

THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSION
OF
UNICOI COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FEBRUARY 24, 2014

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Unicoi County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at the Unicoi County Court House on Monday, February 24, 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, "Yes", Esq. Bill Hensley, "Yes", Esq. James Howell, "Yes", Esq. Loren Thomas, "Yes", Esq. Gene Wilson, "Yes", Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, "Yes".

9- Present

0- Absent

Esq. Gene Wilson opened the meeting with Prayer and the Pledge to the Flag was led by Esq. Dwight Bennett.

Agenda Item #4
Approve Minutes

Motion made by Esq. Dwight Bennett, said motion seconded by Esq. Sue Jean Wilson to approve the minutes of January 27, 2014 (Regular Session).

9-Aye

0-No

Motion approved. (Copy in file)

Agenda Item #5
Recognize Visitors and Citizens

Mr. Gary Amos addressed the commission regarding the Unicoi County Bluegrass Band with the High School. Mr. Amos stated they have been invited to play at the State School Board in Nashville and while there they were invited to play the National School Board meeting in New Orleans. Mr. Amos continues asking the county to support the Bluegrass Band in some financial way. Esq. Gene Wilson stated he thinks the commission should donate \$1,000.00. County Mayor Greg Lynch stated he has already given them \$200.00. Esq. Kenneth Garland stated he would be glad to give \$100.00 of his own money instead of giving taxpayer dollars. Dwight Bennett called for question.

Motion made by Esq. Dwight Bennett, said motion seconded by Esq. James Howell to waive the agenda.

9-Yes

0-No

Motion approved.

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Bill Hensley to donate \$1,000.00 to Unicoi County Bluegrass Band out of line item 599.

3-Yes

5-No (Esq. Dwight Bennett, Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, Esq. Loren Thomas, Esq. Mickey Hatcher, Esq. James Howell)

1-Abstain (Esq. Kenneth Garland)

Motion fails.

Agenda Item #6

Resolution to Request Unclaimed Balance of Accounts Remitted to State Treasurer under Unclaimed Property Acts

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Mickey Hatcher to approve the Resolution to request Unclaimed Balance of Accounts Remitted to State Treasurer under Unclaimed Property Acts.

9-Yes

0-No

Motion approved. (Copy in file)

Agenda Item # 7

Resolution to Establish an Audit Committee

Motion made by Esq. Dwight Bennett, said motion seconded by Esq. James Howell to approve Resolution to establish an Audit Committee. Esq. Loren Thomas asked County Attorney Doug Shults if T.C.A. 9-3-405; Section 3; item #3 has to be in the resolution even though it is a state law or can it be taken out. Mr. Shults stated you don't have to take that; you can make the meetings open to the public. Esq. Loren Thomas asked that this item be removed from the resolution.

Motion amended by Esq. Dwight Bennett, said motion seconded by Esq. James Howell to approve Resolution to establish an Audit Committee with item #3 in Section 3 be removed. Esq. Sue Jean Wilson stated last month we elected people to serve on a committee that we are just now passing the resolution to establish. Esq. Marie Rice stated we tabled it last month; it hadn't been approved by Comptroller Office. County Mayor Greg Lynch stated the Comptroller's Office has accepted it and the fact that you're changing it, we will have to take it back before the Comptroller's Office and maybe they will accept it.

9-Yes

0-No

Motion approved.

Agenda Item #8

Re-appoint Industrial Development Board (Bond Board)

Motion made by Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Dwight Bennett to Re-appoint Industrial Development Board (Bond Board). Esq. Loren Thomas asked why the same people are being reappointed, we need some new people. County Mayor Greg Lynch stated he agrees with Esq. Loren Thomas. Mayor Lynch stated that Jerry Ramsey and Pascal Bailey are both new to the board. Mayor Lynch continued stating he would like to add two members and find some younger people. Esq. Marie Rice asked if this could be added to the agenda for next month. Esq. Loren Thomas asked how often they meet. Mayor Lynch stated most of the time the bond board meets once a year unless something comes up that needs their attention.

8-Yes

1-No (Esq. Loren Thomas)

Motion approved.

Agenda Item #9

Consider Abandonment of 30 Foot Platted Unopened Roadway in Hugh Bowman Subdivision, Running Through Property of Chris Hatcher, Timothy Bowman, and J.R. Bowman

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Bill Hensley to approve abandonment of 30 Foot Platted unopened Roadway in Hugh Bowman Subdivision, running through the property of Chris Hatcher, Timothy Bowman and J.R. Bowman. Esq. Sue Jean Wilson asked how it would be divided, if it would be by the property lines. County Attorney Doug Shults stated when an alley way or road way has never been opened it always goes in front of the planning commission and all adjacent property owners agree to abandon it. Mr. Shults believes this one runs through properties, so the ones on each side are the owners. Esq. Sue Jean Wilson stated the reason she asked is there is an abandoned alley way behind her home on Unaka Way, and she was told if she wanted a section of that alley way she would have to pay the Town of Erwin x number of dollars and the other half would belong to the school system since they've got the back half. But these people according to the county just get the property. Mr. Shults stated we've never charged people when we've abandoned right of ways. This particular property is a map that was filed on record thirty or forty years ago, there was never a roadway there just a map. It creates a cloud on the title for these people, this is the main reason it is coming through here. Esq. Sue Jean Wilson asked if they would be paying taxes on it. Mr. Shults stated they probably already are.

8-Yes

0-No

1-Abstain (Esq. Mickey Hatcher)

Motion approved.

Agenda Item #10

Budget Amendments

Motion made by Esq. Bill Hensley, said motion seconded by Esq. Dwight Bennett to approve Budget Amendments: School Board (\$43,107.00), Chancery Court (\$8,834.98), Health Department (\$1,250.00), Sheriff's Department (\$2,800.00), and Rabies and Animal Control (\$186.00). Esq. Dwight Bennett asked Ms. Cousins if the Tennessee Arts grant if that is a matching grant or is it 100%. Ms. Cousins replied it is a 100%.

9-Yes

0-No

Motion approved. (Copies in file)

Agenda Item #11

Elect Notaries

Motion made by Esq. James Howell, said motion seconded by Esq. Bill Hensley to approve Benita C. Sparks (First Tennessee Bank) and Anita Worley (Circuit Court) as Notary Publics.

9-Yes

0-No

Motion approved.

Esq. Marie Rice stated we didn't finish recognizing visitors if anyone else wanted to speak. Mr. James Lengel addressed the commission stating that he is a candidate running for Sheriff. Esq. Dwight Bennett introduced Mr. Richard A. Stallin. Mr. Stahl stated if anyone has any questions about the animal shelter they can call him. Esq. Dwight Bennett stated there is a cell phone number so someone will answer if no one is at the Shelter. Esq. Bill Hensley asked if they ever got the radios. Mr. Stahl stated no we have not. Mr. Ed Herndon stated the radios are tied up at the moment, the computer is down. Mr. Erwin

is in charge of that and he had surgery. Mr. Hendon continued we have the radios they just have to be reprogrammed and we have a problem getting them reprogrammed. Esq. Dwight Bennett stated we also have another gentleman Mr. Eric Rogers, so we have service 24/7.

Agenda Item #12
Motion for adjournment

Motion made by Esq. Dwight Bennett, said motion seconded by Esq. Sue Jean Wilson to adjourn the meeting of February 24, 2014.

GREG LYNCH, COUNTY MAYOR

MITZI BOWEN, COUNTY CLERK

MARIE RICE, CHAIRMAN