

THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSION
OF
UNICOI COUNTY, TENNESSEE
February 27, 2017

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Unicoi County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at the Unicoi County Court House on Monday, February 27, 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. Jesse Hensley opened the meeting with Prayer and the Pledge to the Flag was led by Esq. John Mosley.

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 (January 23th, 2017).

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

9- Yes
0-No
Motion Approved (Copy in file)

Agenda Item #5
Recognize Visitors and Citizens

None

Agenda Item #6
Delinquent Tax List-Chancery Court Clerk, Teresa Simerly

Motion made by Esq. Jason Harris, said motion seconded by Esq. John Mosley to approve the March 22, 2017 delinquent tax sales and to exempt 1st Civil District Map 59, Control 59, Parcel 84.02 (Rice Store) for environmental hazard. When or if bids are taken for any others to authorize Trustee Paul Berry to pay Teresa Simerly within 24hrs.

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

9- Yes

0-No

Motion Approved (Copy in file)

Agenda Item #7

Re-appraisal-Tax Assessor, Teresa Kinsler

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Glenn White to approve resolution authorizing a continuous five year reappraisal plan

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

9- Yes

0-No

Motion Approved (Copy in file)

Agenda Item #8

Retire Sgt. Fiona (K9 Explosion Detective)-Sheriff Mike Hensley

Motion made by Esq. Todd Wilcox, said motion seconded by Esq. Jason Harris to approve the retirement of Sgt. Fiona and to award the dog to Jimmy Erwin.

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

9- Yes

0-No

Motion Approved

Agenda Item #9

Report on Unicoi County Debt Obligation-(No vote needed)

So Noted

Agenda Item #10

Economic Development Board January Report-Tyler Engle

Mr. Engle spoke to the commission and reported the progress on the Joint Economic Board. (Copy of the memorandum on file)

Agenda Item #11

List of Salvage Equipment to be sold-Sheriff Mike Hensley

Motion made by Esq. Jason Harris, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to table agenda item #11.

Motion unanimously approved

Agenda Item #12

List of Surplus to Fire Departments-Sheriff Mike Hensley

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Todd Wilcox to table agenda item #12, until attorney Doug Shults can further look into this.

Motion unanimously approved

Agenda #13

Discuss and Vote on Changing County Commission Meeting Time to 5:00pm

Motion fails for lack of Second.

Agenda #14

Approve Grant Application Process for Rural Access to Health and Healthy Active Built Environments-Cindy Saylor

Ms. Saylor addressed the commissioners on the Grant from Department of Health to partner with the community, to use this money to enhance the physical environment somewhere in the community. I have spoken with Ms. Rice and Mayor Lynch about Flag Pond School and enhancing that area, so people could walk there. So, they would have a walking trail or track. Whatever money is not used would be used for the children's play area. The Rutian has supplied a letter of support. They will be no making funds.

Motion made by Esq. John Mosley said motion seconded by Kenneth Garland to approve the grant application process for Rural Access to Health and Healthy Active Built Environments.

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

9- Yes

0-No

Motion Approved

Agenda #15
New Business/Old Business

Esq. Chairman Marie Rice asked for an update on the garage roof. County Mayor Greg Lynch stated that it is complete but at some point we may need to put in better drainage and a cap system.

Esq. Chairman Marie Rice informed the commission on county Government Day will be March 13, 2017.

Esq. Glenn White addressed the commission on the Ambulance Service, we should buy the land and build a new facility, so the county would own it.

Esq. Jason Harris stated that the building and grounds committee met and they are looking for property.

Esq. Glenn White stated he would also like to see the jail to be move completely out on Jackson Love Hwy.

County Mayor Greg Lynch spoke about the jail study and the cost it would be to complete.

Ed Herndon informed the commissioner that this week is severe weather week.

Agenda #16
Consider Status of MedicOne Ambulance Service Contract-Vote on Recommendation of Ambulance Committee

Motion made by Esq. Jason Harris said motion seconded by John Mosley to Table agenda item #16 until next month meeting. Esq. Jason Harris stated that since they hired Jimmy Erwin as their manager they have pretty much got everything back up to contract. The only reason to re visit this next month is the hiring of more paramedics.

Esq. Jason Harris stated that he feels we do need to be looking at the future for when this contract runs out. If we are staying with them or joining the city or moving forward with our own service.

Motion unanimously approved

Agenda #17
Addendum to the Agenda #1
Approve Unicoi County Water District Commissioner Election.

Motion made by Esq. Glenn White said motion seconded by Gene Wilson to approve Unicoi Water Utility District Commissioner Election.

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

8- Yes

1-No

Motion Approved (Copy in file)

Budget Amendments

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

County Commission: Debit 51100-332 Legal Notice and Recording \$1,500.00 and Credit 51100-599 Other Charges \$1,500.00, **Total \$1,500.00**

County Clerk: Debit 34515 Restricted for Finance \$150.00 and credit 52500-399 Contracted Services \$150.00, **Total \$150.00.**

Sheriff’s Department: Debit 34530 Restricted for Public Health and Welfare \$3,600.00 and Credit 54220-716 Law Enforcement Supplies \$3,600.00
Debit 44530 Sales of Equipment \$3,090.00, Proceeds from Confiscated Property \$4,572.00 and credit 54210-340 Medical and Dental Services \$7,662.00
Total Sheriff Department: \$11,262.00

Circuit Court: Debit 53100-317 Data Processing \$400.00 and credit 53100-355 Travel \$400.00, Debit 53100-411 Data Processing Supplies \$150.00 and Credit 53100-355 Travel \$150.00, Debit 53100-435 Office Supplies \$805.00 and Credit 53100-169 Part-time Personnel \$805.00.**Total \$1,355.00**

Drug Fund 122: Debit **54110-718** Motor Vehicle \$6,000.00 and Credit 54110-319 Confidential Payments \$6,000.00. **Total \$6,000.00**

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

9- Yes
0-No
Motion approved (copy in file)

Agenda #18
Elect Notaries

Motion made by Esq. John Mosley said motion seconded by Glenn White to approve the following notaries: Mitzi Bowen, Katrina Duncan, Shannon J. Higginbotham, Elana Desiree Seward, Tyler Williams and Glenda Ann Yarber

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

9- Yes
0-No
Motion approved (copy in file)

Agenda #19
Motion for Adjournment

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson said motion seconded by John Mosley to adjourn the February 27, 2017 County Commission Meeting.

MARIE RICE, CHAIRMAN

GREG LYNCH, COUNTY MAYOR

MITZI BOWEN, COUNTY CLERK