

The McMinn County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on November 21, 2022 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 Curtis.

2. INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Crisp.

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:

Chairman Scott Curtis - Present
Tim King - Present
Roger Masingale - Present
Jerry Millsaps – Present
J. W. McPhail - Present
Brent Carter -Present
Tad Simpson - Present
Charles Slack – Absent
Travis Crisp – Present
Scott Cass - Present

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Copies of the Minutes of the Regular Session on October 17, 2022 were provided to the McMinn County Commissioners.

MOTION made by Commissioner King, and seconded by Commissioner Millsaps, to approve the minutes of October 17, 2022.

Motion carried by voice vote.

6. APPROVAL OF BIDS AND PURCHASES

A. A Resolution to Approve and Award the HVAC Portion of Existing Weight Room Bid for McMinn County High School.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #22-115 along with a copy of bid summary sheet.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-115

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AWARD THE HVAC PORTION OF EXISTING
WEIGHT ROOM BID FOR
MCMINN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

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

(Res. # 22-115 con't)

WHEREAS, McMinn County School Board has approved a bid for construction of the Weight Room at McMinn County High School in order to properly carry out the functions of the school; and

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

WHEREAS, architects Main Street Studios recommended, and McMinn County School Board has approved that the McMinn County High School Weight Room be awarded to Integrated Properties, LLC for the lump sum bid amount of \$991,200.00; and

WHEREAS, the HVAC portion the existing Weight Room Bid, totals \$110,604.00 and will be paid utilizing American Rescue Plan funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 21st DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022, that this Commission does hereby approve the HVAC portion of existing Weight Room Construction Project in the amount of \$110,604.00, 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 Millsaps, and seconded by Commissioner Crisp, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution to Approve Employee Bonus.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #22-116. This did have Budget Committee Approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-116

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EMPLOYEE BONUS

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Budget Committee has recommended a \$1,000 bonus for Full-time equivalent employees and a \$500 bonus for Part-time employees who average working a minimum of 10 hours per week; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County Director of Finance, Jason Luallen, requests approval to pay said bonuses; and

WHEREAS, Full-time equivalent employees will receive the \$1,000.00 bonus to be paid with the next available payroll following approval; and

WHEREAS, Part-time employees who average working a minimum of 10 hours per week will receive a \$500.00 with the next available payroll following approval; and

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 21st DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022, that this Commission does hereby approve these bonuses.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Melinda King)
County Clerk

(Res. # 22-116 con't)

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

C. A Resolution to Declare Items as Property.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #22-117 along with a list of items from Rhonda Cooley, Circuit Court Clerk.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-117

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE ITEMS AS SURPLUS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, McMinn County has authority to declare items as surplus that are no longer deemed necessary or adequate to properly perform the duties of county government as prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County Circuit Court Clerk, Rhonda Cooley requests to have the following item declared as surplus property: HP Laser Jet Printer County Tag #06909.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 21st DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022, that this Commission does hereby declare these items as surplus property.

(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.

D. A Resolution to Declare Items as Surplus Property.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #22-118 along with a list from Commissioner of Highways, Dan Evans.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-118

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE ITEMS AS SURPLUS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, McMinn County has authority to declare items as surplus that are no longer deemed necessary or adequate to properly perform the duties of county government as prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County Highway Commissioner, Dan Evans requests to have the following item declared as surplus property: #8835 – Parts Washer 42” Tank Serial #SW2581-101-2002151/2003.

(Res. # 22-118 con't)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 21ST DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022, that this Commission does hereby declare these items as surplus property.

(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.

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS

- A. A Resolution to Approve Grant Contract Between the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation and McMinn County.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #22-119 along with a copy of the grant contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-119

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE GRANT CONTRACT BETWEEN
THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AND MCMINN COUNTY

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 desires to enter into a Grant Contract with the State of Tennessee, Department of Transportation to Replace Runway Lighting - Design; and

WHEREAS, the term of this grant is September 16, 2022 through September 15, 2023, with the total Grant Contract amount being \$31,500.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 21ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022, that this Commission does hereby agree to approve this Grant Contract with the State of Tennessee,

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 Melinda King)
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution to Approve the Contract Between McMinn County and the State of Tennessee Department of the Military and Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, for a Homeland Security Grant.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #22-120 along with a copy of the Grant.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-120

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT BETWEEN McMINN COUNTY AND THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF THE MILITARY AND TENNESSEE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, FOR A HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT

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 desires to enter into contract with Tennessee Emergency Management Agency to acquire \$29,702.75 in grant funding applicable to the maintenance of 800/700Mhz radios as well as to sustain hazmat and law enforcement Perimeter Team equipment; and

WHEREAS, this grant is 100% funding with no match by McMinn County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 21st DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022 that this Commission does hereby agree to enter into contract with Tennessee Emergency Management Agency to receive grant funding of \$29,702.75, the public welfare requiring it, AND FURTHERMORE RESOLVES to grant authority to the County Mayor or his designee to carry out the duties of said contract.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Melinda King)
 County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Cass and seconded by Commissioner McPhail, 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.

