

The McMinn County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on October 18, 2021 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 Millsaps.

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Commissioner Carter.

4. ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken by Melinda King, McMinn County, 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 September 20, 2021 were provided to the McMinn County Commissioners.

MOTION made by Commissioner McPhail, and seconded by Commissioner Millsaps, to approve the minutes of September 20, 2021.

Motion carried by voice vote.

6. APPROVAL OF BIDS AND PURCHASES

A. A Resolution to Approve and Award the Bid for Painting of the McMinn County Courthouse.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #21-107 along with letters of recommendation and bid summary sheet from Scott McDowell, Supervisor.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-107

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AWARD THE BID FOR  
PAINTING OF THE MCMINN COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Courthouse is in need of painting; and

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

WHEREAS, Maintenance Supervisor, Scott McDowell has recommended to award the bid to Ross Construction, Inc. of Cleveland, TN., the lowest bid meeting specifications, in the amount of \$67,500.00.

(Res. 21-107 con't)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2021, that this Commission does hereby approve the recommendation of the project in the amount of \$67,500 and further authorize the County Mayor to execute all documents essential to fulfilling said project.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Melinda King)  
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution to Approve Advance Payment of 2021 Inservice/Supplemental Pay to Eligible Officers of the McMinn County Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #21-108 along with a list of eligible officers from Joe Guy, McMinn County Sheriff.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-108

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ADVANCE PAYMENT OF 2021  
INSERVICE/SUPPLEMENTAL PAY TO ELIGIBLE OFFICERS OF THE MCMINN COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, McMinn County receives payment of in-service supplemental pay from the State of Tennessee Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission for eligible officers as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated Title 38 Chapter 8; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the supplemental pay is \$800.00 per officer, and is received in the month of June; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County Sheriff Joe Guy requests this money be paid in the month of December.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS THE 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2021, that this Commission does hereby approve the request of Sheriff Guy.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Melinda King)  
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS

None.

8. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Mr. Luallen presented the following budget amendments, a copy of which was provided to each Commissioner. These did have School Board approval.

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DEPARTMET	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Other Local Revenue	Contributions & Gifts	44570-reg	9,176.03	
Regular Edu. Program Support	Other Salaries & Wages	72210-189reg		7,600.00
Regular Edu. Program Support	Social Security	72210-201reg		471.20
Regular Edu. Program Support	State Retirement	72210-204reg		635.62
Regular Edu. Program Support	Medicare	72210-212reg		110.21
Regular Edu. Program Support	Retirement-Hybrid Stabilization	72210-217reg		60.00
Regular Edu. Program Support	Staff Development	72210-524reg		299.00
Explanation: To enter Budget for the SPDG Reengagement Grant (REG) award from the University of Tennessee for the FY 2021-2021 budget.				
FUND: GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND # 141			DATE: 09/02/2021	
DEPARTMET	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Health Services	Supervisor/Director	72120-105		10,610.00
Health Services	Other Salaries & Wages	72120-189		8,006.00
Health Services	Social Security	72120-201		1,076.19
Health Services	State Retirement	72120-204		1,441.00
Health Services	Life Insurance	72120-206		108.00
Health Services	Medical Insurance	72120-207		10,474.00
Health Services	Employer Medicare	72120-212		311.29
Health Services	Retirement-Hybrid Stabilization	72120-217		615.68
Health Services	Travel	72120-355	1,157.00	
Health Services	Other Supplies & Materials	72120-499	31,680.50	
Health Services	In-Service/Staff Development	72120-524		250.00
Health Services	Other Charges	72120-599	199.00	
Health Services	Other Equipment	72120-790		144.34
Explanation: To enter budget for the Coordinated School Health Grant for FY 21-22				
			Date: 10/01/2021	
State Revenues	Safe Schools Grant	46981	103,540.00	
Other Student Support	Contract with Government Agen	72130-309		67,546.45
Support Serv/Regular Instruction	Other Equipment	72210-790		35,693.55
Explanation: To enter budget for the Safe Schools Grant in FY 2021-2022				
Fund: General Purpose School Fund # 141, 21 <sup>st</sup> Century CLC Grant			Date: 09/14/2021	
Federal through State	Other Federal Thru State	47590	15,951.25	
Other Programs (Voc. Rehap)	Case Management Assistant	72290-103		2,116.00
Other Programs (Voc. Rehap)	Educational Assistants	72290-163		10,882.00
Other Programs (Voc. Rehap)	Social Security	72290-201		1,086.88
Other Programs (Voc. Rehap)	State Retirement	72290-204	4,029.96	
Other Programs (Voc. Rehap)	Life Insurance	72290-206		78.00
Other Programs (Voc. Rehap)	Medical Insurance	72290-207		5,670.76
Other Programs (Voc. Rehap)	Medicare	72290-212		188.60
Other Programs (Voc. Rehap)	Other Fringe Benefits	72290-299	41.00	
Explanation: To enter approved Voc-Rehab (School to work) budget for the period of Oct 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.				
Reserve	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000	6,649.54	
Other Student Support	Other Salaried & Wages	72130-189		6,177.00
Other Student Support	Social Security	72130-201		382.97
Other Student Support	Medicare	72130-212		89.57
Explanation: To adjust the budget for additional coaching supplement for FY 21-22				

