

**THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSION**  
**OF**  
**UNICOI COUNTY, TENNESSEE**  
**November 28, 2016**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Unicoi County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at the Unicoi County Court House on Monday, November 28th, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. Present and Presiding, the Honorable Greg Lynch, County Mayor, Mitzi Bowen, County Clerk, Doug Shults, Attorney, and the following Commissioners:

**ROLL CALL:** Esq. Bridget Peters “Absent”, 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”.

8- Present  
1- Absent (Bridget Peters)

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

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**Agenda Item #4**  
**Recognize Visitors and Citizens**

None

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**Agenda Item #5**  
**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 (October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016).

Motion unanimously approved  
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**Agenda Item #6**  
**Recognize Tish Oldham ETSU Community Outreach**

Ms. Oldham spoke on the 411 jobs that have been lost in the county, on grant details which is with partnership, commitments and stainability. She also spoke on Unicoi County being a tier 4 community. Stating that TVA is your finest partner. Ms. Oldham thanked the commissioners and stated she would still be around, just not with the Economic Board.

Chairman Marie Rice thanked Tish for the job and leadership she has done for our community.

Ms. Oldham also stressed to support your small business.

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**Agenda Item #7**  
**Recognize Joseph Green Joseph's Helping Hands**

Joseph stated that Joseph's Helping Hand is helping children in need (like food, clothing, etc.) and to spread the word of God. It will be located 111 Union Street, open Monday-Friday 3pm-7pm. With Saturdays being food day. Joseph stating it will also be a thrift store.

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**Agenda Item #8**  
**Recognize Ed Herndon**

Chairman Marie Rice recognized Ed Herndon as longest serving emergency management director in the state with 36 years of service. Mr. Herndon was recognized at the Emergency Management Association of Tennessee Banquet, held in Chattanooga on November 9<sup>th</sup> 2016. Chairman Marie Rice stated "We appreciate your years of service in every capacity but, especially, in the role and all that you do for our county.

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**Agenda Item #9**  
**Old Business**

None

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**Agenda Item #10**  
**New Business**

Chairman Marie Rice stated she was amazed on the Audit Report showing, no findings for Unicoi County. She also commended the office holders and the job they have done.

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**Agenda Item #11**  
**Approve Resolution to Borrow Money for Highway Department Equipment**

Motion made by Esq. John Mosley, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to approve the Resolution to Borrow Money for Highway Department Equipment

Terry Haynes, Road Superintendent stated that the highway department was looking to acquire two single axle dump trucks at a total amount of \$164,637 and two backhoes in the amount of \$168,200. The highway has around \$99,700 available for equipment. In addition to this , around \$63,000.00 from sold equipment and insurance proceeds will be used to put a down payment on the equipment the department is looking to acquire.

County Mayor Greg Lynch stated we will do bids with our local banks. Mr. Stephens will be working on this 8 year plan. We will also do an Inter-local agreement with the highway department stating the funds will be repaid.

**ROLL CALL:** Esq. Bridget Peters “Absent”, 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”.

8- Yes  
0-No  
1- Absent (Absent)  
Motion approved

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**Agenda Item #12**  
**Discuss and Approve Purchase on Sheriff’s Dept. Vehicle as per bid**

Motion made by Esq. Glenn White, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to approve the purchase on Sheriff’s Department vehicle.

County Mayor Greg Lynch stated the bids were opened on November 15<sup>th</sup>, with only one bid from Erwin Motors at \$35,842.92, a Police Equipped Ford Explorer, excluding the striping.

Motion unanimously approved  
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**Agenda #13**  
**Approve John Cooper to Replace Jack Denney at Limestone Cove Convenience Site as of September 1, 2016**

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. John Mosley to John Cooper to replace Jack Denney at Limestone Cove Convenience Site as of September 1, 2016.