FUND: GENERAL FUND # 101			DATE: 11/17/2022	
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Reserve	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000	180,518.00	
County Commission	Board & Committee Member Fees	51100-191		10,000.00
County Commission	Social Security	51100-201		765.00
County Commission	State Retirement	51100-204		417.00
County Mayor's Office	County Official	51300-101		1,000.00
County Mayor's Office	Supervisor/Director(project)	51300-105		500.00
County Mayor's Office	Secretary	51300-161		1,000.00
County Mayor's Office	Social Security	51300-201		190.00

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County Mayor's Office	State Retirement	51300-204		84.00
County Attorney	County Official	51400-101		1,000.00
County Attorney	Social Security	51400-201		77.00
County Attorney	State Retirement	51400-204		42.00
Election Commission	County Official	51500-101		1,000.00
Election Commission	Clerical Personnel	51500-162		2,000.00
Election Commission	Social Security	51500-201		230.00
Election Commission	State Retirement	51500-204		126.00
County Buildings	Other Salaries & Wages	51800-189		7,000.00
County Buildings	Social Security	51800-201		536.00
County Buildings	State Retirement	51800-204		292.00
Accounting & Budgeting	County Official	52100-101		1,000.00
Accounting & Budgeting	Other Salaries & Wages	52100-189		9,000.00
Accounting & Budgeting	Social Security	52100-201		765.00
Accounting & Budgeting	State Retirement	52100-204		417.00

EXPLANATION: To amend budget to include employee bonuses.

FUND: GENERAL FUND #101			DATE: 11/17/2022	
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Property Assessor's Office	County Official	52300-101		1,000.00
Property Assessor's Office	Part-time Personnel	52300-169		1,500.00
Property Assessor's Office	Other Salaries & Wages	52300-189		6,000.00
Property Assessor's Office	Social Security	52300-201		651.00
Property Assessor's Office	State Retirement	52300-204		355.00
County Clerks	County Official	52500-101		1,000.00
County Clerk	Other Salaries & Wages	52500-189		12,000.00
County Clerk	Social Security	52500-201		995.00
County Clerk	State Retirement	52500-204		501.00
Chancery Court	County Official	53400-101		1,000.00
Chancery Court	Other Salaries & Wages	53400-189		4,000.00
Chancery Court	Social Security	53400-201		383.00
Chancery Court	State Retirement	53400-204		209.00
Courtroom Security	Other Salaries & Wages	53920-189		4,500.00
Courtroom Security	Social Security	53920-201		345.00
Courtroom Security	State Retirement	53920-204		167.00
Sheriff's Department	County Officials	54110-101		1,000.00
Sheriff's Department	Deputies	54110-106		26,000.00
Sheriff's Department	Secretaries	54110-161		2,000.00
Sheriff's Department	Social Security	54110-201		2,219.00

Sheriff's Department	State Retirement	54110-204		1,210.00
Special Patrols	Deputies	54120-106		10,000.00
Special Patrols	Social Security	54120-201		765.00
Special Patrols	State Retirement	54120-204		417.00
Jail	Medical Personnel	54210-131		2,000.00
Jail	Clerical Personnel	54210-162		1,000.00
Jail	Cafeteria Personnel	54210-165		2,000.00

EXPLANATION: To amend budget to include employee bonuses.