MOTION made by Commissioner King, and seconded by Commissioner Simpson 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

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Tad Simpson - Aye  
 Charles Slack - Aye  
 Chairman David Crews – Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote, as recorded:

Mr. Luallen presented the following budget amendments, a copy of which was provided to each Commissioner. These did have School Board approval.

Fund: Federal Projects # 142, ARP IDEA, # 901		Date: 09/24/2021		
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Special Education Program	Contracts with Private Agencies	71200-312	14,800.00	
Special Education Program	Instructional Supplies & Materials	72100-429	10,000.00	
Transportation	Transportation Equipment	72710-729		24,800.00
Explanation: To Amend budget for the ARP IDEA Grant for FY 2021-2022.				
Fund: Federal Projects # 142, ARP Homeless 2.0, #701		Date: 09/29/2021		
Revenue	American Rescue Plan Act Grant #	47404	31,808.55	
Regular Instruction Program	Instructional Supplies & Materials	71110-429		5,008.55
Other Student Support	Other Charges	72130-599		2,000.00
Transportation	Gasoline	72710-425		500.00
Transportation	Transportation	72710-729		24,300.00
Explanation: To enter budget for the ARP Homeless Grant for FY 2021-2022.				
Revenue	American Rescue Plan Act Grant #	47401	11,226,447.18	
Regular Instruction Program	Teachers	71100-116		1,928,73.54
Regular Instruction Program	Educational Assistants	71100-163		298,252.14
Regular Instruction Program	Social Security	71100-201		138,073.14
Regular Instruction Program	State Retirement	71100-204		187,951.89
Regular Instruction Program	Life Insurance	71100-206		2,216.00
Regular Instruction Program	Medical Insurance	71100-207		207,659.31
Regular Instruction Program	Employer Medicare	71100-212		32,291.00
Regular Instruction Program	Retirement Hybrid Stabilization	71100-217		28,144.80
Regular Instruction Program	Instructional Supplies & Mater	71100-429		325,080.00
Regular Instruction Program	Textbooks bound	71100-449		1,500,000.00
Regular Instruction Program	Regular Instruction Equipment	71100-722		1,010,000.00
Special Education Program	Teachers	71200-449		126,000.00
Special Education Program	Speech Pathologist	71200-171		13,062.00
Special Education Program	Social Security	71200-201		8,622.00
Special Education Program	State Retirement	71200-204		14,074.00
Special Education Program	Employer Medicare	71200-212		2,017.00
Special Education Program	Retirement Hybrid Stabilization	71200-217		1,668.74
Vocational Education Prog	Vocational Instruction Equipment	71300-730		162,442.00
Attendance	Bonus Payments	72110-188		9,000.00
Attendance	Social Security	72110-201		558.00
Attendance	State Retirement	72110-204		927.00
Attendance	Employer Medicare	72110-212		130.50
EXPLANATION: To adjust the budget for the ESSER 3.0 grant (ARP Act) for FY 21-22 to match ePlan (page 1 of 4)				

Fund: Federal Projects # 142, ESSER 2.0, #938		Date: 08/26/2021		
Health Services	Medical Personnel	72120-131		550,200.00
Health Services	Bonus Payments	72120-188		15,000.00
Health Services	Social Security	72120-201		35,042.40
Health Services	State Retirement	72120-204		23,937.34
Health Services	Life Insurance	72120-206		2,070.00
Health Services	Medical Insurance	72120-207		180,810.00
Health Services	Employer Medicare	72120-212		8,195.40
Health Services	Retirement Hybrid Stabilization	72120-217		540.00
Health Services	Health Equipment	72120-735		13,742.30

