

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

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Unicoi County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at the Unicoi County Court House on Monday, July 24, 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, “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 (Absent)

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

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**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 (June 26, 2017).

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

Linda Hungate from Upper Higgins Creek, addressed the commission on an issue about the county putting in a new bridge by her house. Ms. Hungate has been advised for the plans to be looked at by someone else before for bridge is built and to get something into writing. Esq. Chairman Marie Rice asked that Road Superintendent Terry Haynes to go up there and talk with her and for him to get with the county attorney.

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**Agenda Item #6**  
**Old Business/New Business**

Esq. Gene Wilson asked that Esq. Kenneth Garland needs to go over to Hoover Convenience Center. Esq. John Mosley stated that it looks good. Esq. Gene Wilson stated that it didn't look good to him, when he was there the other day. The city goes around and picks up everyone's house hold waste and the county people are paying taxes and can't take a piece of carpet over there.

Esq. Gene Wilson thanks we need to revise that and go back and look at it. Esq. Glenn White asked how much of a savings has it been. Esq. Chairman Marie Rice asked the County Mayor what the numbers were. County Mayor stated he didn't remember the exact number but starting in March, April and May Hoover started going back up. Esq. Chairman Marie Rice stated that the savings in last year budget was around \$ 60,000. County Mayor Greg Lynch and Waste Management were looking at the figures and doing a study. We need to hold off on doing anything because if we go back to construction demolition we may need to have a special site only for construction demolition, County Mayor stated.

Esq. Chairman Marie Rice stated it was because how the county permit is.

Esq. Gene Wilson asked what the update is on the cell phone towers, for the Limestone Cove area. County Mayor Greg Lynch stated he has not heard anything new. Esq. Chairman Marie Rice stated that she has spoken to a couple of guys this week in Virginia, they are supposed to be sending me information about a provider and contact information from Verizon. Esq. Todd Wilcox stated he got all of the properties submitted to American Tower Company. I also contacted Rusty Crowe's office he did put in for a request for a traffic count and he does have those totals back from TDOT. Rusty has also sent an update to Allen Hill from AA&T and we are supposed to hear from him this week but unfortunately he is on vacation this week and it would be next week before I hear anything. Chairman Marie Rice stated that we would need to get permission from the Utilities and phone companies throughout the county to use the poles to spread small single cell phone towers out onto the poles. The gentleman I spoke with out of Johnson City with ISIS which is an internet provider wholesaler had a lot of information he shared with me. Esq. Gene Wilson stated to Mrs. Lance that we have not forgotten about this. Mrs. Lance stated that there is a great need for them in the cove area. Chairman Marie Rice thanked Mrs. Lance for coming and that Rusty Crowe said after July 1 there would be some grants out there for this kind of thing.

Esq. John Mosley stated he was asked from several people from the sheriff department that the goods that they sell if it could be put into a line item. This would let them keep a running account where they could buy a vehicle from it. Esq. Chairman Marie Rice stated she did not see a problem with this but it needs to wait until after the budget is passed.

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**Agenda Item #7**  
**Trustee 2015 Property Tax Release-Paul Berry**

Motion made by Esq. Glenn White, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to accept the Unicoi County Trustee 2015 Property Tax Release

Motion unanimously approved  
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**Agenda Item #8**  
**Quarterly Reports**

Motion made by Esq. Todd Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to accept the following Quarterly Reports: Unicoi County Mayor, County Trustee, Health Department, Medic One and Unicoi County Highway Department

Motion unanimously approved  
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**Agenda Item #9**

**Appoint Ginger Ray to Animal Shelter Board to Replace Kenneth Garland**

Motion made by Esq. Bridget Peters, said motion seconded by Esq. Glenn White to accept the appointment of Ginger Ray to the Animal Shelter board and to replace Kenneth Garland

Motion unanimously approved  
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**Agenda Item #10**

**Declare Ricoh FW 780 Plat Copier as Surplus to be donated to Unicoi County School System**

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Loren Thomas to approve the Ricoh FW 780 Plat copier as surplus to be donated to Unicoi County School System.

Motion unanimously approved  
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**Agenda Item #11**

**Accept 2017 Certified Tax Rate**

Motion made by Esq. Todd Wilcox, said motion seconded by Esq. Jason Harris to accept the 2017 certified tax rate of 2.6282

**ROLL CALL:** Esq. Jason Harris “Yes”, Esq. John Mosley, “Yes”, Esq. Kenneth Garland, “Absent”, 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  
0-No  
1- Absent (Kenneth Garland)  
Motion Approved  
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**Agenda Item #12**

**Authorize Publication in Newspaper by County Clerk Intent to Exceed 2017 Certified Tax Rate**

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Jason Harris to approve the publication in Newspaper by County Clerk intent to exceed 2017 certified tax rate

Motion unanimously approved

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**Agenda #13**

**Approve Notaries**

Motion made by Esq. Glenn White said motion seconded by Jason Harris to approve the following notary: Jessica Grindstaff

Motion unanimously approved  
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**Agenda #14**  
**Motion for Adjournment**

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

Motion unanimously approved

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**MARIE RICE, CHAIRMAN**

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**GREG LYNCH, COUNTY MAYOR**

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**MITZI BOWEN, COUNTY CLERK**