FUND: GENERAL FUND # 101			DATE: 11/17/2022	
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Jail	Other Salaries & Wages	54210-189		40,000.00
Jail	Social Security	54210-201		3,443.00
Jail	State Retirement	54210-204		1,877.00
Juvenile Services	Other Salaries & Wages	54240-189		6,000.00
Juvenile Services	Social Security	54240-201		459.00

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Juvenile Services	State Retirement	54240-204		251.00
Other Emergency Management	Other Salaries & Wages	54490-189		2,000.00
Other Emergency Management	Social Security	54490-201		153.00
Other Emergency Management	State Retirement	54490-204		84.00
Parks	Other Salaries & Wages	56700-189		2,000.00
Parks	Social Security	56700-201		153.00
Parks	State Retirement	56700-204		84.00
Soil Conservation	Secretary	57500-161		1,000.00
Soil Conservation	Social Security	57500-201		77.00
Soil Conservation	State Retirement	57500-204		42.00
Veterans Services	Supervisor/Director	58300-105		1,000.00
Veterans Services	Other Salaries & Wages	58300-189		1,000.00
Veterans Services	Social Security	58300-201		153.00
Veterans Services	State Retirement	58300-204		84.00
EXPLANATION: To amend budget to include employee bonuses.				

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

- Chairman Scott Curtis - Aye
- Tim King - Aye
- Roger Masingale - Aye
- Jerry Millsaps – Aye
- J. W. McPhail - Aye
- Brent Carter -Aye
- Tad Simpson - Aye
- Charles Slack – Absent
- Travis Crisp – Aye
- Scott Cass - 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.

Fund: Road & Bridge Fund #131		Date 11/17/2022		
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Reserve	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000	1,100,000.00	
Hwy & Bridge Maint.	Asphalt/Hot Mix	62000-404		750,000.00
Capital Outlay	Bridge Construction	68000-705		350,000.00
Explanation: To budget funds for bridge improvements and additional paving.				

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

- Chairman Scott Curtis - Aye
- Tim King - Aye
- Roger Masingale - Aye
- Jerry Millsaps – Aye
- J. W. McPhail - Aye
- Brent Carter -Aye
- Tad Simpson - Aye
- Charles Slack – Absent
- Travis Crisp – Aye
- Scott Cass - Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote, as recorded:

(con't)

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

Fund: General Purpose School Fund # 141			Date: 10/21/2022	
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Other local revenues	Other Local Revenue	44990-art	5,000.00	
Regular Education Program	Other Supplies & Materials	71100-499 art		5,000.00
Explanation: To enter the approved budget for the Mayfield Art grant awarded FY 22-23.				
Reserve	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000	50,000.00	
Officer of the Principle	Other Charges	72410-599 Reward		50,000.00
Explanation: To move funds from unassigned fund balance and budget for 5 schools Reward FY 22-23.				
Reserve	Undersigned Fund Balance	39000	32,339.76	
Office of the Superintendent	Secretary	72320-161		23,585.00
Office of the Superintendent	Social Security	72320-201		1,462.27
Office of the Superintendent	State Retirement	72320-204		983.51
Office of the Superintendent	Life Insurance	72320-206		108.00
Office of the Superintendent	Medical Insurance	72320-207		5,859.00
Office of the Superintendent	Medicare	72320-212		341.98
Explanation: To budget funds for scrap metal sold in FY 22-23 from the Transportation Department.				

Fund: General Purpose School Fund # 141			Date: 10/27/2022	
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Other Local Revenues	Sale of Equipment	44530	753.20	
Transportation	Other Supplies & Materials	72710-499		753.20
Explanation: To budget funds for the remaining of FY 22-23 for new administration assistant position				
Reserve		39000	300,000.00	
Maintenance of Plant		72620-335		300,000.00
Explanation: To add budget funds for maintenance and repair buildings for the remainder of FY 22-23.				
Reserve	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000	350,224.68	
Reserve	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000	372,000.00	
Reserve	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000	307,552.00	
Regular Capital Outlay	Building Improvements	76100-707MSCD		350,224.68
Regular Capital Outlay	Building Improvements	76100-707MSCM		372,000.00
Regular Capital Outlay	Building Improvements	76100-707MSCA		307,552.00
JOURNAL ENTRY REQUIRED				
Reserve	Restricted for MCHS Sport C	34585	350,724.68	
Reserve	Unassigned fund balance	39000		350,724.68
Explanation: To move funds from Unassigned fund balance to add to Capital Outlay to fun the MCHS Sports Complex in FY 22-23.				

