

The McMinn County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on August 28, 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 Millsaps.

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 - Absent
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 July 13, 2023 were provided to the McMinn County Commissioners.

MOTION made by Commissioner Slack, and seconded by Commissioner King, to approve the minutes of July 13, 2023.

Motion carried by voice vote.

6. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS

A. A Resolution to Declare Items as Surplus Property.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #23-071.

Resolution No. 23- 071

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 items/vehicles declared as surplus property:

#123 – 2015 ECR58D Compact Mini Excavator VCE00C58E00210254

(Res. # 23-071 con't)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 28th DAY OF AUGUST 2023, 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 Crisp, and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution to Declare Items as Surplus Property.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #23-072.

Resolution No. 23-072

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 items/vehicles declared as surplus property:

Contractor Aluminum Truck Cap – Fits Ford F-150 – 2010-2014. Not listed on inventory – Was on truck purchased by Highway Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 28th DAY OF AUGUST 2023, 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 Slack, and seconded by Commissioner Cass, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #23-073 along with copy of contract and did have Budget Committee approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-073

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

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

(Res. # 23-073 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 has previously entered into a contract with the State of Tennessee Department of Health to protect and improve the physical health of the county citizens through the prevention of conditions that may threaten good health; and

WHEREAS, the total appropriation for which the County shall receive is \$944,645; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County Health Department does provide these services and both parties do hereby agree to these provisions in the contract for FY 2023-24.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 28th DAY OF AUGUST, 2023, that this Commission does hereby approve this contract.

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

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Melinda King)
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

D. A Resolution to Establish Compensation for Members of the McMinn County Election Commission for Their Attendance at Election Commission Meetings.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #23-074 along with copy of contract and did have Budget Committee approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-074

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE MCMINN COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION FOR THEIR ATTENDANCE AT ELECTION COMMISSION MEETINGS

WHEREAS, by Resolution the County Commission is establishing the compensation rate of \$80.00 per Election Commissioner and \$90.00 for the Chairman of the Election Commission per Election Commission meeting, it is the intent of this Resolution to specifically make that compensation rate applicable for their attendance at meetings of the McMinn County Election Commission; and

WHEREAS, the current rate established for McMinn County Election Commission is \$70 for members and \$80 for the Chairman.

WHEREAS, this Resolution shall take effect on July 1, 2023 to be applicable with the new budget.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS THE 28th DAY OF AUGUST, 2023, that this Commission does hereby approve that the members of the McMinn County Election Commission shall be compensated for their Election Commission meetings at a rate of \$80 for members and \$90 for Chairman per meeting.

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

Attest:

(Res. # 23-074 con't)

(Orig signed by Melinda King)
 County Clerk

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

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Melinda King)
 County Clerk

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: 08/24/23	
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
State of Tennessee	Other State Grant-VCIF	46980-VCIF	138,047.00	
Sheriff Department	Law Enforcement Supplies	54110-431-VCIF		24,945.00
Sheriff Department	Other Equipment	54110-790-VCIF		113,102.00
Explanation: To budget revenue and expenditures related to State of Tennessee VCIF Grant with Department of Finance and Administration.				
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
State of Tennessee	Other State Grants- OCJP	46980-OCJP	537,505.00	
Jail	Other Salaries & Wages	54210-189 OCJP		15,000.00
Jail	Contracts with Other School Sys	54210-311 OCJP		65,600.00
Jail	Travel	54210-355 OCJP		2,500.00
Jail	Office Supplies	54210-435 OCJP		7,405.00
Jail	Other Supplies & Materials	54210-499 OCJP		5,000.00
Jail	Other Equipment	54210-790 OCJP		190,000.00
Jail	Other Capital Outlay	54210-799 OCJP		252,000.00
Explanation: To budget revenue & expenditures associated with State of Tennessee Dept. of Finance and Administration Grant for Welding Building & classes.				
Reserve	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000	78,384.00	
COVID – 19 Grant #1	Other Contracted Services	58801-399		78,384.00
Explanation: To budget carryover balance from the Governor’s Direct Appropriation Grant from FY 2020-2021.				
Revenue other Gov’t & Citizens Grps.	Other – ETSU	48990-ETSU	54,384.00	
Sheriff’s Department	Other Salaries & Wages	54110-189ETSU		9,263.00
Sheriff’s Department	Law Enforcement Supplies	54110-431ETSU		37,621.00
Sheriff’s Department	Travel	54110-355ETSU		6,000.00
Sheriff’s Department	Motor Vehicles	54110-718ETSU		1,500.00
Explanation: To budget revenue and expenditures related to ETSU Grant.				
Reserve	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000	76,969.00	
Fire Prevention & Control	Motor Vehicles	54310-718		76,969.00
Explanation: To budget expenditure related to brush truck replacement. Insurance funds received in FY 22-23				
Reserve	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000	52,604.00	
Accounting & Budgeting	Other Salaries & Wages	52100-189ARP		52,604.00
Explanation: To budget carryover balance from ARP revenue replacement funds for Compliance Capacity approved by County Commission on 11/21/2022.				

