

**THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSION**  
**OF**  
**UNICOI COUNTY, TENNESSEE**  
**June 22, 2015**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Unicoi County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at the Unicoi County Court House on Monday, June 22, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. Present and Presiding, the Honorable Mitzi Bowen, County Clerk, Doug Shults, County Attorney, and the following Commissioners:

**ROLL CALL:** Esq. John Mosley “Yes”, Esq. Marie Rice, “Yes”, Esq. Kenneth Garland, “Yes”, Esq. Walter Garland, “Yes”, Esq. Jason Harris, “Yes”, Esq. Bridget Peters, “Yes”, Esq. Loren Thomas, “Yes”, Esq. Gene Wilson, “Yes”, Esq. Glen White, “Yes”.

9- Present

0-Absent

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Esq. Glen White opened the meeting with Prayer and the Pledge to the Flag was led by Esq. Jimmy Erwin.

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**Agenda Item #4**  
**Approve Minutes**

Motion made by Esq. Jason Harris, said motion seconded by Esq. Glen White to approve the minutes of May 18, 2015, County Commission Meeting.

**ROLL CALL:** Esq. John Mosley “Yes”, Esq. Marie Rice, “Yes”, Esq. Kenneth Garland, “Yes”, Esq. Walter Garland, “Yes”, Esq. Jason Harris, “Yes”, Esq. Bridget Peters, “Yes”, Esq. Loren Thomas, “Yes”, Esq. Gene Wilson, “Yes”, Esq. Glen White, “Yes”.

9- Yes

0- No

Motion approved. (Copy in file)

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**Agenda Item #5**  
**Recognize Visitors and Citizens**

Mr. Baublitz addressed the commission with concerns about his property on Higgins Creek. With the rain I have a mud hole out my front door and I would like to keep my garden. Terry Haynes (Road Superintendent) stated that they would put gravel on the mud hole. Chairman Marie Rice stated that Mr. Baublitz needed to address his concerns on the garden with Attorney Jim Pate.

JM Harris stated he has sat in the same seats that you are sitting in and to please try and keep the taxes down.

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**Agenda Item #6**

**Approve Resolution Honoring of Ulis Miller for his service to Unicoi County**

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Kenneth Garland to approve the resolution honoring of Ulis Miller for his service to Unicoi County.

**ROLL CALL:** Esq. John Mosley “Yes”, Esq. Marie Rice, “Yes”, Esq. Kenneth Garland, “Yes”, Esq. Walter Garland, “Yes”, Esq. Jason Harris, “Yes”, Esq. Bridget Peters, “Yes”, Esq. Loren Thomas, “Yes”, Esq. Gene Wilson, “Yes”, Esq. Glen White, “Yes”.

9- Yes

0- No

Motion approved. (Copy in file)

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**Agenda Item # 7**

**Approve Resolution in Honor of Kortney Shyan Bailey Girl Scout Gold Award**

Motion made by Esq. Walter Garland, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to table the resolution in honor of Kortney Shyan Bailey Girl Scout gold Award.

(Motion unanimously approved)

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**Agenda Item #8**

**Recognize Mitch Manuel or Teresa Simerly Delinquent Tax Sales**

Mitch Manuel spoke on behalf of the tax sales and the process that takes place. We have 22 parcels open to bid. Mitch Manuel, Mr. Paul Berry and Teresa Simerly ride and look at each of them, Mitch stated. The fees will be returned to the County.

Motion made by Esq. Glen White, said motion seconded by Esq. John Mosley to waive the agenda.

(Motion unanimously approved)

Motion made by Esq. Jason Harris, said motion seconded by Esq. John Mosley to approve the tax sale properties that Teresa Simerly is not to bid on the parcel assessed to Lucky Star Mining, due to possible environmental hazard, and that in the event she should be required, pursuant to statute, to bid on any other parcel and authorize either Mayor Lynch or Paul Berry, Trustee, to issue a check to Teresa Simerly on July 29, to cover any such bid.

**ROLL CALL:** Esq. John Mosley “Yes”, Esq. Marie Rice, “Yes”, Esq. Kenneth Garland, “Yes”, Esq. Walter Garland, “Yes”, Esq. Jason Harris, “Yes”, Esq. Bridget Peters, “Yes”, Esq. Loren Thomas, “Yes”, Esq. Gene Wilson, “Yes”, Esq. Glen White, “Yes”.

