

The McMinn County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on May 15, 2023 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 Masingale.

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Commissioner Slack.

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 – Present
Travis Crisp – Present
Scott Cass - Present

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Copies of the Minutes of the Regular Session on April 17, 2023 were provided to the McMinn County Commissioners.

MOTION made by Commissioner King, and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to approve the minutes of April 17, 2023.

Motion carried by voice vote.

6. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS

- A. A Resolution to Approve the Contract Between McMinn County and the Tennessee Department of the Military and Tennessee Emergency Management Agency for Funding of Emergency Preparedness.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #23-042.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-042

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT BETWEEN
McMINN COUNTY AND THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF THE
MILITARY AND TENNESSEE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
FOR FUNDING OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

(Res. # 23-042 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 desires to enter into contract with Tennessee Emergency Management Agency to acquire \$39,293.77 in grant funding applicable to the administrative duties of the McMinn County Director of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract is for the period commencing on October 1, 2021 and ending on September 30, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 15th DAY OF MAY, 2023, that this Commission does hereby agree to enter into contract with Tennessee Emergency Management Agency to receive grant funding of \$39,293.77 for Emergency Management Assistance.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution to Approve the Lease Agreement Between McMinn County and Congressman Chuck Fleischmann.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #23-043 along with a copy of the lease agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-043

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN McMINN COUNTY AND CONGRESSMAN CHUCK FLEISCHMANN

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 lease agreement contract with Congressman Chuck Fleischmann for the rental of the congressman's office on the top floor of the Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, the lease amount shall be set at \$300 per month for a term of two years to last to the end of the constitutional term of the 118th Congress; and

WHEREAS, both parties wish to enter into this lease so that McMinn County citizens will have a local accessible venue to the services of their United States Congressman and staff; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 15th DAY

(Res. # 23-043 con't)

OF MAY 2023, that this Commission does approve the lease agreement with United States Congressman Chuck Fleischmann and FURTHERMORE resolves to grant authority to the County Mayor to execute the documents and duties stated therein to satisfy 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 Carter, and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

C. A Resolution to Approve Memorandum of Understanding Between Volunteer Behavioral Health and McMinn County Jail.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #23-044 along with a copy of Memorandum of Understanding.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-044

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN VOLUNTEER
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND MCMINN COUNTY JAIL

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 agreements with other entities; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County Sheriff's Department desires to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Volunteer Behavioral Health; and

WHEREAS, responsibilities of Hiwassee Mental Health, a division of Volunteer Behavioral Health, will provide Medical Services to McMinn County Jail inmates in accordance with current Best Practice Standards at its facility in Athens, Tennessee. McMinn County Jail will refer inmates and be responsible for transportation. McMinn County Jail will also be responsible for obtaining prescribed medications for inmates through its pharmacy vendor; and

WHEREAS, the rate for the first visit with a Nurse Practitioner or MD is \$100.00 and rate for medication management follow-up visits will be \$65.00; and

WHEREAS, HMH will present a bill for services on a monthly basis by the 15th of the following month with a breakdown by inmate name and type of service; and

WHEREAS, the term of this agreement shall be upon approval by the County Commission until terminated by mutual agreement.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS THE

15th DAY OF MAY 2023, that this MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING be approved.

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

Attest:

(Res. # 23-044 con't)

(Orig signed by Melinda King)
 County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

7. 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: 05/11/23	
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Revenue Other Source	Insurance Recovery	49700	73,457.00	

Sheriff Department	Maint. & Repair Serv. Vehicles	54110-338		61,752.00
Jail	Maint. & Repair Serv. Bldgs	54210-335		11,705.00

Explanation: Enter budget Revenue & Expenditures related to Insurance Claims in FY 22-23

Date: 5/13/2023				
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
RESERVE	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000	766,500.00	
Sheriff Department	Overtime & Holiday Pay	54100-187		74,000.00
State of Tennessee	Maint. & Repair Services – Vehicles	54110-338		40,000.00
Jail	Clerical Personnel	54210-187		125,000.00
Jail	Social Security	54210-201		13,000.00
Jail	State Retirement	54210-204		7,000.00
Jail	Maint. & Repair Services-Bldg	54210-338		44,000.00
Jail	Medical & Dental Services	54210-340		175,000.00
Jail	Custodial Supplies	54210-410		5,000.00
Jail	Food Supplies	54210-422		200,000.00
Jail	Utilities	54210-452		10,000.00
Jail	Prisoners Clothing	54210-441		11,000.00
Fire & Prevention & Cont	Supervisor/Director	54310-105		500.00
Fire & Prevention & Cont	Other Contracted Services	54310-399		10,000.00
County Medical Examine	Medical Personnel (Med. Examiner)	54610-131		18,000.00
County Medical Examine	Autopsies	54610-354		24,000.00
Employee Benefits	Other Fringe Benefits (Accrued Vac	58600-299		10,000.00

Explanation: To amend budget to reflect projected expenditures to end fiscal year.

