matter.

Agenda Item #7
Approve and Adopt Unicoi County Purchasing Policy

Motion made by Esq. Jason Harris, said motion seconded by Esq. Todd Wilcox to approve and adopt Unicoi County Purchasing Policy

Motion unanimously approved
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Agenda Item #8
Public Hearing of Unicoi Commission's Intent to Exceed Certified Tax Rate (2.6282)

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to accept Unicoi Commission's Intent to Exceed Certified Tax Rate (2.6282).

Agenda Item #10
Set and Approve County Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Esq. Loren Thomas and Esq. John Mosley both opposed the property tax rate of 2.6838, because it would be an increase in property taxes for our citizens.

Motion made by Esq. Loren Thomas, said motion seconded by Esq. John Mosley to set and approve County Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 as 2.6282.

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

2-Yes (Loren Thomas & John Mosley)
7-No
Motion Fails

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland, said motion seconded by Esq. Jason Harris to set and approve County Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 as 2.6838.

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

7-Yes
2-No (Loren Thomas & John Mosley)
Motion Approved

Agenda Item #09
Approve Unicoi County Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Motion made by Esq. Todd Wilcox, said motion seconded by Esq. Jason Harris to approve Unicoi County Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. With the breakdown of:

General: 1.1963
Waste/Sanitation: .1294
Highway/Public work: .0736
General Purpose School: .7677
General Debt Service: .5168
Total: 2.6838

Chairman Marie Rice stated that the county's budget is \$7.3 million and the schools budget is \$21 million. The county is in pretty sound financial shape. I would like to thank the officeholders for their efforts and for the clean audit that the county received this year. I also would like to thank the mayor's office for all they have done during the budget process. We have gotten the undesignated fund balance up to \$1.1 million. All county employees will receive \$800 bonus and some received pay raises.

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

7- Yes
2-No (Loren Thomas & John Mosley)
Motion Approved
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Agenda Item #11
Proclamation Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

Motion made by Esq. Loren Thomas, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to approve the Proclamation Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

Motion unanimously approved

Agenda #12
Approve Saratoga Lease Agreement-Debbie Tittle

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland said motion seconded by Loren Thomas to approve Saratoga Lease agreement with the Register of Deeds office

Motion unanimously approved
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Agenda #13
Budget Amendments

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson said motion seconded by John Mosley to approve the following budget amendments:

Register of Deeds \$6,600.00: Debit 34510 Restricted for General Government \$6,600.00 and Credit 51600-709 Data Processing Equipment \$5,600.00, 51600-411 Data Processing Supplies \$1,000.00. **Total \$6,600.00**

Sheriff Department \$29,318.00: Debit 3900 General Fund and Credit 54110-718 Vehicles \$29318.00. **Total \$29,318.00**

Health Department \$4,471.00: Debit 46310 Health and Wellness \$1,400.00 and Credit \$55900-499 Other Supplies \$1,400.00. Debit 46310 Health and Wellness \$3,071.00 and Credit 55190-189 Other Salaries and Wages \$2,301.00, 55190-201 Social Security \$300.00, 55190-204 Retirement \$400.00, 55190-212 Medicare \$70.00. **Total \$4,471.00**

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

8- Yes
1-No (Kenneth Garland)
Motion Approved
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Agenda #14
Approve Notaries

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland said motion seconded by Jason Harris to approve the following notary: Nancy Elizabeth Erwin, Tracie C. Metcalf, Sandra Gaye Whitson and Debra Ann Williams

Motion unanimously approved
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Agenda #15
Motion for Adjournment

Motion made by Esq. John Mosley said motion seconded by Todd Wilcox to adjourn the August 28th, 2017 County Commission Meeting.

Motion unanimously approved

MARIE RICE, CHAIRMAN

GREG LYNCH, COUNTY MAYOR

MITZI BOWEN, COUNTY CLERK