

THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSION
OF
UNICOI COUNTY, TENNESSEE
AUGUST 25, 2014

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Unicoi County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at the Unicoi County Court House on Monday, August 25, 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. Mickey Hatcher 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. Bill Hensley, said motion seconded by Esq. James Howell to approve the minutes of July 28, 2014 (Regular Session).

9-Aye

0-No

Motion approved. (Copy in file)

Agenda Item #5

Recognize Visitors and Citizens

Rosanna Aldridge stated that she had attended the last budget meeting. Ms. Aldridge wanted publicly and on the record that she has not said that she wants any Courthouse employee or abroad to lose their benefits and has not said anything about the Sheriff's Department Budget.

Cindy Sayler from the Unicoi County Health Department stated she had not planned on speaking with the commission but Esq. Dwight Bennett wanted me to share what the Health Department was doing Friday night at the ballgame. In collaboration with Tennessee Department of Health, a grant through that department, we are working to decrease Tobacco use among our children in our community.

Esq. Bill Hensley spoke to the incoming County Commissioners and the commissioners remaining. Mr. Hensley stated you have a unique opportunity one that will probably never ever surface again, to help create a city, county Ambulance Service. The County has \$750,000, the City has \$750,000, if they combine resources and get grants they can start their own ambulance service. Mr. Hensley also stated the Archive building, the city owns a piece of property in front of Plant Palace and I believe that the city would be willing to donate it to the county for a Archive Building with restrooms and a community type room.

Rick Ruffolo with the Unicoi County Sheriff Department asked the commission to reconsider keeping in effect the program on the vehicles. It is statically, historically, mechanically and economically proven system to work by having these vehicles assigned

to the deputies. It is also an added bonus to the county and citizens to see these vehicles in the community. This will cut down of crime. Esq. Gene Wilson stated that this county board does not have the authority to tell you all to park those cars. Esq. Bill Hensley asked Mr. Roffulo if he was speaking personally or did the sheriff ask you to speak. The Sheriff did not ask me to speak and I am acting upon myself and the deputies of the Unicoi County Sheriff Department, stated Mr. Ruffolo.

Agenda Item #6
Recognize Town of Unicoi Alderman Dwight Bennett

Mr. Bennett spoke on contributions the Town of Unicoi gives back to the county.

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Agenda Item # 7
Recognize Town of Unicoi Mayor Johnny Lynch
No Action

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Agenda Item #8
Record's Committee to Recognize Dwight Bennett, Sue Jean Wilson, and Mickey Hatcher for their years of service to the Unicoi County Commission (Debbie Tittle)

Debbie Tittle recognized Dwight Bennett, Sue Jean Wilson and Mickey Hatcher (Building and Grounds) for their years of service on the Unicoi County Records Commission with a certificate of service.

Esq. Mickey Hatcher stated that this was his last official meeting and I feel like I have worked hard for the past 12 years. I have seen a lot of changes take place. I appreciate working with all the commission and the county officials. We have not always agreed but have debated the heck out of it and made a lot of ground by doing that. I appreciate the opportunity to serve you. My prayers go up for you as you continue to serve.

Esq. Loren Thomas spoke on behalf of Esq. Mickey Hatcher and what a great example he has been.

Agenda Item #9
Consider Resolution to Allow City Inspector to Inspect Jail/911(Mayor Greg Lynch)
Motion made by Esq. Dwight Bennett, said motion seconded by Esq. Bill Hensley to approve Resolution to Allow City Inspector to Inspect Jail/911
8-Yes
1-No (Kenneth Garland)
Motion approved.

Agenda Item #10
Consider Resolution Fixing a Tax Levy in Unicoi County Tennessee for FY 2014-2015

Motion made by Esq. Mickey Hatcher, said motion seconded by Esq. James Howell to remove items 10 & 11 from the agenda
9-Yes

0-No
Motion approved.

Agenda Item #11
Consider and Act upon the Adoption of the Estimated Budget Resolution for FY 2014-2015

Motion made by Esq. Mickey Hatcher, said motion seconded by Esq. James Howell to remove items 10 & 11 from the agenda

9-Yes
0-No
Motion Approved.

Agenda Item #12
Present Inter-fund Loan Documents, including, Notes and Reports on Debt Obligations

Noted

Agenda Item #13
Recognize Marie Rice

Chairman Marie Rice recognized the outgoing commissioners Sue Jean Wilson, Dwight Bennett, Bill Hensley and Mickey Hatcher with a certificate of service.

Elect Notaries

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland, said motion seconded by Esq. Sue Jean Wilson to approve Valerie M Higgins, Terry Higgins, Linda Grubbs Horton and Patricia Lee King as Notary Publics.

9-Yes
0-No
Motion approved.

Agenda Item #13

Motion for adjournment

Motion made by Esq. Dwight Bennett, said motion seconded by Esq. Mickey Hatcher to adjourn the meeting of July 28, 2014.

GREG LYNCH, COUNTY MAYOR

MITZI BOWEN, COUNTY CLERK

MARIE RICE, CHAIRMAN