9- Yes

0- No

Motion approved. (Copy in file)

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**Agenda Item #9**

**Approve Inter-Local Agreement with Town of Erwin Concerning Ambulance Service**

Motion made by Esq. Walter Garland, said motion seconded by Esq. Kenneth Garland to approve the Inter-Local agreement with the Town of Erwin concerning Ambulance service

**ROLL CALL:** Esq. John Mosley “Yes”, Esq. Marie Rice, “Yes”, Esq. Kenneth Garland, “Yes”, Esq. Walter Garland, “Yes”, Esq. Jason Harris, “Yes”, Esq. Bridget Peters, “Yes”, Esq. Loren Thomas, “Yes”, Esq. Gene Wilson, “Yes”, Esq. Glen White, “Yes”.

9-Yes

0-No

Motion approved. (Copy in File)

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**Agenda Item #10**

**Approve Tax Assessor Wayne Peterson (\$10,000) and School Superintendent John English (\$50,000) Bonds**

Motion made by Esq. Loren Thomas, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to approve Tax Assessor Wayne Peterson (\$10,000) and School Superintendent John English (\$50,000) Bonds.

**ROLL CALL:** Esq. John Mosley “Yes”, Esq. Marie Rice, “Yes”, Esq. Kenneth Garland, “Yes”, Esq. Walter Garland, “Yes”, Esq. Jason Harris, “Yes”, Esq. Bridget Peters, “Yes”, Esq. Loren Thomas, “Yes”, Esq. Gene Wilson, “Yes”, Esq. Glen White, “Yes”.

9-Yes

0-No

Motion Approved (copy in file)

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**Agenda Item #11**

**Discuss to Allow Unicoi County Mayor to Proceed with Rural Development Grants to Purchase New Sheriff's Vehicles (3-2016 Ford Utility Police Interceptors, All Wheel Drive @ \$37,232.54, Total \$111,697.62, Match of \$30,000.00, Net Cost \$81,697.62)**

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Kenneth Garland to table to Allow Unicoi County Mayor to Proceed with Rural Development Grants to Purchase New Sheriff's Vehicles (3-2016 Ford Utility Police Interceptors, All Wheel Drive @ \$37,232.54, Total \$111,697.62, Match of \$30,000.00, Net Cost \$81,697.62)

(Motion unanimously approved)

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**Agenda Item #12**

**Vote to Allow Unicoi County Mayor to Acquire Capital Outlay Note for \$81,697.62 and Bond Counsel Cost (if needed) to be paid in Three Years with Half (1/2) of Payment from Sheriff's Drug Fund and Half (1/2) from Unicoi County Debt Service to Purchase 3-2016 Ford Utility Police Interceptors**

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to table Unicoi County Mayor to Acquire Capital Outlay Note for \$81,697.62 and Bond Counsel Cost (if needed) to be paid in Three Years with Half (1/2) of Payment from Sheriff's Drug Fund and Half (1/2) from Unicoi County Debt Service to Purchase 3-2016 Ford Utility Police Interceptors

(Motion unanimously approved)

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**Agenda Item #13**

**Discuss and vote on Solid Waste Committee's Recommendation of Successful Bidders/Proposals to Operate Solid Waste Sites at Temple Hill, Limestone Cove and Industrial Drive.**

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland, said motion seconded by Esq. John Mosley to approve the bid on Higgins Creek and table Limestone Cove and Industrial Drive. Rebid Unicoi and Industrial Drive, let the 3 commissioners decide on the Unicoi Site and Rebid the Hoover Site by August.

Mayor Greg Lynch stated Higgins Creek bid went to Teresa Jones for \$430.00 month. The reason for rebidding the contracts, the language needs to be updated, Mayor Lynch stated.

**ROLL CALL:** Esq. John Mosley "Yes", Esq. Marie Rice, "Yes", Esq. Kenneth Garland, "Yes", Esq. Walter Garland, "Yes", Esq. Jason Harris, "Yes", Esq. Bridget Peters, "Yes", Esq. Loren Thomas, "Yes", Esq. Gene Wilson, "Yes", Esq. Glen White, "Yes".

9-Yes

0-No

Motion approved

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**Agenda Item #14**

**Discuss Appointment of Hospital Board Member**

Motion made by Esq. Glen White, said motion seconded by Esq. Kenneth Garland to nominate Gene Wilson to the Hospital Board.

**ROLL CALL:** Esq. John Mosley "Yes", Esq. Marie Rice, "Yes", Esq. Kenneth Garland, "Yes", Esq. Walter Garland, "Yes", Esq. Jason Harris, "Yes", Esq. Bridget Peters, "Yes", Esq. Loren Thomas, "Yes", Esq. Gene Wilson, "Abstain", Esq. Glen White, "Yes".

