

The McMinn County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on March 26, 2018 at 7:30 pm, in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Crews.

2. INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Masingale.

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Commissioner Curtis.

4. ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken by Evonne Hayes, McMinn County Clerk, as recorded:

Scott Curtis - Present  
Dale Holbrook - Present  
Tim King - Present  
Roger Masingale - Present  
Jerry Millsaps - Present  
J. W. McPhail - Present  
Brent Carter - Present  
Tad Simpson - Present  
Charles Slack - Present  
Chairman David Crews – Present

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Copies of the Minutes of the Regular Session on January 29, 2018 were provided to the McMinn County Commissioners.

MOTION made by Commissioner King, and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to approve the minutes of January 29, 2018.

Motion carried by voice vote.

6. APPROVAL OF BIDS AND PURCHASES

A. A Resolution to Reject the Bids for Cooke Park Expansion Project.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #18-013 along with a copy of the proposal summary. This did have Recreation Committee approval.

(Res. 18-013 con't)

RESOLUTION NO. 18-013

A RESOLUTION TO REJECT THE BIDS FOR  
COOKE PARK EXPANSION PROJECT

WHEREAS, in order to properly perform the essential operations of county government goods and services must often be let for bid; and

WHEREAS, the County Mayor requested to bid an expansion project for Cooke Park, in order to properly carry out the functions of the department; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County has followed the proper procedures in securing the bids; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County Mayor, John Gentry, after reviewing the bid information recommends rejecting all bids due to budgetary restraints.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2018, that this Commission does hereby approve the recommendation of the County Mayor.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hayes)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Millsaps, and seconded by Commissioner Slack, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution to Approve Purchase over Twenty-Five Thousand for Baseline Sports Construction Per NJPA Contract Pricing.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #18-014 along with a copy of the state contract and did have Recreation Committee approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-014

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OVER TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND FOR BASELINE  
SPORTS CONSTRUCTION PER NJPA CONTRACT PRICING

WHEREAS, McMinn County is authorized to make purchases from nationally bid contracts on the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA); and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Committee, desiring to renovate the existing Cooke Park playing fields, recommends purchasing off NJPA contract #082114-SII multi-purpose turf fields, two turf infields, one turf tee ball field and all corresponding drainage systems, attached fencing systems, and various components to make the park ADA compliant at a cost of \$1,865,000; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Committee recommends transitioning the park to synthetic turf to enhance tournament opportunities, decrease annual maintenance labor, and diversify the fields to include play opportunities for other sports; and

WHEREAS, Baseline and Shaw are industry leaders in synthetic field manufacturing and installation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE METING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2018, that this

(Res. 18-014 con't)

Commission does approve purchasing multi-purpose turf fields from Baseline Sports off the NJPA for the purpose of renovating the Cooke Park recreational facilities; and

FURTHERMORE, RESOLVES, authorize the County Mayor to execute the documents necessary to fulfill the intent of this resolution.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hayes)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner King, and seconded by Commissioner Masingale, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

C. A Resolution to Approve Purchase over Twenty-Five Thousand for Musco Lighting Per NJA Contract Pricing.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #18-015 along with a copy of the contract and did have Recreation Committee approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-015**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OVER TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND FOR MUSCO LIGHTING PER NJPA CONTRACT PRICING**

**WHEREAS**, McMinn County is authorized to make purchases from nationally bid contracts on the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA); and

**WHEREAS**, the Recreation Committee, desiring to renovate the existing Cooke Park lighting system, recommends purchasing a new HID lighting system per contract 082114-msl; and

**WHEREAS**, the \$469,875.00 project includes 600 amp service, new transformer, 109 factory aimed, assembled and installed luminaries, Control-Link remote on/off system control, 10 year warranty for all maintenance costs and guaranteed light levels; and

**WHEREAS**, Musco is the industry leader in athletic field lighting systems.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE METING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2018**, that this Commission does approve purchasing a MUSCO lighting system off the NJPA for the purpose of retrofitting and renovating the Cooke Park recreational facilities; and

**FURTHERMORE, RESOLVES**, authorize the County Mayor to execute the documents necessary to fulfill the intent of this resolution.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hayes)  
County Clerk