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

(con't)

Chairman Scott Curtis – Aye
 Tim King - Aye
 Roger Masingale - Absent
 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.

Fund: Road & Bridge Fund #131			Date: 08/24/2023	
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Revenues Other Sources	Insurance Recovery	49700	106,214.00	
Capital Outlay	Highway Equipment	68000-714		106,214.00
Explanation: To budget revenue and expenditures related to insurance recovery for trailer and excavator.				

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

Chairman Scott Curtis – Aye
 Tim King - Aye
 Roger Masingale - Absent
 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			Date: 08/04/2023	
Early Childhood Education	Teachers	73400-116	6,344.89	
Early Childhood Education	Educational Assistants	73400-163	27,877.76	
Early Childhood Education	Social Security	73400-201		29,491.52
Early Childhood Education	State Retirement	73400-204		69.97
Early Childhood Education	Life Insurance	73400-206	7.00	
Early Childhood Education	Medical Insurance	73400-207		922.37
Early Childhood Education	Employer Medicare	73400-212	495.89	
Early Childhood Education	Retirement-Hybrid Stabilization	73400-217		4,241.68
Explanation: To enter the budget for FY 2023-24 Voluntary Pre-K budget to match ePlan.				

(con't)

General Purpose School Fund 141		Date: 08/12/2023		
Reserve	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000	33,122.78	
Other Student Support	Other Charges	72130-599		7,454.48
Board of Education Services	Other Charges	72310-599		25,668.30
Explanation: To enter funds received for Utrust Grants thru Utrust Administration for use in FY 23-24 funds. Funds are carried over from FY 22-23 award period.				
Date: 08/23/2023				
Other State Revenues	Other State Grants	46980-SECUR	204,416.51	
Maintenance of Plant	Other Equipment	72620-790-SECUR		204,416.51
Explanation: To enter the budget for the Public-School Security Grant for FY 2023-2024.				

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

- Chairman Scott Curtis – Aye
- Tim King - Aye
- Roger Masingale - Absent
- 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 Dub Fund: 820 CTE Perkins Basic		DATE: 7/21/2023		
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
State Revenue	Vocational Education-Basic Grants	47131	154,160.60	
Vocational Education Program	Instructional Supplies & Materials	71300-429		36,639.53
Vocational Education Program	Other Supplies & Materials	71300-499		16,200.00
Vocational Education Program	Vocational Instruction Equipment	71300-730		71,241.07
Other Student Support	Bus Drivers	72130-146		1,000.00
Other Student Support	Social Security	72130-201		50.00
Other Student Support	Employer Medicare	72130-212		30.00
Other Student Support	Travel	72130-355		15,000.00
Other Student Support	Other Contracted Services	72130-399		3,000.00
Other Student Support	In-Service/Staff Development	72130-524		7,000.00
Support Ser/Vocational Educa	In-Service/Staff Development	72230-524		4,000.00
Explanation: To enter the budget for the FY 2022-2023. CTE Perking Basic Grant.				

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Other Revenue	Contributions and Gifts	44570	4,500.00	
Vocational Education Program	Vocational Instruction Equipment	71300-730		4,500.00
Explanation: To enter budget for a grant received thru Piedmont Lithium Foundation for the STEM program at McMinn Creer and The Center for FY 23-24.				

