

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

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Unicoi County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at the Unicoi County Court House on Monday, March 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. Debbie Tittle opened the meeting with Prayer and the Pledge to the Flag was led by Esq. 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 (February 27th, 2017).

Motion unanimously approved
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Agenda Item #5
Recognize Visitors and Citizens

Karen Lance from Lower Stone Mountain in Unicoi addressed the commissioners of a safety problem with concerns in the cove by not having cell service, once you pass the convenience center in Unicoi. Ms. Lance wanted to know what the commission could do about it or have they done anything all ready.

Esq. Chairman Marie Rice stated she has already spoke to three carriers about this. But they were not interested because of the lack of roof tops in that area.

County Mayor Greg Lynch passed around a paper in the audience for names and contact information from the citizens that attended the meeting. County Mayor Greg Lynch also advised for one of them to be a contact person and for them to contact their Representatives and cell phone providers.

Esq. Gene Wilson stated he would call Rusty Crowe and John Holsclaw about this and for them to do the same.

Esq. Kenneth Garland ask that the ECD get involved with this also. Tyler Engle from the ECD stated that they would.

Esq. Chairman Marie Rice asked that they may want to have a community wide meeting at the fire hall to discuss this further.

Addendum to the Agenda

Agenda Item #1

Update on Joint Economic Development Board Strategic Plan-Tyler Engle and Tamera Parsons

Joint Economic Development Board Director Tyler Engle and consultant Tamera Parsons showed an outline of the process being used to formulate the plan and an aggressive timeline for its completion in June. Speaking to the commission, Ms. Parsons said the plan will be based on a recent survey of the county's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats gathered from both of the governing boards and from other public input. She said the economic development board has had good participation in the survey over the past month and will continue the survey process through April. Going slow now though the input process will allow the plan to progress faster in its next two phases of development, Parsons said. Information gathered so far includes the following community assets as strengths: the community, its governing boards and school system, work ethic, culture and history, natural beauty, broadband access and the interstate.

Weaknesses identified so far include: a lack of branding, declining job numbers, revenues, disconnects between community organizations, lack of a housing component in development efforts, a lack of medical services and an attitude of idleness or staying the same.

Opportunities listed by the survey participants include: tourism, infrastructure and broadband, outdoors and natural beauty, convenient access to the Tri-Cities, Asheville, N.C., and Knoxville, convenient access to medical technology, a new, regional approach to economic development and participation in the state's Retire Tennessee program. The list of threats to the community include: a passive and idle mindset in the county, a growth mentality in neighboring Tennessee and North Carolina communities, an aging workforce and a revenue bleed to neighboring communities. Ms. Parsons said phase two of the plan's development will be completed in May and will involve identifying short- and long-term goals the county hopes to accomplish over the next 1 to 20 years. Phase three will be completed possibly as early as mid-June, and will involve the formation of plans of actions to accomplish the community's short- and long-term goals. Parsons said the end result will be a tangible strategic plan connecting the community and its three local government entities.

Engle called the plan "a first step."

Agenda Item #6

New Business/Old Business

Jimmy Erwin gave the commissioners an update on Medic One progress. We have moved into our new location at Harris Hollow. The calls have been up since last month and we are still short on paramedics. Trying to balance everything out the best we can at this time.

Esq. Chairman Marie Rice gave an update on the Property sale that Teresa Simerly Chancery Court Clerk had, two properties auctioned off at the tax sale.

Esq. Gene Wilson gave an update on the building and grounds meeting that was held on March 9th. We discussed property to buy and they are two or three more that we are going to look at. Esq. Gene Wilson asked the County Mayor if the few thing left on the garage had been taken care of. The Mayor stated no they have not been completed at this time.

Esq. Chairman Marie Rice spoke to the commissioners about her trip to County Government Day.

New Business

County Mayor Greg Lynch asked the commission to waive the agenda to approve the Unicoi County School Board Blanket Bond.

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. John Mosley to waive the agenda.

Motion unanimously approved

Motion made by Esq. Loren Thomas, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to approve the Unicoi County Schools Blanket Bond.

Motion unanimously approved
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Agenda Item #7
Audit Committee Report FY 2015-2016 via Minutes of Committee Meeting

Motion made by Esq. Loren Thomas, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to approve the Audit Committee Report FY 2015-2016 via Minutes March 8, 2017.

Motion unanimously approved
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Agenda Item #8
Discuss Sponsorship for Animal Shelter Charitable Golf Tournament

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Glenn White to support and help the Animal Shelter and to give them \$1,000.00 from the General Fund that will go straight to the Animal Shelter for the animals.