Fund: General Purpose School Fund # 141			Date: 10/31/2022	
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Reserve	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000	612,647.28	
Regular Education Program	Bonus Payments	71100-188		297,000.00
Regular Education Program	Social Security	71100-201		18,414.00
Regular Education Program	State Retirement	71100-204		13,926.96
Regular Education Program	Employer Medicare	71100-212		13,365.00
Regular Education Program	Retirement Hybrid Stabilization	71100-217		8,613.00
Alternative Instruction Pro	Bonus Payments	71150-188		1,500.00
Alternative Instruction Pro	Social Security	71150-201		93.00
Alternative Instruction Pro	State Retirement	71150-204		135.00
Alternative Instruction Pro	Employer Medicare	71150-212		21.75
Vocational Education Prog	Bonus Payments	71300-188		21,750.00
Vocational Education Prog	Social Security	71300-201		1,348.50
Vocational Education Prog	State Retirement	71300-204		1,174.50

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Vocational Education Prog	Employer Medicare	71300-212	1,579.00	315.38
Vocational Education Prog	Ret-Hybrid Stabilization	71300-217	2,238.20	783.00
Other Student Support	Bonus Payments	72130-188		17,250.00
Other Student Support	Social Security	72130-201		1,069.50
Other Student Support	State Retirement	72130-204		1,275.53
Other Student Support	Employer Medicare	72130-212		250.13
Other Student Support	Ret-Hybrid Stabilization	72130-217		621.00
Reg Edu Program Support	Bonus Payments	72210-188		39,500.00
Reg Edu Program Support	Social Security	72210-201		2,449.00
Reg Edu Program Support	State Retirement	72210-204		2,133.00
Reg Edu Program Support	Employer Medicare	72210-212		572.75
Reg Edu Program Support	Ret-Hybrid Stabilization	72210-217		1,422.00
EXPLANATION: To budget bonuses approved by the School Board for FY 22-23(Page 1 of 3)				

Transportation	Bonus Payments	72710-188		35,250.00
Transportation	Social Security	72710-201		2,185.50
Transportation	State Retirement	72710-204		1,469.92
Transportation	Employer Medicare	72710-212		511.13
To budget bonuses approved by the School Board for FY 22-23 (page 3 of 3)				
Fund: General Purpose School Fund # 141		Date: 11/01/2022		
Other Local Revenue	Other Local Revenue	44990-TECH	10,000	
Regular Education Program	Regular Instruction Equipment			10,000.00
Explanation: To budget Technology grant funds from Pilot Company for Pre-K Ipads in FY 2022-23				

MOTION made by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Carter to approve these budget amendments.

- Chairman Scott Curtis – Aye
- Tim King - Aye
- Roger Masingale - Aye
- Brent Carter - Aye
- J. W. McPhail - Aye
- Jerry Millsaps - Aye
- Tad Simpson - Aye
- Charles Slack - Absent
- Travis Crisp – Aye
- Scott Cass - Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote, as recorded:

(con't)

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, HQIM Literacy Implementation Networks, #953 Date: 10/31/2022				
Transportation	Other Salaries & Wages	72710-189		45,675.00
Transportation	Social Security	72710-201		2,714.05
Transportation	State Retirement	72710-204		1,739.12
EXPLANATION: To adjust the budget for the ESSER 2.0 grant (CRRSA Act) for FY 21-22 (page 3 of 4)				
Fund: Federal Projects # 142, ESSER 2.0, #938 Date: 08/26/2021				
Revenue	COVID-19 Grant D	47309	83,200.00	
Regular Instruction Program	Instructional Supplies & Mat.	7110-429		5,200.00
Support Services/Regular Inst. Pro	Other Contracted Services	72210-399		73,000.00
Support Services/Regular Inst. Pro	In-Service/Staff Development	72210-524		5,000.00
EXPLANATION: To enter the budget for the HQIM Literacy Implementation Networks grant for FY 22-23				

