

THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSION
OF
UNICOI COUNTY, TENNESSEE
JANUARY 27, 2014

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Unicoi County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at the Unicoi County Court House on Monday, January 27, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. Present and Presiding, the Honorable Greg Lynch, County Mayor, the Honorable Mitzi Bowen, County Clerk, Doug Shults, County Attorney, and the following Commissioners:

ROLL CALL: Esq. Dwight Bennett "Yes", Esq. Marie Rice, "Yes", Esq. Kenneth Garland, "Yes", Esq. Mickey Hatcher, absent, Esq. Bill Hensley, "Yes", Esq. James Howell, "Yes", Esq. Loren Thomas, "Yes", Esq. Gene Wilson, "Yes", Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, absent.

7- Present

2- Absent

Esq. Loren Thomas opened the meeting with Prayer and the Pledge to the Flag was led by Esq. Bill Hensley.

Agenda Item #4
Approve Minutes

Motion made by Esq. Dwight Bennett, said motion seconded by Esq. Bill Hensley to approve the minutes of November 25, 2013 (Regular Session).

7-Aye

0-No

2-Absent

Motion approved. (Copy in file)

Esq. Sue Jean Wilson enters.

Agenda Item #5
Recognize Visitors and Citizens

Mr. Tipton with Medic One addressed the commission briefly with an update and figures for Medic One.

Sheriff Mike Hensley addresses the commission stating he had promised and transparent department and tries to save the county money. Sheriff Hensley stated that right now my guys are mechanics, trying to save the county money by doing our own work on our own cars. Unicoi County Schools and Road Superintendent both have a garage, but our guys don't even have running water. Sheriff Hensley continued saying he is in desperate need of a building. This was an issue you put a cap at \$60,000.00. Our lowest estimate was for \$73,000.00. Sheriff Hensley asked the commission to take serious consideration because mowing season is coming. Sheriff Hensley stated he would be glad to sit down with each of the commissioners.

Esq. Kenneth Garland addressed Sheriff Hensley stating we have give about everything you have asked for this year. We borrowed \$715,000.00 to build a building out there; gave more than \$400,000.00 more this year than last year; how do you feel the taxpayer is going to foot all of this? Sheriff Hensley responded by saying look at my budget and look at what I have encountered, put officers in our schools. Esq. Kenneth Garland asked how many officers did we give you this year. Sheriff Hensley responded you gave me

six. Esq. Kenneth Garland asked how many guards. Sheriff Hensley stated six. Esq. Kenneth Garland stated you have more officers than you did last year. Esq. Gene Wilson asked about the guards at the courthouse when there is no court. Sheriff Hensley responded he has to have courthouse security.

Esq. Bill Hensley asked the Sheriff what are you asking for on this building where you are presently doing some work. Sheriff Hensley stated the first thing it needs is a roof on it, there is no water or heat out there. Esq. Bill Hensley stated you need a place to work on lawn mowers and to store them; can you suffice with a smaller building and eliminate those ambulance bays. Sheriff Hensley responded absolutely.

Esq. Gene Wilson asked the Sheriff if he trust the inmates to work on the cars. Sheriff Hensley said I sure do. Esq. Gene Wilson states I think we should call a work session on this. Sheriff Hensley also addressed the commission stating there was an auction Saturday that brought \$18,925.50. County Mayor Greg Lynch asked that this (building/garage) be put on the agenda for the next months work session.

Agenda Item #6
Quarterly Reports

Motion made by Esq. Dwight Bennett, said motion seconded by Esq. James Howell to approve Quarterly Reports (Unicoi County Highway Dept., Health Department, Unicoi County Schools, Unicoi County Trustee, Unicoi County Mayor).

8-Yes
0-No
1-Absent
Motion approved.

Agenda Item # 7
Consider Appointment of Audit Committee

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland, said motion seconded by Esq. Dwight Bennett to vote on each name individually. County Mayor Greg Lynch stated the audit committee will meet and look at the audit, findings, and recommendations; note them as such, then come back in six months and make sure we are doing things correctly. If we can come up with three tonight we can go ahead and send this in to Three Star and add two at a later time.

8-Yes
0-No
1-Absent
Motion approved.