(Res. 18-015 con't)

MOTION made by Commissioner Slack, and seconded by Commissioner Millsaps, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

D. A Resolution to Approve Purchase of Police Vehicle from State Contract for McMinn County Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #18-016 and a copy of the sales quote and a letter from the insurance with the loss of claim amount of \$37,457.50

RESOLUTION NO. 18-016

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF  
POLICE VEHICLE FROM STATE CONTRACT  
FOR MCMINN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, due to the total loss of a patrol vehicle resulting from an accident, the immediate need to purchase a police vehicle for the McMinn County Sheriff's Department has arisen; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County Sheriff Joe Guy requests approval for the purchase of a patrol vehicle from Ford of Murfreesboro at the state contract price including equipment and installation of \$34,716.00; and

WHEREAS, an insurance settlement in the amount of \$37,457.50 will be used to cover this purchase; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Financial Management Committee Policies and Procedures any expense over \$ 25,000 requires Commission approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS THE 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2018 that this Commission does hereby approve this request.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hayes)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Holbrook, and seconded by Commissioner Slack, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

E. A Resolution to Approve a Contract Extension with Rogers Group, Inc. for the Annual Hot Mix Bid.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #18-017 along with a copy of recommendation from Dan P. Evans, Chief Administrative Officer.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-017

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH ROGERS GROUP, INC. FOR  
THE ANNUAL HOT MIX BID

(Res. 18-017 con't)

WHEREAS, in order to properly perform the essential operations of county government as prescribed by law, goods and services must often be let for bid; and

WHEREAS, the hot mix bid provides an option to be extended for an additional year; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Highway Commissioner has requested to extend the contract for hot mix to the current vendor, Rogers Group, Inc., for the period of May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Rogers Group, Inc. has agreed to extend the current bid for the additional period with no increase in price; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2018, that this Commission does hereby approve the bid contract extension with Rogers Group, Inc., based upon the recommendation of the Highway Commissioner.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hayes)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Curtis, and seconded by Commissioner Masingale, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

## 7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS

### A. A Resolution to Approve Uniform Rental Services for McMinn County Employees with Cintas Through U.S. Communities Purchasing CO-Operative.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #18-018 along with a copy of the contract.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 18-018

##### A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE UNIFORM RENTAL SERVICES FOR MCMINN COUNTY EMPLOYEES WITH CINTAS THROUGH U.S. COMMUNITIES PURCHASING CO-OPERATIVE

WHEREAS, McMinn County Mayor John Gentry requests approval of uniform rental services for McMinn County employees from U.S. Communities purchasing cooperative; and

WHEREAS, the uniform rental service will be provided by Cintas who is part of the U.S.

Communities purchasing cooperative, a nationwide buying cooperative; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Financial Management Committee Policies and Procedures contracts require Commission approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2018, that this Commission does hereby approve the uniform rental services with Cintas through U.S. Communities purchasing cooperative and authorizes the County Mayor and/or his designee to execute documents related to this agreement.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
McMinn County Mayor

(Res. 18-018 con't)

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hayes)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner McPhail, and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution to Approve a Contract Between Athens City Schools and McMinn County Department of Juvenile Services.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #18-019 along with a copy of the contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-019

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT BETWEEN  
ATHENS CITY SCHOOLS AND  
MCMINN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES

WHEREAS, in order to properly perform the duties of county government as prescribed by law, it is often in McMinn County's interest to enter into contracts with other entities; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County Juvenile Services has agreed to provide for the school year of 2018-19 one youth services officer at Athens Middle School two days a week and available on an as needed basis to all other city schools. Referrals will be seen that are of high risk with the court system; and

WHEREAS, individual and group counseling will be provided by professional mental health agencies and paid for by McMinn County Department of Juvenile Services; and

WHEREAS, the charge to Athens City School System is \$5,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2018, that this Commission does hereby agree to enter into this contract with the Athens City School System and McMinn County Department of Juvenile Services for the 2018-19 school year.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hayes)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Millsaps, and seconded by Commissioner King, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

C. A Resolution to Approve a Contract Between McMinn County Schools and McMinn County Juvenile Services.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #18-020 along with a copy of the contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-020