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Other Student Support	Evaluation & Testing	72130-322		250,000.00
Other Student Support	In-Service/Staff Development	72130-322		15,000.00
Support Serv./Regular Instruction Program	Supervisor/Director	72210-105		169,000.00
Support Serv./Regular Instruction Program	Bonus Payments	72210-188		69,000.00
Support Serv./Regular Instruction Program	Other Salaries & Wages	72210-189		71,000.00
Support Serv./Regular Instruction Program	Social Security	72210-201		19,158.00
Support Serv./Regular Instruction Program	State Retirement	72210-204		31,827.00
Support Serv./Regular Instruction Program	Life Insurance	72210-206		331.00
Support Serv./Regular Education Program	Medical Insurance	72210-207		28,922.00
Support Serv./Regular Education Program	Employer Medicare	72210-212		4,480.50
Support Serv./Regular Education Program	Travel	72210-355		3,000.00
Support Serv./Regular Education Program	Other Supplies/& Materials	72210-499		5,000.00
Support Serv./Regular Education Program	In-Service/Staff Development	72210-524		22,000.00
Support Serv./Regular Education Program	Other Equipment	72210-790		6,000.00
EXPLANATION: To adjust the budget for the ESSER 2.0 grant (ARP Act) for FY 21-22 (page 2 of 4)				

Fund: Federal Projects # 142 ESSER 3.0, # 939		Date: 10/04/2021		
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Special Education Program	Bonus Payments	72220-188		9,000.00
Special Education Program	Social Security	72220-201		558.00
Special Education Program	State Retirement	72220-204		927.00
Special Education Program	Employer Medicare	72220-212		130.50
Career & Technical Education Pro.	Bonus Payments	72230-188		9,000.00
Career & Technical Education Pro.	Social Security	72230-201		558.00
Career & Technical Education Pro.	State Retirement	72230-204		927.00
Career & Technical Education Pro.	Employer Medicare	72230-212		130.50
Office of the Principle	Bonus Payments	72410-188		39,000.00
Office of the Principle	Other Salaries & Wages	72410-189		460,800.00
Office of the Principle	Social Security	72410-201		30,987.60
Office of the Principle	State Retirement	72410-204		45,481.80
Office of the Principle	Employer Medicare	72610-212		7,247.10
Office of the Principle	Retirement-Hybrid Stabilization	72410-217		5,997.60
Operation of Plant	Bonus Payments	72610-188		69,000.00
Operation of Plant	Social Security	72610-201		4,278.00
Operation of Plant	State Retirement	72610-204		2,877.30
Operation of Plant	Employer Medicare	72610-212		1,000.50
Operation of Plant	Bus Drivers	72710-146		367,980.00
Transportation	Bonus Payments	72710-188		9,000.00
Transportation	Social Security	72710-201		23,372.76
Transportation	State Retirement	72710-204		15,720.07
Transportation	Employer Medicare	72710-212		5,466.21
Transportation	Gasoline	72710-425		73,450.00
EXPLANATION: To adjust the budget for the ESSER 2.0 grant (ARP Act) for FY 21-22 (page 3 of 4)				

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Fund: Federal Projects # 142, ESSER 3.0, #939			Date: 10/04/2021	
Transportation	Transportation	72710-729		425,030.00
Food Service	Bonus Payments	73100-188		79,000.00
Food Service	Social Security	73100-201		4,898.00
Food Service	State Retirement	73100-204		3,669.60
Food Service	Employer Medicare	73100-212		970.50
Food Service	Other Charges	73100-599		4,500.00
Food Service	Food Service Equipment	73100-710		104,329.32
Regular Capital Outlay	Building Improvements	76100-707		1,900,000.00
EXPLANATION: To adjust the budget for the ESSER 3.0 grant (ARP Act) for FY 21-22 (page 4 of 4)				

MOTION made by Commissioner Curtis, and seconded by Commissioner Slack 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:

Mr. Luallen presented the following budget amendments, a copy of which was provided to each Commissioner. These did have School Board approval.

FUND: Central Cafeteria Fund # 143		DATE: 10/04/2021		
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Other Local Revenues	Miscellaneous Refunds	44170	17,478.36	
Food Service	State Retirement	73100-204		17,478.36
Explanation: To enter an adjustment for TCRS retirement for FY 21-22				

MOTION made by Commissioner Simpson, and seconded by Commissioner Masingale 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

None.