(con't)

Fund: Federal Projects # 142, Literacy Training Teacher Stipend Grant, #952		Date: 08/04/2023		
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Federal Through State	COVID-19 Grant D	47309	1,000.00	
Regular Instruction Program	Other Salaries & Wages	71100-189		1,000.00
Explanation: To enter budget for the FY 23 Literacy Training Teacher Stipend Grant.				
FUND: 142 Federal Projects SUB FUND: 933 Math Implementation Support Grant.		Date: 08/12/2023		
Revenue	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
	COVID-19 Grant B	47307	71,250.00	
Support Serv/Regular Instruction	Other Contracted Services	72210-399		71,250.00
Explanation: To enter budget for the Math Implementation Supports Grant for FY 2023-2024				
FUND: 142 Federal Projects SUB Fund: 953 HQIM Literacy Implementation Networks		Date: 8/23/2023		
Revenue	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
	COVID-19 Grant D	47309	83,000.00	
Regular Instruction Program	Instructional Supplies & Materials	71100-429		10,000.00
Support Serv/Regular Instruction	Other Contracted Services	72210-399		73,000.00
Explanation: To enter budget for the HQIM Literacy Implementation Networks grant for FY 23-24.				

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

- Chairman Scott Curtis – Aye
- Tim King - Aye
- Roger Masingale - Absent
- 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.

FUND: # 189 OTHER CAPITOL PROJECTS		DATE: 08/24/2023		
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
State of Tennessee	Airport Maintenance Prog	46120	258,814.00	
General Admin. Projects	Airport Improvement Proje	91110-702		258,814.00
Explanation: To enter carryover revenue & expenditures related to State of Tennessee Aeronautics Division grant for ALP Update.				

FUND: # 189 OTHER CAPITOL PROJECTS		DATE: 08/24/2023		
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
State of Tennessee	Airport Maintenance Prog	46120	5,185.00	
General Admin. Projects	Airport Improvement Proje	91110-702		5,185.00
Explanation: To enter carryover revenue & expenditures related to State of Tennessee Aeronautics Division grant for Runway Lighting Preliminary Design.				

FUND: # 189 OTHER CAPITOL PROJECTS		DATE: 08/24/2023		
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
State of Tennessee	Airport Maintenance Prog	46120	46,691.00	
General Admin. Projects	Airport Improvement Prog	91110-702		46,691.00
Explanation: To enter carryover revenue & expenditures related to State of Tennessee Aeronautics Division grant for Replacement Hanger Design.				

FUND: # 189 OTHER CAPITOL PROJECTS		DATE: 08/24/2023		
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
State of Tennessee	Airport Maintenance Prog	46120	60,000.00	
General Admin. Projects	Airport Improvement Proje	91110-702		60,000.00
Explanation: To budget revenue & expenditures associated with State of Tennessee Division of Aeronautics grant for Gound Maintenance.				

(con't)

FUND: OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS # 189			DATE: 08/24/2023	
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Reserve	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000	18,359312.00	
General Administration Projects	Airport Improvement	91110-702		350,498.00
General Administration Projects	Building Const. (Recreation)	91110-706		173,085.00
General Administration Projects	Communication Equipment	91110-708		461,251.00
General Administration Projects	Data Processing Equipment	91110-709		3,245.00
General Administration Projects	Land	91110-715		3,270,618.00
General Administration Projects	Motor Vehicles	91110-718		146,696.00
General Administration Projects	Voting Machines	91110-731		140,513.00
General Administration Projects	Building Purchases (Courthouse Impr)	91110-732		924,079.00
General Administration Projects	Other Equipment (Fire)	91110-790		425,592.00
Admin. Of Justice Projects	Building Improvements	91120-707		1,407,974.00
Admin. Of Justice Projects	Law Enforcement Equipment	91120-716		155,725.00
Public Health Projects	Other Capital Outlay-Water	91140-799		
Highway & Street Capital Proj	Highway Construction	91200-713		
Education Capital Projects	Building Construction	91300-706		
Explanation: To budget carryover balances from FY 22-23.				

