

The McMinn County Board of Commissioners met in Special Called Session on August 31, 2022, at 8:30 am, in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Crews.

2. INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Slack.

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Commissioner Masingale.

4. ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken by Melinda King, McMinn County Clerk, as recorded:

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

5. FILL VACANCY FOR 9<sup>th</sup> SENATORIAL DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE.

Mayor Gentry said he received a letter from Senator Bell stating his resignation effective 12:01 am August 31, 2022. He said as the law is the county upon residency would fall upon the county commission to fill that vacancy. Mr. Gentry said you can leave it vacant and whoever wins the election becomes the senator for this district and however there have been many special call meetings in the past few years and thought they would bring it before the commission to see if they wish to fill the position that way if something comes up the district would have representation.

Mayor Gentry said that Senator Bell alluded to some candidates but it will be the wish of this chamber. Mr. Gentry said there is a resolution to appoint David Crews to the 9<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District of Tennessee.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-092

A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT DAVID CREWS TO COMPLETE THE UNFULFILLED TERM OF STATE SENATOR MIKE BELL WHEREAS, State Senator Mike Bell has submitted his resignation as State Senator for the 9 th Senatorial District; and WHEREAS, Article II of the Tennessee Constitution provides that when less than twelve months remain prior to the next general election for legislators, a successor shall be elected by the legislative body of the replaced legislator's county of residence at the time of his or her election; and WHEREAS, the term of any Senator so elected shall expire at the next general election for legislators, at which election a successor shall be elected; and

WHEREAS, only a qualified voter of the district represented shall be eligible to succeed to the vacant seat: and

(Res. #22-092 con't)

WHEREAS, David Crews has served honorably on the McMinn County Commission for two decades and earned the trust and respect of the citizens of McMinn County as well as the respect of his colleagues on the Commission; and WHEREAS, as County Commission Chairman, David Crews has consistently represented McMinn County at the state level at numerous conferences and with many organizations; and

WHEREAS, because of his illustrious service to the citizens of McMinn County, this Commission feels David Crews would be the proper person to complete the term of Senator Mike Bell; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS 31st DAY OF AUGUST 2022, that this commission does hereby appoint David Crews for the remainder of State Senator Mike Bell's unfilled term AND FURTHERMORE RESOLVES this resolution will not go into effect until 12:01 A.M. on September 1, 2022.

(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 Holbrook, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Chairman Crews declared the Commission meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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MELINDA KING  
McMinn County Clerk

Attest:

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Deputy Clerk (date)