

THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSION
OF
UNICOI COUNTY, TENNESSEE
MAY 23, 2011

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Unicoi County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at the Unicoi County Court House on Monday, May 23, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. Present and Presiding, the Honorable Sue Jean Wilson, Chairman, 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, absent, Esq. Doug Bowman, "Here", Esq. Kenneth Garland, "Here", Esq. Mickey Hatcher, "Here", Esq. Bill Hensley, absent, Esq. James Howell, "Here", Esq. Loren Thomas, absent, Esq. Gene Wilson, absent, Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, "Here".

5- Present

4- Absent

Esq. Sue Jean Wilson opened the meeting with Prayer and the Pledge to the Flag was led by Esq. Doug Bowman.

Agenda Item #4
Approve Minutes

Motion made by Esq. Mickey Hatcher, said motion seconded by Esq. James Howell that the minutes of April 25, 2011 (Regular) be approved.

5- Aye

0- No

4- Absent

Motion approved.

Agenda Item #5
Recognize Visitors and Citizens

County Mayor, Greg Lynch introduced Rebecca English. Ms. English is the new director of the Unicoi County Health Department.

Agenda Item #6
Recognize Robert Rice for service to the Planning Commission

Esq. Doug Bowman presented Mr. Robert Rice with a plaque from the Unicoi County Planning Commission Honoring him for his years of service.

Agenda Item # 7
Consider Inter-Local Agreement-Re: Animal Control Facility

Tabled.

Agenda Item #8
Consider Appointment of Equalization Board

Motion made by Esq. Mickey Hatcher, said motion seconded by Esq. Kenneth Garland to approve appointment of Equalization Board. Board members appointed include; Charles N. Harris of Flag Pond, Eugene Harris of Erwin, Ted Hopson of Unicoi, James A. Long of Erwin, and Ronny Kent Elliott of Erwin.

5-Aye
0-No
4-Absent

Motion approved. (Copy in File)

Agenda Item # 9
Consider Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Refunding Capital Outlay Notes

Motion made by Esq. Doug Bowman, said motion seconded by Esq. Mickey Hatcher to approve Resolution authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Refunding Capital Outlay Notes. Esq. Hatcher also thanked Stephens Inc. for a job well done.

5-Aye
0-No
4-Absent

Motion approved. (Copy in File)

Agenda Item #10
Recognize Ronnie Adkins- Discuss Donating Bloodhounds to Animal Rescue in Knoxville

Motion made by Esq. James Howell, said motion seconded by Esq. Doug Bowman to approve donating the bloodhounds to the Animal Rescue in Knoxville. Mr. Ronnie Adkins addressed the commission stating that a lot of thought and research went into choosing the Animal Rescue as the new home for the bloodhounds. This option guarantees the animals will have the best care to fit their needs. Citizens can apply to adopt the bloodhounds from the Animal Rescue.

5-Aye
0-No
4-Absent

Motion approved.

Agenda Item # 11
Consider and vote on funding a wellness program

Tabled until August.

Agenda Item # 12
Consider Resolution to Grant Tax Exempt Status to Habitat for Humanity

Motion made by Esq. James Howell, said motion seconded by Esq. Mickey Hatcher to approve Resolution to grant tax exempt status to Habitat for Humanity. Esq. Bowman asked County Attorney, Doug Shults if a business has to be incorporated in order to be tax exempt. Mr. Shults stated that as far as he knows Habitat for Humanity is incorporated. If this resolution is adopted each house constructed by Habitat for Humanity would be property tax exempt, until construction is complete. Esq. Kenneth

Garland asked what would happen if the person living in the home passes away, who the house would go to. Mr. Shults stated that once the house is sold it would go to whoever it is willed to or next of kin.

5-Aye
0-No
4-Absent

Motion approved. (Copy in File)

Agenda Item #13

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

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland, said motion seconded by Esq. Doug Bowman to approve the Resolution to request unclaimed balance of account remitted to State Treasurer under Unclaimed Property Acts.

5-Aye
0-No
4-Absent

Motion approved. (Copy in File)

Agenda Item #14

Consider Resolution for Community of Character

Motion made by Esq. Doug Bowman, said motion seconded by Esq. James Howell to approve the Resolution for Community of Character. Esq. Mickey Hatcher address the commission stating that this resolution shows Unicoi County wants to set an example for the rest of the world.

5-Aye
0-No
4-Absent

Motion approved. (Copy in File)

Agenda Item #15

Consider Speed Limit Change in 1st District from City Limit to State Line

Motion made by Esq. James Howell, said motion seconded by Esq. Doug Bowman to approve changing the speed limit in 1st District from City Limit to the State line to 45 mph.

5-Aye
0-No
4-Absent

Motion approved.

Agenda Item #16

Education Committee

No motion made.

Agenda Item #17

Consider settlement- MSHA vs. Unicoi County and State of Tennessee

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland, said motion seconded by Esq. Mickey Hatcher to approve payment of \$10,000.00 to MSHA. Payment is to be made out of the General Fund.

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

5-Yes
0-No
4-Absent
Motion approved.

Addendum to the Agenda Item #1

Approve recommendation from the Building and Grounds committee to hire a consultant for archiving at \$5,000 to be paid from the records preservation budget.

Motion made by Esq. James Howell, said motion seconded by Esq. Mickey Hatcher to recommendation from the Building and Grounds committee to hire a consultant for archiving at \$5,000.00 to be paid from the records preservation budget. There is a grant to cover the \$5,000.00.

5-Aye
0-No
4-Absent
Motion approved.

Addendum to the Agenda Item #2

Approve resolution for \$5.00 fee for county archiving

Motion made by Esq. Doug Bowman, said motion seconded by Esq. James Howell to approve the resolution for \$5.00 fee for county archiving.

5-Aye
0-No
4-Absent
Motion approved. (Copy in File)

Agenda Item #18

Budget Amendments

Motion made by Esq. Mickey Hatcher, said motion seconded by Esq. Kenneth Garland to approve all Budget Amendments at once. Budget Amendments include: Unicoi County Health Department (\$1,811.75), County Commission (\$1,966.66), County Mayor (\$1,065.00), Assessor of Property (\$119.00), Circuit Court (\$45.00), Sessions Court (\$89.34), Chancery Court (\$780.04), Sheriff Department (\$13,800.00), Agricultural Extension (\$505.00), Drug Fund (\$20,017.92), and Debt Service (\$197,127.00).

5-Aye
0-No
4-Absent
Motion approved. (Copy in File)

Agenda Item #20

Elect Notaries

Motion made by Esq. James Howell, said motion seconded by Esq. Mickey Hatcher to approve Notary for Patsy S. Bennett (Unicoi County Assessor of Property), Susan C. Chambers (Impact Plastics, Inc.), Stana M. Donnelly (Manuel, Donnelly & Manuel, Attorneys at Law), Kathy M. Harris (Unicoi County Highway Department), Lori Ann Ledford (Center on Aging & Health), R. Mitchell Manuel (Manuel, Donnelly & Manuel, Attorneys at Law).

5-Aye

0-No

4-Absent

Motion approved.

Agenda Item #19

Committee Reports

None

Agenda Item #21

Motion for adjournment

County Mayor, Greg Lynch informed the commission of the Jail Annex Grand Opening to be held Friday, May 27, 2011 at 4:00pm.

Motion made by Esq. Doug Bowman, said motion seconded by Esq. James Howell to adjourn the meeting of May 23, 2011.

5-Aye

0-No

4-Absent

GREG LYNCH, COUNTY MAYOR

MITZI BOWEN, COUNTY CLERK

SUE JEAN WILSON, CHAIRMAN