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT BETWEEN  
MCMINN COUNTY SCHOOLS AND  
MCMINN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES

(Res. 18-020 con't)

WHEREAS, in order to properly perform the duties of county government as prescribed by law, it is often in McMinn County's interest to enter into contracts with other entities; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County Juvenile Services has agreed to provide for the school year of 2018-19 one youth services officer stationed at McMinn County High School five days a week and McMinn Central High School four days a week and available on an as needed basis to all other county schools. Referrals will be seen that are of high risk with the court system; and

WHEREAS, individual and group counseling will be provided by professional mental health agencies and paid for by McMinn County Department of Juvenile Services; and

WHEREAS, the charge to the McMinn County School System is \$15,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2018, that this Commission does hereby agree to enter into this contract with the McMinn County School System and McMinn County Department of Juvenile Services for the 2018-19 school year.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hayes)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner McPhail, and seconded by Commissioner Masingale, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

D. A Resolution to Approve Amendment to the DGA Grant Contract Between McMinn County and State of Tennessee Department of Health.

Mr. Gentry presented Resolution #18-021 along with a copy of the grant amendment.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-021

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO THE DGA GRANT CONTRACT BETWEEN  
MCMINN COUNTY AND  
STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

WHEREAS, it is the conviction of McMinn County, that every individual in the County has good health care readily available; and

WHEREAS, in order to properly perform the duties of county government as prescribed by law, it is often in McMinn County's interest to enter into contracts with other entities; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County has entered into a contract with the State of Tennessee Department of Health to protect and improve the physical health of the county citizens through the prevention of conditions that may threaten good health; and

WHEREAS, the amendment provides for salary increases and qualifying bonus for health department employees; and

WHEREAS, the total amended appropriation for which the County shall receive is \$589,900; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County Health Department does provide these services and both parties do hereby agree to these provisions in the contract for FY 2017-18.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2018, that this Commission does hereby approve this amended contract.

AND FURTHERMORE RESOLVES to give authority to the County Mayor or his designee to execute and administer the duties of said contract.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
 McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hayes)  
 County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Simpson, and seconded by Commissioner Slack, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

8. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Mr. Luallen presented the following budget amendments, a copy of which was provided to each Commissioner and did have School Board Approval on February 8, 2018.

Fund: Federal Projects, #142, Title I, #108 Date: February 1, 2018

| DEPARTMENT   | ACCOUNT        | FOLIO     | DEBIT     | CREDIT    |
|--|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Federal Through State Revenue  | Title I Grants | 47141     |           | 15,745.00 |
| Other Student Support  | Other Charges  | 72130-599 | 15,745.00 |           |
| Explanation: To amend current budget in order to be the same as the FY 2017-2018 ePlan document. |                |           |           |           |

Fund: Federal Projects #142, Title II, #208 Date: February 1, 2018

| DEPARTMENT   | ACCOUNT                      | FOLIO     | DEBIT    | CREDIT   |
|--|------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Federal Through State Revenue  | Title II Grants              | 47189     |          | 1,509.00 |
| Reg. Instuctional Prog. Sup Ser.   | In-Service/Staff Development | 72130-524 | 1,509.00 |          |
| Explanation: To amend current budget in order to be the same as the FY 2017-2018 ePlan document. |                              |           |          |          |

Fund: Federal Projects #142, IDEA, Pre-K, #918 Date: February 1, 2018

| DEPARTMENT   | ACCOUNT                            | FOLIO    | DEBIT  | CREDIT |
|--|------------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|
| Revenue  | Special Education Preschool Grants | 47145    | 969.00 |        |
| Special Education Program  | Teachers                           | 71200-16 |        | 969.00 |
| Explanation: To amend current budget in order to be the same as the FY 2017-2018 ePlan document. |                                    |          |        |        |

Fund: Federal Projects #142, Carl Perkins 16.01, #808 Date: February 01, 2018

| DEPARTMENT   | ACCOUNT                            | FOLIO     | DEBIT    | CREDIT   |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Revenue  | Vocational Education-Basics Grants | 47131     | 5,708.22 |          |
| Vocational Education Program   | Vocational Instruction Equipment   | 71300-730 |          | 5,708.22 |
| Explanation: To amend current budget in order to be the same as the FY 2017-2018 ePlan document. |                                    |           |          |          |