Fund: Federal Projects # 142, ARP IDEA Preschool, # 911 Date 10/04/2022				
Revenue	American Rescue Plan #3	47403	18,476.06	
Special Education Program	Educational Assistants	71200-163		16,155.68
Special Education Program	Speech Pathologists	71200-171		500.00
Special Education Program	Social Security	71200-201		787.57
Special Education Program	State Retirement	71200-204		127.81
Special Education Program	Life Insurance	71200-206		5.00
Special Education Program	Medical Insurance	71200-207		500.00
Special Education Program	Employer Medicare	71200-212		400.00
Explanation: To enter the budget for the ARP IDEA Preschool Grant for FY 2022-2023.				
Fund: Federal Projects # 142,, ARP IDEA, # 901 Date: 10/04/2022				
Revenue	American Rescue Plan # 2	47402	252,193.69	
Special Education Program	Educational Assistants	71200-163		20,182.00
Special Education Program	Social Security	71200-201		1,251.29
Special Education Program	State Retirement	71200-204		841.59
Special Education Program	Life Insurance	71200-206		115.00
Special Education Program	Medical Insurance	71200-207		13,743.12
Special Education Program	Employer Medicare	71200-212		292.64
Special Education Program	Contracts with Private Agencies	71200-312		215,768.05
Explanation: To enter the budget for the ARP IDEA Grant for FY 2022-2023.				
Fund: Federal Projects # 142, ESSER 2.0, # 938 Date: 10/13/2022				
Regular Instruction Program	Instructional Supplies & Materia	71100-429	217.00	
Support Services/Reg. Inst	Bonus Payments	72210-499		271.00
Explanation: To amend the budget for the ESSER 2.0 Grant (CRRSA Act) for FY 2022-2023.				
Fund: Federal Projects # 142, Resilient School Communities Grant # 945 Date: 10/14/2022				
Federal Thru State	Other Federal Thru State	47590	163,062.41	
Other Student Support	Social Workers	72130-130		57,637.08
Other Student Support	Other Salaries & Wages	72130-189		57,637.08
Other Student Support	Social Security	72130-201		7,147.00
Other Student Support	State Retirement	72130-204		10,017.00
Other Student Support	Life Insurance	72130-206		230.00
Other Student Support	Medical Insurance	72130-207		28,722.44
Other Student Support	Employer Medicare	72130-212		1,671.48
Explanation: To enter the approved budget for the Resilient School Communities Grant for FY 22-23.				

(con't)

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

Chairman Scott Curtis – Aye
Tim King - Aye
Roger Masingale - Aye
Brent Carter - Aye
J. W. McPhail - Aye
Jerry Millsaps - Aye
Tad Simpson - Aye
Charles Slack - Absent
Travis Crisp - Aye
Scott Cass – Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote, as recorded:

9. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- Frances Witt McMahan, Executive Director of CASA Corridor of East Tennessee and Kelly Weber, Executive Director of the Hope Center came to the commission to make a request to get on the agenda to speak to the county commission at their earliest convenience to implement a program (Victim of Crime Fee) that would add a fee to criminals convicted of crimes (not all crimes). Chairman Curtis told them to contact the mayor's office to get on the agenda.
- Scottie Mayfield, Vice President/Capital Campaign Chair with Athens Area Arts Council gave an update and invited everyone to come visit the Arts Center.
- Katie Ford wanted to bring some things to the commission that she feels like would help with the McMinn County Layman Expo Center. Ms. Ford told the county commission that she would like to be appointed as an advisor to the Expo Center mostly for the horse events also thinks the \$350 price to rent the place is too cheap. She gave a brief description of things she would like to see happen to help grow the Expo Center.
 - Commissioner Carter thanked Ms. Ford for all the work she has done at the Expo Center. County Mayor John Gentry said they will be looking at tourism grants in the next year to help take better advantage of assets in the county (Layman Expo Center, Bicentennial Park).
- Holly Strought, Unit Director of Boys & Girls Club of Ocoee Region over McMinn & Polk County and Brandon Shell came wanting to get time on the agenda at a later time. Ms. Strought said she would take the answer given to CASA and call the mayor's office to get on the agenda.

10. RESOLUTIONS

- A. A Resolution to Approve the Request of Funds by the McMinn County Library Board to Assist in Funding Restroom Renovations for E. G. Fisher Library.

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 22-121.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-121

(Res. # 22-121 con't)

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF FUNDS BY THE
McMINN COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD TO ASSIST IN FUNDING RESTROOM RENOVATIONS FOR
E.G. FISHER PUBLIC LIBRARY

WHEREAS, the E.G. Fisher Public Library was built over 25 years ago and is need of some renovations and system improvements; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Library Board, which oversees the management of E.G. Fisher Public Library has requested a one-time additional funding request to help renovate the restroom facilities and

WHEREAS, the project is estimated to cost \$84,000; and

WHEREAS, the library board has requested McMinn County match the City of Athens' \$25,000 contribution; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Library Board has committed to fund the \$34,000 balance; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Budget Committee recommends approval of the funding request with said funds to be taken from the county buildings department of the Other Capital Projects Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 21ST DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022, that this Commission does hereby approve the \$25,000 funding request for the restroom renovations at the E.G. Fisher Library.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Melinda King)
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution to Allocate American Rescue Plan Funds.