Date: 5/11/2023				
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Revenue-Other Gov't Citizens Group	Contributions	48130-FRRT	4,511.00	
Fire Prevention Control	Other Contracted Service	54130-399		4,511.00

Explanation: To budget Revenue & Expenditures related to Athens and Etowah's portion of Emergency Reporting System.

Date: 5/11/2023				
State of Tennessee	Other State Grants	46990-TDHC	226,000.00	
Jail	Supplies	54210-499TDHC		45,000.00
Jail	Other Equipment	54210-790-TDHC		181,000.00

Explanation: To budget revenue and expenditures related to Tennessee Dept. of Health Grant for COVID mitigation in McMinn County Jail. Commission approved 3/20/2023.

(con't)

Fund: General Fund			Date: 5/11/2023	
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
RESERVE	Unassigned Fund Balance	3900	265,037.00	
Ambulance Service	Building Improvements	55130-707		265,037.00
JOURNAL ENTRY REQUIRED				
RESERVE	Emergency Service Reserve	34725	265,037.00	
RESERVE	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000		265,037.00
Explanation: To budget expenditures for E 911 Back-up Center Fire Marshall Compliance Project from Emergency Services reserve. Commission approve 3/20/2023				
RESERVE	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000	14,000.00	
Circuit Court	Data Processing Services	53100-317		8,000.00
Circuit Court	Data Processing Equipment	53100-709		6,000.00
JOURNAL ENTRY REQUIRED				
RESERVE	Restricted for Automation Circuit Cour	39125	14,000.00	
RESERVE	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000		14,000.00
Explanation: To budget expenditures related to Circuit Court Clerk processing from designated reserve. No effect on general budget.				

MOTION made by Commissioner King and seconded by Commissioner Slack 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 – Aye
- 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. These did have School Board approval.

FUND: General Purpose School Fund # 141, Public Safety Partnership & Community Policing Grant-COPS				
Date: 04/26/2023				
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Operation of Plant	Other Contracted Services	72610-399	80,862.01	
Operation of Plant	Other Supplies & Materials	72610-499	254,066.52	
Operation of Plant	Other Charges	72610-599		31,539.35
Operation of Plant	Plant Operation Equipment	72610-720		303,389.18
Explanation: To amend the Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing (COPS) Grant for FY 2022-2023.				

Fund: 141 General Purpose School Fund SUB FUND # 182 Summer Learning Camps			Date: 05/01/2023	
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT

(con't)

State Revenue	Other State Education Funds	46590	461,223.22	
Regular Instruction Program	Teachers	71100-116		260,000.00
Regular Instruction Program	Educational Assistants	71100-163		135,000.00
Regular Instruction Program	Social Security	71100-201		24,490.00
Regular Instruction Program	State Retirement	71100-204		29,103.22
Regular Instruction Program	Employer Medicare	71100-212		5,730.00
Regular Instruction Program	Retirement – Hybrid Stabilization	71100-217		6,900.00

Explanation: To enter budget for Summer Learning Camps for FY 2022-2023

FUND: 141 General Purpose School SUB FUND: # 192 Learning Camp Transportation Date: 05/01/2023

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Revenue	Other State Education Funds	46590	83,653.23	
Transportation	Bus Drivers	72710-146		50,000.00
Transportation	Social Security	72710-201		3,100.00
Transportation	State Retirement	72710-204		2,085.00
Transportation	Employer Medicare	72710-212		725.00

Transportation	Diesel Fuel	72710-412		27,743.23
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Explanation: To enter the budget for the Summer Learning Transportation Grant for FY 2022-2023. Had School Board approval on 5/9/2023

FUND: 141 General Purpose School SUB FUND: 955 Innovated School Model (ISM) DATE: 4/17/2023

Vocational Education Program	Software	71300-471		19,900.00
Vocational Education Program	Other Charges	71300-599	119,398.00	
Vocational Education Program	Vocational Instruction Equipment	71300-730		
Regular Capital Outlay	Building Improvements	76100-707		
Regular Capital Outlay	Other Capital Outlay	76100-799		

Explanation: To amend the budget for the Innovative School Models (ISM) Grant for FY 22-23.

MOTION made by Commissioner McPhail and seconded by Commissioner Simpson 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 - Aye
- 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. These did have School Board approval.