Fund: Federal Projects #142, Read to be Ready Summer Grant, #720 Date: February 20, 2018

| DEPARTMENT                | ACCOUNT                       | FOLIO     | DEBIT      | CREDIT    |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| State Revenues            | Other State Educational Funds | 46590     | 108,000.00 |           |
| Regular Education Program | Certified Teachers            | 71100-116 |            | 49,260.00 |
| Regular Education Program | Educational Assistants        | 71100-163 |            | 3,184.00  |
| Regular Education Program | Other Salaries & Wages        | 71100-189 |            | 3,450.00  |



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| Regular Education Program  | Certified Substitute Teachers     | 71100-195 |  | 348.00    |
| Regular Education Program  | Non-Certified Sub. Teachers       | 71100-198 |  | 1,080.00  |
| Regular Education Program  | Social Security                   | 71100-201 |  | 3,507.09  |
| Regular Education Program  | State Retirement                  | 71100-204 |  | 4,777.47  |
| Regular Education Program  | Employer Medicare                 | 71100-212 |  | 820.21    |
|  |                                   |           |  |           |
| Regular Education Program  | Instructional Supplies & Material | 71100-429 |  | 21,330.00 |
| Regular Education Program  | Other Charges                     | 71100-599 |  | 4,167.20  |
| Other Student Support  | Other Supplies & Materials        | 72130-499 |  | 487.00    |
|  |                                   |           |  |           |
| Support Services/Regular Instruction   | Supervisor or Director            | 72210-105 |  | 11,060.00 |
| Support Services/Regular Instruction   | Social Security                   | 72210-201 |  | 685.72    |
| Support Services/Regular Instruction   | State Retirement                  | 72210-204 |  | 1,004.25  |
| Support Services/Regular Instruction   | Employer Medicare                 | 72210-212 |  | 160.37    |
| Support Services/Regular Instruction   | Postal Charges                    | 72210-348 |  | 3.00      |
| Support Services/Regular Instruction   | In-Service/Staff Development      | 72210-524 |  | 1,401.45  |
| Transportation   | Diesel Fuel                       | 77710-412 |  | 1,273.84  |
| EXPLANATION: To enter budget for Ready to be Ready Summer Grant for FY 17-18 |                                   |           |  |           |

MOTION made by Commissioner King and seconded by Commissioner McPhail to approve these budget amendments.

- Scott Curtis – Aye
- Dale Holbrook - Aye
- Tim King - Aye
- Roger Masingale - Aye
- Brent Carter - Aye
- J. W. McPhail - Aye
- Jerry Millsaps - Aye
- Tad Simpson - Aye
- Charles Slack - Aye
- Chairman David Crews - Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote, as recorded:

9. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- Tom Hansford spoke with the commission about the renovations of Cooke Park. He believes this will be a huge access to the county.

10. RESOLUTIONS

- A. A Resolution to Close and Remove County Road 423 from the McMinn County Highway Department Maintenance System.

Mr. Gentry presented Resolution #18-022 along with a copy of letter from the Mennonite Community and Dan Evans Commissioner of Highways.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-022

A RESOLUTION TO CLOSE AND REMOVE COUNTY ROAD 423 FROM THE McMINN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE SYSTEM

WHEREAS, it has been requested by all property owners neighboring the dead-end County Road 423 to remove the road from the McMinn County Highway Department Maintenance List; and

WHEREAS, this road solely serves the Mennonite Community and Mr. Glen Kirksey; and

(Res. 18-022 con't)

WHEREAS, County Road 423 is .20 miles in length; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County Highway Commissioner Dan Evans recommends removing County Road 423 from the Highway Department Maintenance List; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 26th DAY OF MARCH 2018, that this Commission does hereby approve the recommendation of Highway Commissioner Evans to close and remove County Road 423 from the official Highway Department Maintenance List, AND FURTHERMORE, authorizes the County Mayor to execute all necessary documents to fulfill the intentions of this resolution.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hayes)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Masingale, and seconded by Commissioner King, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution to Require County Board of Equalization Members and County Board Hearing Officers to Complete Annual Continuing Education.