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10. RESOLUTIONS

A. A Resolution to Approve Additional Grant Match for Riceville Utility District 2020 CDBG.

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 21-109. This did have budget committee approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-109

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL GRANT MATCH FOR  
RICEVILLE UTILITY DISTRICT 2020 CDBG

WHEREAS, McMinn County has identified the need for public water to be extended to all citizens of the county, as funds become available; and

WHEREAS, many residents in the county have requested assistance in receiving public water; and

WHEREAS, The State of Tennessee Community Development Block Grant program has grant funds available to assist with extending water lines to unserved households; and

WHEREAS, The Riceville Utility District has existing water lines that could be extended to serve homes on County Roads: 38, 50, and 51 where the 100% of the existing wells have previously tested positive for bacterial contamination; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County has been awarded \$630,000 in CDBG grant funds, to assist in extending public water to citizens of the county; and

WHEREAS, in April 2020, the McMinn County Commission approved the grant application and providing the local match of \$120,000, for a total projected cost of \$750,000; and

WHEREAS, due to a sharp escalation in materials and labor costs, the lowest bid meeting specifications raised the total project cost to \$974,316.00; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County believes it is in its best to increase its local match share from \$120,000 to \$173,182 to ensure the project is completed ahead of further material price increases and supply issues; and;

WHEREAS, the Riceville Utility District has committed to increase its contribution to the project in the amount of \$171,134 and \$10,000 in administrative costs are being relinquished by SETD to complete the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021, that this Commission hereby approves increasing its match from \$120,000 to \$173,182 to complete the Riceville waterline extension project, and FURTHERMORE, resolves to grant authority to the County Mayor to enter into agreements and execute documents for the successful implementation for the project subject to the approval of the state.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Melinda King)  
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution to Approve Matching Funds for VEC Grant to Expand Broadband Availability to McMinn County.

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 21-110. This did have budget committee approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-110

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MATCHING FUNDS FOR VEC GRANT TO EXPAND BROADBAND  
AVAILABILITY TO McMINN COUNTY

(Res. 21-110 con't)

WHEREAS, due to the increasing dependence on broadband accessibility for quality of life, economic development, and online education, the McMinn County Commission has listed the increased availability of broadband as a priority at their annual strategic planning session; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that funding will be available from the American Recovery Plan for utility districts to use for broadband expansion in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer Electric Cooperative serves 220 square miles, or approximately one half of McMinn County's land area, and has requested McMinn County partner in a grant match for broadband expansion; and

WHEREAS, the fiber buildout by Volunteer Electric would reach over 2,500 homes in McMinn County; and

WHEREAS, the total project cost is estimated at \$15,830,000 with McMinn County's match totaling \$1,583,000; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County's match would be sourced from the portion of money it received from the American Rescue Plan; and

WHEREAS, future participation on broadband expansion projects will be based on case by case basis and the availability of funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021, that this Commission does hereby approve providing match assistance to Volunteer Electric Cooperative for broadband expansion and authorizes 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 Melinda King)  
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

C. A Resolution to Urge Tennessee's Elected Leaders to Oppose the Federally Proposed Vaccine Mandate.

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 21-111.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-111

TO URGE TENNESSEE'S ELECTED LEADERS  
TO OPPOSE THE FEDERALLY PROPOSED VACCINE MANDATE

WHEREAS, the federal government has announced a plan under which the Occupational Safety and Health Administration would mandate all private employers with at least 100 employees to require employees to either be vaccinated for COVID-19 or produce weekly negative test results; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Attorney General Herbert H. Slatery III has expressed grave concerns about the legality of this nationwide vaccination and testing requirement for COVID-19; and



(Res. 21-111 con't)

WHEREAS, this federal proposal is overly broad and likely violates federal law, including both the Occupational Safety and Health Act and the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, this proposal fails to take into account the numerous steps already taken by Tennessee employers to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure and the impact these additional burdens will place on the workplace and workforce; and

WHEREAS, the federal proposal also fails to take into account the substantial benefits natural immunity plays toward reducing additional cases of Covid 19.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021 that Tennessee's elected leaders are strongly urged to oppose the federally proposed vaccine mandate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the county clerk shall mail certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Speaker of the House and the Lieutenant Governor, and the members of the Tennessee General Assembly representing the people of McMinn County.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Melinda King)  
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

D. A Resolution to Amend Resolution 19-113 Authorizing the Hiwassee Utilities Commission to Secure a Drinking Water State Revolving Loan.

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 21-112.