FUND: 142 Federal Projects SUB FUND: 820 CTE Perkins Basic		Date: 04/19/2023		
Vocational Education Program	Instructional Supplies & Materials	71300-429	4,736.06	
Vocational Education Program	Other Supplies and Materials	71300-499	416.00	
Vocational Education Program	Vocational Instruction Equipment	71300-730		5,652.06
Other Student Support	Bus Drivers	72130-146		500.00

(con't)

Explanation: To amend the budget in order to be the same as the FY 2022-2023 ePlan document. Had School Board approval on 5/9/2023				
FUND: 142 Federal Projects SUB FUND: 940 Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Grant				
Health Service	Health Equipment	72120-735		48,150.00
Regular Capital Outlay	Building Improvements	76100-707	48,150.00	
Explanation: To amend the budget for the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC).				

MOTION made by Commissioner Millsaps and seconded by Commissioner Masingale 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 – Aye
- Travis Crisp - Aye
- Scott Cass – Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote, as recorded:

8. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

A man from the audience who did not state his name thanked the County Commissioners for keeping McMinn County dept free.

9. RESOLUTIONS

- A. A Resolution Authorizing McMinn County’s Participation in a Litter Control Grant for Fiscal Year 2023-24 from the Tennessee Department of Transportation, Highway Maintenance Division; and Authorizing the County Mayor to Administer Activities Associated with this Grant.

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 23-045.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-045

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MCMINN COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN A LITTER CONTROL GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE DIVISION; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ADMINISTER ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS GRANT

WHEREAS, McMinn County has received grant assistance from the Tennessee Department of Transportation for litter control activities in McMinn County, known as the "Litter Grant" since 1986; and

WHEREAS, the award of such a grant requires the authorization and consent of the McMinn County Commission for grant application and contract execution, subject to award by the Tennessee Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the allocation for FY 2023-24 is \$55,100; and

(Res. #23-045 con't)

WHEREAS, this body deems the continued administration of litter grant activities as in the best interest of the citizens of McMinn County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 15th DAY OF MAY 2023, that this Commission authorizes McMinn County's participation in a litter grant in FY 2022-23 with the Tennessee Department of Transportation, the public welfare requiring it, and FURTHER RESOLVES to authorize the County Mayor to execute all necessary documents regarding this grant application.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Melinda King)
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote

B. A Resolution Authorizing McMinn County's Application for a 2023 TDOT Multimodal Access Grant.

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 23-046.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MCMINN COUNTY'S APPLICATION FOR A 2023
TDOT MULTIMODAL ACCESS GRANT

WHEREAS, TDOT's Multimodal Access Grant is a state-funded program created to support the transportation needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users through infrastructure projects that address existing gaps along state routes; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County is seeking a Multimodal Access Grant to fund a new crossing for the Eureka Trail that would bypass State Highway 39; and

WHEREAS, Multimodal Access Grant projects are state-funded at 90 percent up to a total project value of \$1,250,000; and

WHEREAS, any matching funds required for the grant have been provided by a private donor; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 15th DAY OF MAY 2023, that this Commission authorizes McMinn County to apply for TDOT Multimodal Access Grant, and FURTHER RESOLVES to authorize the County Mayor to execute all necessary documents regarding this grant application.

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

Attest:

(Res. # 23-046 con't)

(Orig signed by Melinda King)
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

C. A Resolution to Approve the Purchase of Right-of-way along County Road 468.

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 23-047

RESOLUTION NO. 23-047

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY
ALONG COUNTY ROAD 468

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Highway Department request to purchase approximately one acre along County Road 468 in order to widen the right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, purchase price for the land is \$4,000; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Highway Department will work with the McMinn County Highway Attorney on deed and title work; and

WHEREAS, the funds for this purchase will come from the McMinn County Highway Department line item 131-68000-723 Capital Outlay—Right-of-Way Funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 15th DAY OF MAY 2023, that this Commission does approve the purchase of new right-of-way.

(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 Cass to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

D. A Resolution to Honor and Recognize the Lifetime Achievements of Bill Akins

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 23-048.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-048

(Res. # 23-048 con't)

A RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENTS
OF BILL AKINS

WHEREAS, Bill Akins, a beloved McMinn County citizen and public servant, passed away May 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Bill Akins was a resident of Athens, Tennessee, who devoted his life to preserving and promoting the proud history of McMinn County and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, Bill Akins was passionate about quality education and received his bachelors degree with honors from Tennessee Wesleyan College, his masters degree from Georgia Southern, and ultimately received an Honorary Doctorate from his alma mater of Tennessee Wesleyan; and

WHEREAS, Bill was an avid historical researcher who spent countless hours studying local history and preserving it for posterity through his publishing of numerous books; and

WHEREAS, he also served as McMinn County Historian, president of the McMinn Historical Society and was a former board member of the East Tennessee Historical Society and Tennessee Wesleyan University; and

WHEREAS, Bill Akins will forever be remembered not only for his devoted service to McMinn County but also for his kind, Christian demeanor; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County is an overall better place to live because of Bill Akins many contributions to the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 15th DAY OF MAY, 2023, that this Commission does hereby honor the great legacy of Bill Akins and his lifetime of service to the people of this county.