Mr. Gentry presented Resolution #18-023. Mayor Gentry ask Keith Price to explain this resolution.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 18-023

#### RESOLUTION TO REQUIRE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEMBERS AND COUNTY BOARD HEARING OFFICERS TO COMPLETE ANNUAL CONTINUING EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, through its General Assembly, has mandated that the county legislative body shall by resolution establish a minimum of at least four (4) hours of annual training for county board of equalization members and county hearing officers and the minimum record keeping requirements related to members' certificates of attendance; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly, in passing Chapter 13 of the Public Acts of 2017, amended *Tennessee Code Annotated § 67-1-403(e)* to provide that such mandatory training shall be a condition of appointment or continued service; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly, in passing Chapter 13 of the Public Acts of 2017, amended *Tennessee Code Annotated § 67-1-403(e)* to provide that mandatory annual continuing education and training is only required to the extent that such education and training is provided by the Comptroller of the Treasury free of charge.

WHEREAS, As a condition of appointment or continued service, county board of equalization members and county hearing officers shall complete a minimum of four (4) hours of annual training to include board governance, open meetings requirements, and other topics reasonably related to the duties of the members of the county board of equalization, as provided by the Comptroller of the Treasury.

WHEREAS, Members' certificates of attendance shall be turned over to the assessor of property for preservation for a period of at least three (3) years.

WHEREAS, this Resolution shall be effective upon its passage and approval, the public welfare requiring it.

(Res. 18-023 con't)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2018, that this Commission does approve this resolution requiring McMinn County Board of Equalization members and county board hearing officers to complete annual continuing education.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
McMinn County

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hayes)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner King, and seconded by Commissioner Slack, to approve this resolution.

- Chairman Crews ask where this training takes place. Mr. Price said they usually have to go to Knoxville but this year they have a location in Cleveland that they will attend.

Motion carried by voice vote.

C. A Resolution Authorizing a Continuous Five (5) Year Reappraisal Cycle.

Mr. Gentry presented Resolution #18-024 along with a copy of the 5-year plan. Mayor Gentry ask Keith Price to explain this resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTINUOUS FIVE (5) YEAR REAPPRAISAL CYCLE

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated §65-5-1601 establishes a general six (6) year reappraisal for updating and equalizing property values for every county in Tennessee for property tax purposes; and

WHEREAS, a six (6) year reappraisal program consist of an on-site review of each parcel of real property over a five-year period followed by revaluation of all such property in the year following completion of the review period and includes a current value updating during the third year of the review cycle and sales ratio studies during the second and fifth years of the review cycle; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 310 of the 1997 Public Acts provides upon the approval of the assessor and upon the adoption by majority approval vote of the county legislative body, the reappraisal program may be completed by a continuous five (5) year cycle comprised of an on-site review of each real property over a four (4) year period followed by revaluation of all such property in the year following completion of the review period; and

WHEREAS, the legislative body of McMinn County understands that by approving such a five (5) year reappraisal cycle a sales ratio study will be conducted during the second and fourth years of the review cycle and the centrally assessed properties and commercial/industrial tangible personal property will be equalized by the sales ratio adopted by the State Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated §67-5-1601, as amended by Chapter 318 of the 1997 Public Acts, reappraisal shall be accomplished in McMinn County by a continuous five (5) year cycle beginning July 1, 2018, comprised of an on-site review of each parcel of real property over a four (4) year period followed by revaluation of all such property for tax year 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2018, that this Commission does hereby approve a continuous five-year reappraisal cycle.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
McMinn County Mayor

(Res. 18-024 con't)

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hayes)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner King, and seconded by Commissioner Slack, to approve this resolution.

