

THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSION
OF
UNICOI COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FEBRUARY 22,2010

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Unicoi County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at the Unicoi County Courthouse on Monday, October 26, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. Present and Presiding, the Honorable Greg Lynch, Chairman and County Mayor, Honorable Brandee R. Hicks, Deputy Clerk, Doug Shults, County Attorney, and the following Commissioners:

ROLL CALL: Esq. Ron Arnold, "Here", Esq. David Boone, "Here", Esq. Mitzi Bowen, "Here", Esq. Doug Bowman, "Here", Esq. Rick Butler, "Here", Esq. Mickey Hatcher, "Here", Esq. Jimmy Erwin, "Here", Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, "Here", Esq. Gene Wilson, "Here".

9- Present

0- Absent

Agenda Item #1 and #2

Esq. Mickey Hatcher opened the meeting with Prayer and the Pledge to the Flag was led by Esq. Doug Bowman.

Agenda Item #4

Motion made by Esq. Doug Bowman, said motion seconded by Esq. to approve minutes from the November 23, 2009 and January 25, 2010 meeting after noted corrections are made.

9- Aye

0- No

Motion approved.

Agenda Item #5

Honorable Greg Lynch recognized visitor and citizens. Rick Hyder of Disaster Recovery requested information on how to bid for work in the county after the last snowstorm. Mr. Hyder questioned Mr. Haynes about the recent trip to Nashville, regarding Mr. Hyder's qualifications with the State Election Commission. Mr. Hyder also wanted to know if the trip was paid for with taxpayer money.

J. M. Harris asked the commission how much the county was in debt. Esq. Ron Arnold stated that the counties debt is around \$30 million. Mr. Harris also stated that raising property tax can cause manufactures to decide not to develop in the county.

Robert Edwards addressed the county and asked if Terry Haynes trip to Nashville was paid for with county money or at his own expense. Haynes responded that the trip was personal and not county funded.

Chairman Greg Lynch requested to move Agenda Item #11 before Agenda Item #6.

Agenda Item #11

Amanda Delp of the Unicoi County Chamber of Commerce was recognized and presented the possibility of hosting a bicycle event in the county. The Chamber of Commerce was approached by the Tennessee Bicycle Racing Association concerning the event. A total of three events would be held in the summer on a Saturday and Sunday, with an estimate of three events. The event could bring upwards of 200-300 racers to the area. David Tankersly and Dennis Ley with the East Tennessee Jr. Cycling addressed the commission about the events. The event would consist of a road race, a timed trial, and a race possibly at the Unicoi County High School. The only cost to the county would be that of extra police protection during the events.

Agenda Item #6

Motion made by Esq. Mickey Hatcher, said motion seconded by Esq. David Boone to consider the Resolution Opposing Unfunded Local Government Mandates. (See File)

9-Aye

0-No

Motion unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #7

Motion made by Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to consider approval of Pat Lynch and Todd Hopson to the Board of Directors of the Unicoi County Public Library.

9-Aye

0- No

Motion unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #8

Motion made by Esq. Mickey Hatcher, said motion seconded by Esq. Mitzi Bowen to consider Resolution to Request Unclaimed Balance of Accounts under unclaimed Property Acts.

9- Aye

0- No

Motion unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #9

Motion made by Esq. Rick Butler, said motion seconded by Esq. Jimmy Erwin to consider approval of Scott Bradford's election to the Unicoi County Gas Utility District.

9-Aye

0- No

Motion unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #10

Motion made by Esq. Mickey Hatcher, said motion seconded by Esq. Mitzi Bowen to consider Resolution concerning the HOME program. (See File)

9- Aye

0- No
Motion unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #12

Motion made by Esq. Jimmy Erwin, said motion seconded by Esq. Rick Butler to approve Jail Committee Recommendation concerning Fire Protection System for the Unicoi County Workhouse Jail Annex. A bid was made by Fleenor for \$21,095.00. This was the only bid made.

ROLL CALL: Esq. Ron Arnold, "Yes", Esq. David Boone, "Yes", Esq. Mitzi Bowen, "Yes", Esq. Doug Bowman, "Abstain", Esq. Rick Butler, "Yes", Esq. Mickey Hatcher, "Yes", Esq. Jimmy Erwin, "Yes", Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, "Yes", Esq. Gene Wilson, "Yes".

8- Yes
0- No
1- Abstain
Motion passed.

Addendum to the Agenda Item #1

Motion made by Esq. Mickey Hatcher, said motion seconded by Esq. Ron Arnold to consider approval of bid for Generator at the Unicoi County Jail Workhouse Annex as recommended by the Jail Committee. A bid was made by Nixon Power for up to \$43,965.00, this was the only bid.

ROLL CALL: Esq. Gene Wilson, "Yes", Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, "Yes", Esq. Jimmy Erwin, "Yes", Esq. Mickey Hatcher, "Yes", Esq. Rick Butler, "Yes", Esq. Doug Bowman, "Abstain", Esq. Mitzi Bowen, "Yes", Esq. David Boone, "Yes", Esq. Ron Arnold, "Yes".

8- Aye
0- No
1- Abstain
Motion approved.

Agenda Item #13

Committee Reports:

Esq. Sue Jean Wilson of the Animal Welfare Board gave commissioners handouts with the compellations of expenditures for 2008-2009 year, along with the number of animals taken in.

Agenda Item #14

Motion made by Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Ron Arnold to approve Budget Amendments including Ambulance/Emergency Medical (\$2,500.00), Health Department (\$13,000.00), Industrial Development (\$430.60).

ROLL CALL: Esq. Ron Arnold, "Yes", Esq. David Boone, "Yes", Esq. Mitzi Bowen, "Yes", Esq. Doug Bowman, "Yes", Esq. Rick Butler, "Yes", Esq. Mickey Hatcher, "Yes", Esq. Jimmy Erwin, "Yes", Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, "Yes", Esq. Gene Wilson, "Yes".

9-Yes

0- No
Motion unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #15

Elect Notaries:

Motion made by Esq. David Boone, said motion seconded by Esq. Mickey Hatcher to approve Notary Commission for Dorothy Wiggand (Retired), April Joy Aiken , Angela R. Carr (employee at Attorney William B. Lawson), Ronnie D. Tester (Mountain Commerce Bank).

9-Aye

0-No

Motion unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #16

Motion made by Esq. David Boone, said motion seconded by Esq. Rick Butler to adjourn the meeting of February 22, 2010.

GREG LYNCH, CO. MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN

RUBY MCLAUGHLIN, COUNTY CLERK