#### RESOLUTION 21-112

#### A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 19-113 AUTHORIZING THE HIWASSEE UTILITES COMMISSION TO SECURE A DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING LOAN

WHEREAS, the Hiwassee Utilities Commission was created in 1972 to serve as a regional wholesale water supplier to Bradley County and McMinn County; and

WHEREAS, the Hiwassee Utilities Commission plant is currently rated at 15.0 million gallons per day and is classified as a Class IV water treatment plant; and

WHEREAS, the Hiwassee Utilities Commission water treatment plant is jointly owned by Bradley County and McMinn County and serves as a wholesale water supply to both Counties, including the cities of Cleveland, Charleston, Calhoun, Riceville, and Athens; and

WHEREAS, per Resolution 19-113, the Hiwassee Utilities Commission originally requested approval securing a Drinking Water State Revolving Loan in the amount of two million six hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$2,620,000.00) and due to increased cost projections requests the loan to be two million nine hundred eighteen thousand, nine hundred dollars (\$2,918,900) with McMinn County's obligation being \$1,459,450.00; and

WHEREAS, the needed capital improvements include a conversion of primary disinfectant from gaseous chlorine to liquid sodium hypochlorite, change of filter valves and plant meters, improvement of plant compressed air system and maintenance area, and improvement of safety and reliability of the plant by eliminating gaseous chlorine feed and replacing mechanical components that are nearly forty (40) years old; and

(Res. 21-112 con't)

WHEREAS, the Hiwassee Utilities Commission will meet the financial obligations of the requested loan from its current revenue stream and said loan term and interest rate will be based upon information on each County but is estimated to be 1.1% for a period of up to twenty (20) years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MCMINNN COUNTY COMMISSION, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021, that the Hiwassee Utilities Commission of Bradley and McMinn County is hereby authorized to request and secure a Drinking Water State Revolving Loan in the total amount of two million nine hundred eighteen thousand nine hundred dollars (\$2,918,900.00) to complete needed improvements of the Hiwassee Utilities Commission water treatment plant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hiwassee Utilities Commission will meet the financial obligations of the requested loan from its current revenue stream and said loan term and interest rate will be based upon information on each County but is estimated to be 1.1% for a period of up to twenty (20) years.

FURTHERMORE, authorizes the County Mayor to enter into agreements and execute documents necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Melinda King)  
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

#### 11. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

None.

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

Commissioner Curtis—Budget Committee met prior to tonight's meeting and recommended 3 resolutions (21-109, 21-110 and 21-112) to the full committee. Also got an update on the schools and are still waiting on the architect to come back with a plan for us.

#### 13. COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY MAYOR

##### Crossville Shooting Complex

Mayor Gentry said that several of them had a chance to visit a shooting complex in Crossville Tennessee. He said it was a very impressive complex. Mr. Gentry said the sheriff and landfill director went also. Mr. Gentry said the background of all this is TWRA has a very strong fund looking to work with communities to develop community sports. Mr. Gentry said they have talked about this in the past. They have talked to the director of schools and they are interested in starting shooting teams in our local high schools and also local colleges. He said they are trying to find a way that this will sustain itself and not have any real issues funding itself. Mr. Gentry said these are not low-cost items.

##### EMS Director Jamie Nicholson

Mayor Gentry ask Jamie Nicholson, EMA Director to come and go over the report for the month of September. Mr. Nicholson went over the September report. He said that the company is losing employees due to them getting better salaries at other jobs. He said they are looking at different ways to offer better salaries. He also said that they are working all the staff they have because they are short staffed.

Mayor Gentry ask Mr. Nicholson how do they prioritize who gets a ride. Mr. Nicholson said that 911 gets priority. Chairman Crews wanted to know if an ambulance could transport 2 patients at a time. Mr. Nicholson said you could if they were in the same car at an accident or spouses, mother and children. Chairman Crews ask Mr. Nicholson what number he wanted to get back to. He said 5 trucks/5 calls per truck.

Mr. Nicholson said they will have a new program called ET3 which there is only 4 agencies that are participating which is Memphis City Fire, Knox County, Blount County and McMinn County. He said it is a

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program where they can go to a home and if the patients wanted to, they could get a doctor online and would not have to be transported to a hospital. This is Tennessee's first step in Telemedicine. Mr. Nicholson said they are proud to be a part of this program and it should go live October 26, 2021.

Mr. Nicholson said that many of the local fire departments have been a big help. He said they can go to a call and help someone up when they have fallen and need help getting back up.

Carolyn McKeehan Retirement

Mr. Gentry wanted to express McMinn County's appreciation for Carolyn McKeehan who severed on the custodial staff for almost 20 years who retired Friday October 15, 2021. He said we constantly get a lot of complements from attorneys that operate out of other counties about how nice and clean everything is.

14. APPROVAL OF NOTARY APPLICATION

Notaries to be elected October 18,2021

MELISSA J. BRYSON	DIANE F. MCKENZIE
JASON CHRISTOPHER BUCHANAN	LOUIS M PASCARELLA
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EVALYN MASSINGALE	WILLIAM HUNTER STARR

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

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

There being no other business, Chairman Crews declared the Commission meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

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MELINDA KING  
McMinn County Clerk

Attest:

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Deputy (date)