D. A Resolution Approving the Request of the McMinn County Library Board for \$6,500 to Replace the Primary HVAC Unit.

Mr. Gentry presented Resolution #18-025 along with a letter from McMinn County Library Board. This did have Budget Committee approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-025**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REQUEST OF THE McMINN COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD FOR \$6,500 TO REPLACE THE PRIMARY HVAC UNIT**

**WHEREAS**, E.G. Fisher Public Library is in need of a new HVAC unit as theirs have been in service for over 20 years and are no longer functional; and

**WHEREAS**, the McMinn County Library Board received four bids for the project, and the estimated cost is approximately \$20,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the McMinn County Library Board is requesting \$6,500 from McMinn County to assist with the replacement of the unit; and

**WHEREAS**, the remainder of the project costs will be covered by the Library Board and the City of Athens; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2018**, that this Commission does approve the request of the McMinn County Library Board for \$6,500 to replace their HVAC unit.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hayes)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner King, and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

E. A Resolution to Approve the Request for Hotel/Motel Funds by the City of Niota for National Train Day Exhibition.

Mr. Gentry presented Resolution 18-026 along with a letter from the City of Niota. This did have Budget Committee approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-026**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR HOTEL-MOTEL FUNDS BY THE CITY OF NIOTA FOR NATIONAL TRAIN DAY EXHIBITION**

(Res. 18-026 con't)

WHEREAS, the City of Niota is attracting people from around the area to McMinn County on May 12, 2018, for National Train Day; and

WHEREAS, the city will hold a model railroad exhibition at Niota Elementary School and will have various vendors present at the event; and

WHEREAS, numerous railroad clubs from Chattanooga, Knoxville, Crossville, Murfreesboro and Maryville have committed to participate in the event; and

WHEREAS, to assist in the funding the National Train Day Exhibition, the City of Niota requests \$1,000.00 from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2018, that this Commission does hereby approve \$1,000.00 for the Train Day event.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hayes)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner McPhail, and seconded by Commissioner Millsaps, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

F. A Resolution to Approve the Request for Hotel/Motel Funds by Willsonthropic, Inc. to Fund the Opening Night of Sounds of Summer.

Mr. Gentry presented Resolution #18-027 along with a letter from Timothy M. Hughes. This did have Budget Committee approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-027

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR HOTEL-MOTEL FUNDS  
BY WILLSONTHROPIC, INC. TO FUND THE OPENING NIGHT OF  
SOUNDS OF SUMMMER

WHEREAS, Sounds of Summer is an annual concert series that brings talented musicians to Athens; and

WHEREAS, the concert series has been very successful and is growing in attendance each year; and

WHEREAS, Sounds of Summer is not only popular with locals but also attracts people from around the region; and

WHEREAS, Sounds of Summer organizers have requested three thousand dollars (\$3,000) from Hotel/Motel funds; and

WHEREAS, to assist in the funding the advertising and the entertainment, the McMinn County Commission agrees to provide \$3,000.00 from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2018, that this

(Res. 18-027 con't)

Commission does hereby approve \$3,000.00 for Willsonthropic, Inc. to produce Sounds of Summer and advertise appropriately.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hayes)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Curtis, and seconded by Commissioner Masingale, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

G. A Resolution to Approve the Request of Funds by the Athens Area Council for the Arts to Assist in Funding the AACA Performance Guide.

Mr. Gentry presented Resolution #18-028 along with a letter from Lauren Brown Shepherd. This did have Budget Committee approval

RESOLUTION NO. 18-028

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF FUNDS BY THE ATHENS AREA COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS TO ASSIST IN FUNDING THE AACA PERFORMANCE GUIDE

WHEREAS, the Athens Area Council for the Arts has requested \$7,500 to assist in funding the Big Time/Small Town 2017-18 Performance Guide; and

WHEREAS, the Performance Guide details all of the major performance offerings which are on the Arts Center calendar for the year and is mailed to 2,500 patrons, prospects and local businesses; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their usual annual request, the Athens Area Council for the Arts is requesting assistance in matching a USDA grant to upgrade technology and theater equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Arts Council would cover 60% of the match but requests \$3,000 from McMinn County to meet the full grant match of \$7,475; and

WHEREAS, the total amount requested by the Arts Council for both the Performance Guide and the USDA grant match is \$10,500; and

WHEREAS, this request shall be funded from Tourism/Hotel-Motel Tax funds in the amount of \$3,000.00, with appropriate advertisement of this donation to a non-profit as prescribed by law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2018, that this Commission does hereby approve this appropriation of Tourism funds to the Athens Area Council for the Arts.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hayes)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Slack, and seconded by Commissioner McPhail, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

H. A Resolution Requesting the Tennessee General Assembly to Consider Legislation to Rename the U.S. 411 Bridge Over Chestuee Creek the “Billy Benton Stewart Bridge”.