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

- Chairman Scott Curtis – Aye
- Tim King - Aye
- Roger Masingale - Absent
- 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. RACHEL SWAFFORD – TN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – MCMINN COUNTY HEALTH UPDATE

Department of Health rescheduled for September.

9. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Dana Elrod with Etowah Main Street came before the commission asking for \$25,000 to renovate the Gem Theatre in Etowah. Mr. Gentry said this could come from money in the Hotel/Motel fund. Commissioner King ask if \$25,000 was the total cost. Ms. Elrod said \$28,000 is total cost. Commissioner King ask the commission if they wanted to make it \$28,000. The County Commission agreed to give \$28,000 so they would have enough money to finish the project.

MOTION made by Commissioner Slack and seconded by Commissioner King to have a resolution next month for \$28,000 going to the Etowah Main Street.

10. RESOLUTIONS

- A. A Resolution to Approve Requests from Various Non-Profit Agencies for Funding.

(Res. # 23-075 con't)

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 23-075. This did have Budget Committee approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-075

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REQUESTS FROM VARIOUS
NON-PROFIT AGENCIES FOR FUNDING

WHEREAS, the county's Hotel/Motel Tax Fund may be used to promote events and tourism related activities in McMinn County; and

WHEREAS, these events may be safely held outdoors through July 2024; and

WHEREAS, funding is limited to a maximum of \$3,000 per event; and

WHEREAS, organizations applying for funding are listed below with their respective events and financial requests:

	<u>REQUESTED</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
Friendly City Festivals	\$3,000 MooFest 2024	\$3,000
	\$3,000 Pumpkintown 2024	\$3,000
	\$3,000 Sounds of Summer Concert Series	\$3,000
City of Calhoun Athens Parks	\$3,000 River Town Festival	\$3,000
	\$3,000 July 4 th Fireworks	\$3,000
CAGE	\$3,000 Englewood Celebrates	\$3,000
Etowah 4 th of July	\$3,000 Etowah 4 th of July	\$3,000
Mainstreet Etowah/Chamber	\$3,000 Fall Festival	\$3,000
	\$3,000 Winter Gem Series	\$3,000
	\$3,000 Christmas Market/Festival	\$3,000
Mainstreet Athens	\$3,000 Old Fashion Downtown Christmas	\$3,000
	\$3,000 Downtown Halloween	\$3,000
Living Heritage Museum	\$2,500 Annual Quilt Show	\$2,500

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 28th DAY OF AUGUST, 2023, that this Commission does hereby approve the requested funding for these community special events.

(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 Simpson to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote

11. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

A. A Resolution to Confirm the Appointment of Cathy Allen to the McMinn County Industrial Development Bond Board.

(Res. # 23-076 con't)

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 23-076.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-076

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF CATHY ALLEN TO THE McMINN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOND BOARD

WHEREAS, McMinn County has an Industrial Development Bond Board to provide for the review of the issuance of industrial development bonds and notes subject to the appropriate rules and regulations as promulgated by the Tennessee Code; and

WHEREAS, state law grants authority to the County Mayor to appoint members to the McMinn County Industrial Development Bond Board upon confirmation by the county legislative body; and

WHEREAS, John M. Gentry as McMinn County Mayor, nominates Cathy Allen to serve on the McMinn County Industrial Development Bond Board, for a four-year term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS 28th DAY OF AUGUST 2023, that this commission does hereby confirm the appointment of Cathy Allen to the McMinn County Industrial Development Bond Board.

(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 Confirm the Appointment of Travis McDonald to the Woods Hospital Foundation Board.

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 23-077.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-077

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF TRAVIS McDONALD TO THE WOODS HOSPITAL FOUNDATION BOARD

WHEREAS, the excess proceeds plan, that resulted from the sale of Woods Memorial Hospital District, created a foundation to oversee the proceeds realized from the sale of the hospital district; and

WHEREAS, the excess proceeds plan calls for each of the commission districts to have one appointment on this foundation board to be nominated by the two commissioners from each respective district; and

WHEREAS, each appointment to the Woods Hospital Foundation Board is subject to confirmation by the full McMinn County Commission for a six year term; and

WHEREAS, District Five Commissioners Scott Curtis and Travis Crisp wish to nominate Travis McDonald, a citizen of the Fifth Civil District of McMinn County.