8-Yes

1-Abstain

Motion approved

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**Agenda Item #15**

**Approve Building & Grounds Recommendation to Allow County Mayor to Hire a Geo-Technical Firm to do Core Samples at Jackson Love Jail Annex Site (up to \$5,000)**

Motion made by Esq. Glen White, said motion seconded by Esq. Water Garland to approve Building & Grounds Recommendation to allow County Mayor to Hire a Geo-Technical Firm to do Core Samples at Jackson Love Jail Annex Site (up to \$5,000)

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

8-Yes  
1-No  
Motion approved

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**Agenda #16**

**Discuss and Vote on Funding Unicoi County Employee Insurance**

Motion made by Esq. Jason Harris, said motion seconded by Esq. Walter Garland to approve \$200.00 supplement on the family coverage and \$300.00 supplement on the employee family high deductible coverage, with a saving to the county of \$67,897.92, this plan is leaving the individuals coverage alone.

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

3-Yes  
6-No  
Motion Fails

Motion made by Esq. Bridget Peters, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to approve option # 2 employee benefits will stay the same with the county paying \$520.00, on the family PPO Coverage the county would pay \$720.00 and employee \$673.43 and the family high deductible coverage county would pay \$1030.30 and employee would pay zero. The savings for the county would be \$37,614.72.

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

4-Yes  
5-No  
Motion Fails

Motion made by Esq. John Mosley, said motion seconded by Esq. Glenn White to approve option #1 to leave the insurance, as is.

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

5-Yes  
4-No  
Motion Approved

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**Agenda #17**

**Consider Revision in the Unicoi County Employee Handbook Policies**

Motion made by Esq. Jason Harris, said motion seconded by Esq. Bridget Peters to approve the revision in the Unicoi County Employee Handbook Policies

**ROLL CALL:** Esq. John Mosley “Yes”, Esq. Marie Rice, “Yes”, Esq. Kenneth Garland, “Yes”, Esq. Walter Garland, “Yes”, Esq. Jason Harris, “Yes”, Esq. Bridget Peters, “Yes”, Esq. Loren Thomas, “Yes”, Esq. Gene Wilson, “Yes”, Esq. Glen White, “Yes”.

9-Yes  
0-No  
Motion approved

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**Agenda #18**

**Letter from Comptroller Approving Continuing Budget and Inter-Fund Loans (no Vote needed)**

So Noted

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**Agenda # 19**

**Budget Amendments: Fund Balance Accrued Payroll \$8,370.13, Mayor's Office \$500.00 Election Commission \$600.24, Assessor of Property \$1,150.00, Sheriff's Department \$23,302.00, Heath Department \$2,000.00 Rabies and Animal Control \$540.00, Drug Fund \$50.00, Debt Service \$793.62, Unicoi County Schools \$319,539.73, Fund Balance Accrued Payroll \$2,650.61,Chancery Court \$70.00 and Sheriff's Dept. \$4,375.98**

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to approve the following budget amendments: Fund Balance Accrued Payroll \$8,370.13, Mayor's Office \$500.00 Election Commission \$600.24, Assessor of Property \$1,150.00, Sheriff's Department \$23,302.00, Heath Department \$2,000.00 Rabies and Animal Control \$540.00, Drug Fund \$50.00, Debt Service \$793.62, Unicoi County Schools \$319,539.73, Fund Balance Accrued Payroll \$2,650.61,Chancery Court \$70.00 and Sheriff's Dept. \$4,375.98

**ROLL CALL:** Esq. John Mosley “Yes”, Esq. Marie Rice, “Yes”, Esq. Kenneth Garland, “Yes”, Esq. Walter Garland, “Yes”, Esq. Jason Harris, “Yes”, Esq. Bridget Peters, “Yes”, Esq. Loren Thomas, “Yes”, Esq. Gene Wilson, “Yes”, Esq. Glen White, “Yes”.

9-Yes  
0-No  
Motion approved

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**Agenda Item #20**

**Elect Notaries**

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Glen White to approve the following notaries: Kellie Diane Hughes, Sarah R Shults, Douglas Shults and Evelyn Van Dyke.

**ROLL CALL:** Esq. John Mosley “Yes”, Esq. Marie Rice, “Yes”, Esq. Kenneth Garland, “Yes”, Esq. Walter Garland, “Yes”, Esq. Jason Harris, “Yes”, Esq. Bridget Peters, “Yes”, Esq. Loren Thomas, “Yes”, Esq. Gene Wilson, “Yes”, Esq. Glen White, “Yes”.

9Yes

0-No

Motion Approved (Copy in File)

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**Agenda Item #21**

**Motion for Adjournment**

Motion made by Esq. Bridget Peters, said motion seconded by Esq. Jason Harris to adjourn the June 22, 2015 County Commission Meeting.

(Motion unanimously approved)

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**GREG LYNCH, COUNTY MAYOR**

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**MITZI BOWEN, COUNTY CLERK**

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**MARIE RICE, CHAIRMAN**