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
Discuss Canah Hollow Flooding Issues and end of Stamper Road Ditch-Terry Haynes

Both issues were referred to the road committee and to report back to the commission once they have met.

Agenda Item #10
State of Approval Letter of Capital Outlay Note (No Vote Needed)

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Agenda Item #11
Budget Amendments

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

Highway Department: Debit 62000-444 Salt \$37,743.56, 49100 Bonds Issued \$83,853.99, 46420 State Air Revenue \$688,042.84 and **Credit** 61000-435 Office Sup \$130.00, 435- Other Chgs \$1,300.00, 62000-187-Overtime \$13,460.27, 402-Asphalt \$15,339.20, 63100-424-Garage Sup \$217.80, 442-Propane gas \$1,525.93, 450-Tires & Tubes \$3,026.36, 65000-511- Vehicle & Eqpt Ins \$144.00, 66000-451-Uniform \$2,600.00, 68000-714-Hwy Eqpt \$83,853.99 and 68000-726 State Aid Projects \$688,042.84, **Total Highway Department \$809,640.39**

Register of Deeds: Debit 51600-508 Premiums of Surety bonds \$100.00, 524-Staff Development \$225.00, 719-Office Equipment \$80.00, 355-Travel \$400.00 and **Credit** 51600-435 Office Supplies \$805.00, **Total Register of Deeds \$805.00.**

Sheriff's Department: Debit 44170 Miscellaneous Refund \$2,500.00 and **Credit** 54110-108 Investigator \$2,500.00
Debit 49700 Insurance Recovery \$5,000.00 and **Credit** 54210-335 Maintenance and Repair (building) \$5,000.00
Debit 54220-509 Refunds \$1,000.00, 54220-716 Equipment \$500.00 and **Credit** 54220-335 Maintenance and Repair (Building) \$1,500.00, **Debit** 54220-340 Inmate Medical \$2,000.00 and **Credit** 54220-413 Drugs and Medical Supplies \$2,000.00
Total Sheriff Department: \$11,000.00

Health Department: Debit 48130 Contributions \$1,500.00 and Credit 55110-599 Other Chargers \$1,500.00, **Debit** 46310 Health Department Programs \$600.00 and **Credit** 55110-499 Other Supplies and Materials \$600.00, **Debit** 55900-599 Other Chargers \$960.00 and **Credit** 55900-499 Other Supplies and Material \$960.00, **Debit** 46310-Health Department Programs \$10,000.00 and **Credit** 55900-599 Other Charges \$10,000.00. **Total Health Department \$13,060.00**

School Board: Debit 46511 Additional BEP allocation-Insurance Adjustment \$38,000.00, 47143-Sped High Cost Student Reimbursement \$4,875.00, 71200-429 Sped- Instructional Supplies \$3,000.00, 72510-701 Fiscal Equipment \$2,000.00, 72610-502 Operation of Plant-Building Insurance \$4,305.00, 72710-511 Transportation-Vehicle Insurance \$1,133.00, 72710-729 Transportations-Vehicle \$9,019.00, 72810-399 Technology-Contracted Services (internet) \$40,000.00, 76100-707 Capital Outlay-building Improvements \$4,975.00 and **Credit 71100-722** Regular Instruction-Equipment (iPad) \$51.00, 71200-399 SPED-Contracted Services \$2,000.00, 71200-499 SPED-Other Supplies and Materials \$2,800.00, 72210-355 Regular Instruction Support-Travel \$15,000.00, 72250-350 Technology-Internet Connectivity \$40,000.00, 72220-355 SPED-Support Staff-Travel \$2,500.00, 72230-208 Vocational Support Services-Dental \$240.00, 72310-207 Board of Education-Medical Insurance \$4,460.00, 72310-513 Board of Education-Worker's compensation \$4,305.00, 72510-355 Fisa1-Travel \$2,000.00, 72610-415 Operation of Plant-Electricity \$5,366.00, 72610-599 Operation of Plant-Other Charger \$610.00, 72620-717 Maintenance of Plant-Maintenance Equipment \$4,975.00, 72710-399 Transportation-Contracted Services \$3,000.00 and 72710-453 Transportation-Vehicle Parts \$20,000.00. **Total Health Department \$107,307.00**

Motion unanimously approved
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Agenda Item #12
Elect Notaries

Motion made by Esq. Glenn White said motion seconded by Jason Harris to approve the following notaries: Regina Phillips

Motion unanimously approved
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Agenda #13
Motion for Adjournment

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland said motion seconded by John Mosley to adjourn the March 27, 2017 County Commission Meeting

MARIE RICE, CHAIRMAN

GREG LYNCH, COUNTY MAYOR

MITZI BOWEN, COUNTY CLERK