ROLL CALL: Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, "John Harris, Ken Kissel, Andy Landers", Esq. Marie Rice, "John Harris, Ken Kissel, Mickey Hatcher", Esq. Kenneth Garland, "John Harris, Andy Landers, Mickey Hatcher", Esq. Bill Hensley, "John Harris, Ken Kissel, Mickey Hatcher", Esq. Dwight Bennett, "John Harris, Ken Kissel, Mickey Hatcher", Esq. James Howell, "John Harris, Ken Kissel, Mickey Hatcher", Esq. Loren Thomas, "John Harris, Ken Kissel, Mickey Hatcher", Esq. Gene Wilson, "John Harris, Ken Kissel, Mickey Hatcher", Esq. Mickey Hatcher, absent.

Mr. John Harris, Mr. Ken Kissel, and Dr. Mickey Hatcher are appointed to the Audit Committee.

Agenda Item #8
Recognize Rossanna Aldrich with Recover Appalachia

Ms. Rossanna Aldrich with Recover Appalachia addressed the commission with an update. Ms. Aldrich stated that the first participant is getting ready to graduate. Ms. Aldrich continued stating they are working with the court system to do supervised visitation for parents who have lost their children. Ms. Aldrich stated the Sheriff's Department gave them a donation of \$1,000.00 from their Drug Fund and the Police Department did the same thing. We won't turn anyone away regardless of their ability to pay. Ms. Aldrich stated they had an event that went very well. We need funding that will sustain us until we're able to get that grant money coming in. Ms. Aldrich continued by asking the commission for \$50,000.00 until we are able to file for our grants. Esq. Dwight Bennett asked what age group is covered. Ms. Aldrich responded 13-20 years old. Esq. Gene Wilson asked if the court system reimbursed you. Ms. Aldrich stated they do not. County Mayor Greg Lynch stated that this needs to go into the non-profits during budget year.

Agenda Item #9
Resolution to Request Increase for State Inmate Fees

Motion made by Esq. James Howell, said motion seconded by Esq. Loren Thomas to approve Resolution to request increase for State Inmate Fees.
8-Yes
0-No
1-Absent
Motion approved. (Copy in file)

Agenda Item #10
Adopt Resolution Establishing County Commission Meetings and Work Sessions

Motion made by Esq. Bill Hensley, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to adopt Resolution Establishing County Commission Meetings and Work Sessions. County Attorney Doug Shults addressed the commission concerning the Work Sessions. Mr. Shults stated a work session is defined as a meeting and no deliberations take place.
5-Yes
3-No (Esq. Kenneth Garland, Esq. Loren Thomas, and Esq. Marie Rice)
1-Absent
Motion approved. (Copy in file)

Agenda Item #11
Accept Donation of Pick-up Truck from the Town of Erwin to Unicoi County to be used for animal Control Officers

Motion made by Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. James Howell to accept donation of pick-up truck from the Town of Erwin to Unicoi County to be used for animal Control Officers.
8-Yes
0-No
1-Absent
Motion approved. (Copy in file)

Agenda Item #12
Appointment of Adult Oriented Board

County Attorney Doug Shults stated he thinks the item should be tabled until the February meeting.

Agenda Item #13
Adopt a Resolution to show support of expanding the TennCare program under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) provisions

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Kenneth Garland to adopt a Resolution to show support of expanding the TennCare Program under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Provisions.

8-Yes
0-No
1-Absent
Motion approved.

Agenda Item #14
Recognize Mayor Lynch: Appointment of Scott Bradford Commissioner of Unicoi County Gas Utilities District (no vote needed)

County Mayor Greg Lynch addressed the commission concerning the appointment of Scott Bradford as Commissioner of Unicoi County Gas Utilities District. (Copy in file)

Agenda Item #15
Budget Amendments

Motion made by Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. James Howell to approve Budget Amendments: Election Commission (\$30,242.00), Sheriff's Department (\$21,465.80), Civil Defense (\$2,000.00), Health Department (\$1,500.00), Rabies and Animal Control (\$11,050.00), Election Commission (\$1,539.61), Health Department (\$6,300.00).

8-Yes
0-No
1-Absent
Motion approved. (Copies in file)

Agenda Item #16
Elect Notaries

Motion mad by Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Kenneth Garland to approve Robert A. Martin (McInturff Four Seasons Realty), J. Alan McInturff (McInturff Four Seasons Realty), Dorothy J. Wiggand (Retired), and Garland Monroe Evely Jr. (Bank of Tennessee) as Notary Publics.

8-Yes
0-No
1-Absent
Motion approved.

Agenda Item #17
Motion for adjournment

Motion made by Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to adjourn the meeting of January 27, 2014.

GREG LYNCH, COUNTY MAYOR

MITZI BOWEN, COUNTY CLERK

MARIE RICE, CHAIRMAN