Mr. Gentry presented Resolution #18-29. Mayor Gentry ask Ken Stewart to tell the story of how the request for this resolution was brought to the commission.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-029

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONSIDER LEGISLATION TO RENAME THE U.S. 411 BRIDGE OVER CHESTUEE CREEK THE “BILLY BENTON STEWART BRIDGE”

WHEREAS, Bill Stewart originally of Etowah and currently of Athens, is a lifelong McMinn County resident, husband of the late Alda Stewart, father of three children, grandfather of six, and great-grandfather of two; and

WHEREAS, Bill is a veteran of the United States Army and served during the period of the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Bill retired from South Central Bell; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 1954, Bill Stewart demonstrated incredible courage and selflessness in the rescue of Hugh M. Willson, his wife Mintie, their infant son, and two other men from the raging current of the flood-swollen Chestuee Creek; and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 1954, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company formally recognized the efforts of Bill Stewart for disregarding personal safety and undoubtedly saving the lives of five individuals by awarding him the Vail Medal for noteworthy public service; and

WHEREAS, January 22, 2019, will mark the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bill Stewart’s heroic actions and the McMinn County Commission desires the State of Tennessee General Assembly consider naming the U.S. 411 bridge over the Chestuee Creek the “Billy Benton Stewart Bridge” in recognition thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2018, that this Commission does hereby approve this resolution to request naming the U.S. 411 bridge over the Chestuee Creek for Bill Stewart to honor his many contributions to McMinn County.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hayes)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner McPhail , and seconded by Commissioner Masingale, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

11. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

- Chairman Crews said that the School Board will be have some projects soon that the commission will need to look at. Chairman Crews ask the Properties Committee to represent the commission with whoever the School Board appoints.

12. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, COUNTY OFFICIALS, COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Millsaps—Recreation Committee met night and approved 3 resolutions to be sent to the county commission.

- Commissioner Curtis—Budget Committee met tonight to approve the budget instructions for the upcoming budget cycle and recommended the budget request from various organizations to go before the county commission. Dr. Curtis said they also discussed the tourism policy. They adopted a form to be completed by any request made in the future.

13. COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY MAYOR

- Mayor Gentry gave an update on the runway cleaning project.
- Mayor Gentry said the county has been awarded a grant for the access road for the Etowah Industrial Park.
- Mayor Gentry ask his assistant Mark Cochran to give an update on the delinquent properties sales. Mr. Cockran said the Delinquent Tax Committee met a few months back to see some values on some of the 14 properties of which 8 have sold.

14. APPROVAL OF NOTARY APPLICATIONS

The following notary applications were submitted to the County Clerk's Office:

Notaries to be elected March 26, 2018

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| JENNIFER L. ADKINS         | REBA K. MCKINNEY        |
| APRIL MICHELLE BEACH       | JAMES MCMURRAY          |
| SANDRA S BLANKENSHIP       | HARRY D. MELTON         |
| SHARON BROWN               | PATRICIA J. MELTON      |
| ASHLEY F BURCHFIELD        | JOY C. MUIR             |
| LARA CROCKETT              | SHERRI R. PRESSLEY      |
| DANIEL A. EATON            | ALEXANDRIA RAYBURN      |
| TERRY L. ELLIOT            | CONNIE R. ROBINSON      |
| CASSANDRA M. GRILLO-FOSTER | PATRICIA L. STEPHENS    |
| JENNIFER L GUNN            | BRENDA S. STONE         |
| MISTY HARMON               | CARLA J. TORBETT        |
| LISA B. HOOPER             | TIA N. TORBETT-CHRISMAN |
| STEPHEN LONG               | PATRICIA DIANE LOWE     |

MOTION made by Commissioner McPhail, and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to approve these notary applications.

Motion carried by voice vote.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

None.

There being no other business, Chairman Crews declared the Commission meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

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EVONNE HAYES  
McMinn County Clerk

Attest:

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Deputy (date)