

**THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSION**  
**OF**  
**UNICOI COUNTY, TENNESSEE**  
**APRIL 25, 2011**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Unicoi County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at the Unicoi County Court House on Monday, April 25, 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, "Yes", Esq. Doug Bowman, "Yes", Esq. Kenneth Garland, Absent, Esq. Mickey Hatcher, Absent, Esq. Bill Hensley, "Yes", Esq. James Howell, "Yes", Esq. Loren Thomas, "Yes", Esq. Gene Wilson, "Yes", Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, "Yes".

7- Present

2- Absent

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

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Agenda Item #4  
Approve Minutes

Motion made by Esq. Loren Thomas, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson that the minutes of March 28, 2011 (Regular) and April 20, 2011 (Special Call) be approved.

7- Aye

0- No

2- Absent

Motion approved.

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Esq. Sue Jean Wilson asked that the Agenda be amended to include an Addendum Item. Motion made by Esq. Howell, said motion seconded by Esq. Bennett to amend the agenda to include the Addendum.

7- Aye

0- No

2- Absent

Motion approved.

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Agenda Item #5  
Recognize Visitors and Citizens

Mr. Carter Stockton addressed the county commission concerning the road to his house located on Daniel Road in Erwin, being too narrow for all the traffic. Mr. Stockton stated that there are fourteen families that live on the road now, when it used to be only two families. Esq. Sue Jean Wilson asked Mr. Stockton if he had taken this before the Road Committee. Mr. Stockton stated that he had talked to Terry Haynes and was told to go before the county commission. Esq. Gene Wilson stated that he was unaware of the problem, but would get a Road Committee meeting schedule and look into the issue. County Mayor, Greg Lynch, stated that one road is in the city and one is in the county so there may have to be an agreement made on it.

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Agenda Item #6  
Quarterly Reports

Motion made by Esq. Bill Hensley, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to approve the quarterly reports.

7- Aye

0- No

2- Absent

Motion approved. (Copy in file.)

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Agenda Item # 7  
Med-One progress report- Recognize Esq. Dwight Bennett

Esq. Dwight Bennett addressed the commission stating they had met Wednesday, (April 20, 2011), and had approved the bond issue. Esq. Bennett stated that Med-One would have to put up \$150,000.00 cashiers check every three months until a bond is reissued so that the county is protected in case something happens.

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Agenda Item #8  
Discuss establishing an education committee

Esq. Sue Jean Wilson addressed the commission stating she has been in contact with a commissioner from Carter County, and they find having an education committee is very helpful. The committee includes one commissioner from each district and they meet once a month with the school system in Carter County. They go over their five year plan, anything that is coming up in the school system, and things brought down by the state. Esq. Sue Jean Wilson is going to establish an education committee before the next commission meeting and give an update at that time. Esq. Hensley asked if she need a motion to establish a committee. Esq. Sue Jean Wilson asked the county attorney, which he responded no.

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Agenda Item # 9  
Consider Old #1 Steam Engine- Recognize Mike Tilley

County Mayor, Greg Lynch, stated that Mr. Peoples was present at the meeting. Mr. Peoples addressed the commission stating he had brought promotional CD's, invitations to a story telling class for the commissioners. Mr. Peoples then ask the commissioners for their support in bring Old #1 Steam Engine back. Esq. Sue Jean Wilson then read the Resolution of support to bring the engine back to Unicoi County for public display.

Motion made by Esq. Bennett, said motion seconded by Esq. Thomas to approve the Resolution to support the action of having the Clinchfield #1 returned to Unicoi County for public display.

7- Aye

0- No

2- Absent

Motion approved. (Copy in file.)

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Agenda Item #10  
Consider and vote on funding a wellness program

Motion made by Esq. Bennett, said motion seconded by Esq. Thomas to move on the consideration and vote for funding a wellness program. Esq. Bowman stated he didn't

think this could be acted on until they got the figures back from Mr. Jon Manfull. Mayor, Greg Lynch, stated that the program could save some money on the insurance renewal, if not this year then next year. Esq. Bowman mentioned that there was the incentive by the county paying \$20.00 and the employee paying \$15.00. Mr. Lynch recommended that this first time that the county pay it all because it may be difficult to get people into it. Esq. Sue Jean Wilson asked where the money would come from. Mr. Lynch stated that it would have to come out of the General Fund and go into Insurance. Esq. Bill Hensley stated we are talking about where the money is going to come from and we don't know how much money we are talking about. Esq. Gene Wilson stated that it needs to be tabled. Mr. Lynch responded that he was thinking it would be about \$5,000.00 and would probably turn a good portion of that back over to the county. Esq. Thomas stated he participates in a wellness program and has seen the benefits. Mr. Lynch then said that every year they talk about giving raises and it seems like insurance eats it up the raises for the people. Esq. Hensley stated he thinks we need to vote on this. Esq. Bowman asked for a roll call vote since it is spending money. Esq. Bennett stated he thinks it should be voted on so that it can be moved on as soon as possible so we can get the reductions next year. Esq. Sue Jean Wilson asked the county attorney, Mr. Doug Shults, since this was an item that would eventually be new money if there needs to be a roll call vote. Mr. Shults asked if just the concept of funding a wellness program is being voted on. Esq. Sue Jean Wilson asked what the motion was. County Clerk, Mitzi Bowen, stated the motion was to consider and vote on funding a wellness program. Mr. Shults stated you can't spend it if you are voting to fund it, but you're voting on it with no set amount; its money being spent, it is a roll call vote. Esq. Bill Hensley asked Esq. Bennett to withdraw his motion and table this. Esq. Bennett withdrew his motion.

Motion made by Esq. Bennett, said motion seconded by Esq. Wilson to table the consideration and funding of a wellness program.

7- Aye

0- No

2- Absent

Motion approved.

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Agenda Item # 11

Update on the Hazard Mitigation Plan- Recognize Ed Herndon

Mr. Ed Herndon addressed the commission.

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Agenda Item # 12

Designate I-26 in Unicoi County as a Purple Heart trail- Recognize Esq. Bill Hensley

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Agenda Item #13

Budget Amendments

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Agenda Item #14

Committee Reports

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Agenda Item #15

Elect Notaries

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Agenda Item #16

Motion for adjournment

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Bill Hensley to adjourn the meeting of April 25, 2011.

7- Aye

0- No

2- Absent

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GREG LYNCH, COUNTY MAYOR

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MITZI BOWEN, COUNTY CLERK

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SUE JEAN WILSON, CHAIRMAN