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 22-122. This did have Budget Committee approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-122

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOCATE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS

WHEREAS, McMinn County was awarded and has received \$10,448,854 in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds from the United States Treasury; and

WHEREAS, in the January 24, 2022 meeting of the McMinn County Commission's Budget Committee action was taken to receive \$10,000,000 of the ARP funds as "revenue replacement" dollars as allowed by federal rule, with the balance of \$448,854 be designated for school improvements also per federal rule: and

WHEREAS, budget committee recommended the following allocations of funds for the portion of the \$10,448,854 that had not been previously allocated, subject to the listed qualifications, if any:

Athens Utilities Board (extension of broadband)

\$400,000

(Res. # 22-122 con't)

McMinn County Schools (facility expansion and renovation)	\$5,200,000
McMinn County Highway Department	\$1,000,000
City of Athens (Fire Training Facility -pending maintenance agreement)	\$500,000
McMinn County Health Department (new facility grant match)	\$1,045,000
McMinn County Self Insurance Fund	\$900,000
McMinn County Finance Department Compliance Capacity	\$73,854

WHEREAS, previous allocations included \$330,000 to McMinn County Rural Fire and \$1,000,000 for Charter/Spectrum fiber grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 21ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022, that this Commission does hereby approve the recommendation of the Budget Committee and allocates the ARP funds as stated, and FURTHERMORE, grants the county mayor and director of finance to distribute said funds.

(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.

Discussion: Commissioner Simpson abstained from this vote because his employer is a recipient of funds on this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

11. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

None.

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

- Commissioner Carter, Commissioner King wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- Commissioner McPhail said the Ag Committee met to interview for 4-H Leader/Gardner position and will be bringing in 2 candidates' in for an interview for the position. Commissioner McPhail wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- Commissioner Masingale wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

13. COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY MAYOR

- Mayor Gentry had an award sitting on the table that was presented from the Tennessee Board of Regents a week ago for recognition for McMinn County, McMinn County's EDA and also City of Athens. He said they award this annually for Philanthropy. McMinn County, Athens and EDA were selected by the State of Tennessee Board of Regents for support to Cleveland State and TCAT Athens for helping make the McMinn County Higher Education Center a reality.
- Mayor Gentry said that each County Commission election there is one state law that you have to proactively vote on which is the state building codes. He said the law is you have 180 days from September 1st to take action or no action. Take no action the county is in the state building code. To exempt yourself you have to take a proactive vote. Mr. Gentry said there has been some change to that law since we voted 4 years ago and said he would leave this with the Chairman if he wanted to

send this back to the public safety committee and review with them whatever changes have taken place.

- Mayor Gentry said it was great to see so many citizens at the meeting.
- Mayor Gentry invited all the commissioner to the Annual Courthouse Christmas Training Session on December 26th.
- Mayor Gentry gave an update on Envirosuite. He said monitoring at the Meadow Branch Landfill they had a meeting earlier and they are writing the programming for that. They were hoping they could use the weather station at the airport but it's a little too far to get accurate readings from so they will have to do the weather station on the westside of the interstate and hope to have that here within 4 weeks.
- Mayor Gentry wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- Commissioner Simpson said the complaints are ramping back up over the Meadow Branch Landfill.
- Mayor Gentry said the Victims Crime Fee was discussed maybe 6 years ago when Judge Watson was here and there was a concern about adding additional fees onto court cost and that's kind of where it stalled at that point. He said they would call a meeting with the budget committee and see where it goes.

14. APPROVAL OF NOTARY APPLICATION

Notaries to be elected November 21, 2022

ANGELA D. COLEMAN	DIANA ESTHER RIVERA
JENNIFER M GLAZE	KELSEY A. SCHRANK
DEBORA A. GOINS	ERIC ST PIERRE
KIMBERLY D. LINGERFELT	MELISSA SUTHERLAND
EMILY LOVINGOOD	DAVID EUGENE WILLIAMS
JESSICA KARI MEOAK	MANDY RENEA WILLIAMS
ANGELA D MOSES	KAYCEE WOMAC
SEAN CHRISTOPHER MUSGROVE	PHILIP W WOMACK
ANGELA MEGAN NAPIER	BOBBIJO YOUNG

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

Chairman Curtis assigned the building permit due by March 1st to the Public Safety Committee. He said that Chairman of the Public Safety Committee Roger Masingale will call that meeting.

There being no other business, Chairman Curtis declared the Commission meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

MELINDA KING
McMinn County Clerk

Attest:

Deputy Clerk (date)