(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 Slack to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

E. A Resolution to Honor the McMinn County Sheriff's Office Employees During National Law Enforcement Week.

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 23-049. Mayor Gentry ask Joe Guy, McMinn County Sheriff to present Resolution # 23-049. Mr. Guy read the resolution honoring his employee's. Mr. Guy mentioned employees Sue Martin and Gregg Goenner who has recently passed away this year.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-049

(Res. # 23-049 con't)

A RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE MCMINN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE EMPLOYEES
DURING NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEK

WHEREAS, National Corrections Officer Week and National Law Enforcement Week are held annually each May, to honor present, past, and fallen law enforcement officers across America for their service and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, along with law enforcement nationwide, we honor the men and women of the McMinn County Sheriff's Office, including the patrol, investigative, corrections, court, school resource officers, and support division staff members; and

WHEREAS, these deputies and staff perform the unique duties of a Sheriff's Office, including law enforcement, attending the operations of the courts, serving the process of the courts, and operating a jail; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the McMinn County Sheriff's Office are the best trained, most professional, and most public service-minded of any other administration in their distinguished history; and

WHEREAS, we honor and commend these professionals for the work they do, for "standing in the gap" for the safety and welfare of our citizens, executing their duties with professionalism and compassion, and for setting a standard of service for other law enforcement agencies in our region.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, THAT THIS COMMISSION DOES APPROVE THIS RESOLUTION APPROVED THIS the 15th DAY OF MAY, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-THREE, the public welfare requiring it.

(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 Masingale to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

10. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

None.

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

- Commissioner McPhail said he and Mayor Gentry, Representative Cochran met with some Airport people the other day pertaining to maintaining the runway at the airport. He and Jason Luallen, Finance Director met with the County Extension agent and approved budget for FY 23-2024.

12. COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY MAYOR

- Mayor Gentry said they work with Division of Aeronautics with the Airport about capital improvement plan. Mr. Gentry said they have adjusted how they do their funding with the Federal Government. They have been doing asphalt analysis operation trying to get more data driven. He said several years ago the gas tax on aviation fuel formula changed and adversely affected generally aviation airports. They are wanting to go from maintaining 6500 feet to 5500 feet. Mr. Gentry said that is not set in stone yet and they are arguing their case telling them they are the ones who made the airports go to 6500 feet since McMinn County had to close a county road to make the runway long enough to meet the 6500 feet requirement.
- Mayor Gentry said he wanted to bring everyone up to date on Tennessee Tourism Recovery Fund. He said the county has been awarded \$114,000.00 over a four-year period that will be paid out in installments.
- Mayor Gentry said the new Health Department qualifications has been received and he will be getting with Commissioner King Chairman of the Property Committee. He said there has been 5 architectural firms submitted and hopefully get that recommendation in June no later than July to hire an architect to be able to go further with the new Health Department.
- Mayor Gentry said Director of Schools and School Board has ask if any of the County Commissioners would want to volunteer to serve while going through their new budget process in light of the new TESA fund. Mr. Gentry said its new money coming into the county and they said they would like for the County Commissioners to be involved with how that shapes out. An invitation is open for any members of the Budget Committee or members of the Commission that would like to be in attendance at their budget committee meeting.
- Mayor Gentry gave condolences to Brent Carter and Lisa Rhea on the passing of their mother. He also mentioned former Commission Chairman Bobby Carter who was their father. He thanked Brent and Lisa for the dedication their family has shown for the County.

13. APPROVAL OF NOTARY APPLICATIONS

Notaries to be elected May 15, 2023

MACKENZIE A ALEXANDER
JENNIFER ARWOOD
JILL CRABTREE
CHLOE CROSS
ANGELA G JOHNSON
JANICE Y KINCANNON
PIPER LYNN KYLE

SHARON D. PATTERSON
GAYLE PETITT
SARAH L PRINCE
BRITTNEY RINGUETTE
BEVERLY STARNES
CONNIE J TRIPLETT
LISA L MCEVOY

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

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

There being no other business, Chairman Curtis declared the Commission meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

MELINDA KING
McMinn County Clerk

Attest:

Deputy Clerk (date)