Motion unanimously approved  
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**Agenda #14**  
**Discuss Bonuses for Convenience Site Operators**

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland said motion seconded by Loren Thomas to table Agenda #14.

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

4- Yes  
4-No  
1- Absent (Absent)

Esq. John Mosley changed his vote to yes.

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

5- Yes  
3-No  
1- Absent (Absent)  
Motion Approved

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**Agenda #15**  
**Discuss Healthcare Providers for Unicoi County Jail and Approve Contract of Selected Bidder**

Motion made by Esq. Glenn White said motion seconded by Jason Harris to table Agenda #15.

Motion unanimously approved

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**Agenda #16**  
**Approve Teresa Simerly’s Bond**

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland said motion seconded by Jason Harris to approve two \$100,000.00 bonds for Teresa Simerly, Clerk and Master.

Motion unanimously approved

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**Agenda #17**  
**Discuss December 26<sup>th</sup> Regular Commission Meeting**

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland said motion seconded by Gene Wilson to approve the cancellation of the December 26<sup>th</sup> Regular Commission Meeting.

Motion approved  
Opposed: (Loren Thomas, Glenn White and John Mosley)

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**Agenda #18**  
**Discuss Jail Repair Cost**

Mayor Greg Lynch addressed the commission on the jail repair cost stating \$51,044.80, with more insurance claims coming in. The county cost at this point is \$27,644.00 which is a rough estimate.

Mayor Greg Lynch stated that thanks to Mike’s Relationship with Carter County Sheriff and Carter County Mayor, Carter County charged Unicoi County the same rate it costs Carter County to house its own inmates. Because, of this Carter County’s bill came out to \$3,592.00, thousands of dollars less than the amount initially anticipated. Mayor Lynch does go on to say we do owe Carter County Sheriff’s Department and the Carter County Mayor a debt of gratitude because they saved us \$20,000.00 or less. I was thinking they would have charged us the state rate.

Chairman Marie Rice asked that County Mayor send Carter County a letter for their gratitude in helping us with this matter.

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**Agenda #19**  
**Budget Amendments**

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

**County Commission:** Debit 39900 Fund Balance \$2,835.01 and Credit 51100-599 Other Charges (Land Purchase-Tax Sale) \$2,835.01, **Total \$2,835.01**

**County Clerk:** Debit 34515 Restricted for Finance \$1,000.00 and credit 52500-335 Maintenance (Building) \$1,000.00, **Total \$1,000.00.**

**Sheriff's Department:** Debit 48130 Contributions (Walmart-shop with cops) \$1,000.00 and Credit 54110-599 Other Charges \$1,000.00, Debit 49700 Insurance Recovery (Jail) \$23,400.49 and credit 54210-355 Building Maintenance (Jail) \$23,400.49, **Total \$24,400.49**

**Employee Benefits:** Debit 44170 Miscellaneous Refund (WC Audit) \$4,708.00 and credit 58600-513 Workers Comp. (Refund to Highway) \$4,708.00, **Total \$4,708.00**

**Chancery Court:** Debit 39000 Fund Balance \$3,835.00 and credit 53400-508 Premiums on Bonds \$3,835.00. **Total \$ 3,835.00**

**Sheriff's Department:** Debit 39000 Fund Balance \$20,000.00 and credit 54210-335 Maintenance-Building \$20,000.00, **Total: \$20,000.00**

Motion unanimously approved  
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**Agenda #22**  
**Elect Notaries**

Motion made by Esq. Jason Harris said motion seconded by Kenneth Garland to approve the following notaries: William B Lawson, JoAnne Ruffolo and Yesenia Viramontes

Motion unanimously approved  
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**Agenda #23**  
**Motion for Adjournment**

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland said motion seconded by Jason Harris to adjourn the November 28th, 2016 County Commission Meeting.

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**MARIE RICE, CHAIRMAN**

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**GREG LYNCH, COUNTY MAYOR**

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**MITZI BOWEN, COUNTY CLERK**