(Res. # 23-077 con't)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 28th DAY OF AUGUST, 2023 that this Commission does hereby confirm the appointment of Travis McDonald to the Woods Hospital Foundation Board.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Melinda King)
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

C. A Resolution to Confirm the Appointment of Dan Early as a Judicial Commissioner for McMinn County.

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 23-078.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-078

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF DAN EARLY AS A
JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER FOR MCMINN COUNTY

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated 40-5-201 authorizes county legislative bodies to appoint judicial commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the duties of judicial commissioners are to issue arrest warrants upon a finding of probable cause, to set bonds and recognizances included in a "first appearance" before a magistrate, and to issue mittimus for persons to be held at the county jail; and

WHEREAS, the continued utilization of judicial commissioners is essential to provide due process to the citizens of McMinn County, as well as to strengthen criminal cases prepared by law enforcement of officers; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Board of Commissioners appoints Dan Early as judicial commissioner to a four-year term, subject to proper training by the general sessions judge and circuit court clerk; and

WHEREAS, the judicial commissioners rotate weekly call and be compensated at the rate of four hundred thirty-two dollars per week of called duty with any future compensation increases to be determined by the McMinn County Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN CALLED SESSION ON THIS 28th DAY OF AUGUST 2023 that this commission does hereby confirm the appointment of Dan Early as judicial commissioner.

(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.

(Res. # 23-078 con't)

Chairman Curtis ask Mayor Gentry to explain how the county got to appointing Judicial Commissioners. Mr. Gentry explained why the county appoints these commissioners.

Motion carried by voice vote.

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

- Chairman Curtis said the Budget Committee met prior to this meeting and went over the funding request for the different organizations and discussed Maintenance or Project Director school projects and that Commissioner Crisp is heading that up.
- Chairman Curtis said they discussed changing the County Commission Meeting time from 7:30 pm to 5:30 pm on Mondays and said he will talk to the officials and everyone to see if that something they want to do in the future.
- Commissioner Slack ask everyone to remember Commissioner Masingale as his brother Dillard Waymon Masingale passed away on August 27, 2023.

13. COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY MAYOR

- Mayor Gentry gave funeral arrangements for Commissioner Masingale's brother Waymon for anyone who wanted to pay their respects.
- September 7, 2023 will be the first meeting for the Opioid Abatement Council and, Jennifer Tourville of the University of Tennessee will be our guest. She has been appointed by UT Institute for public service to make sure we stay in compliance with all the different regulations.
- Forestry Management Committee, Commissioner McPhail and Melinda King County Clerk met several weeks ago because a new survey is needed.
- Mr. Gentry said he and Commissioner King as member of the Properties Committee met with the Health Department architects and did a walk through. Meeting with the director going through all the needs. He said they are looking at several different sites.
- Mr. Gentry said he is working with EDA and City of Athens for Industrial signage on the Athens Industrial Park which is being renamed to the Athens McMinn Innovative Park because there is much more going on in there besides industry. Mr. Gentry said the YMCA received a 2-million-dollar grant for early learning center and Denso is donating 3 acres.
- Mr. Gentry said they are working with City of Athens doing good signage at Mt Verd.
- Mr. Gentry said they made application for the LPRF Grant for turf at Bicentennial Park and got an email last week that the county did win that. He said they also submitted a CBDG grant to do the other field and should hear from that in 4 to 6 weeks. He also said they are allowed to match one with the other which should be a savings.

14. APPROVAL OF NOTARY APPLICATIONS

MCMINN COUNTY CLERK

Notaries to be elected August 28, 2023

SHERRY LYNN ANDERSON	CANDYCE NICOLE LEEPER
DESIRAE N BAKER	TAMMY MARSHALL
WILLIAM ALFRED CHERRY JR.	LINDSAY MOORE
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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

There being no other business, Chairman Curtis declared the Commission meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Melinda King (Original signature on file)
MELINDA KING
McMinn County Clerk

Attest:

Ann Falls (Original signature on file) 09/18/2023

Deputy Clerk (date)